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3's and 4's

JESUS FED A CROWD | Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6

Memory Verse: ²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

Bottom Line: I trust Jesus because He cares for me.

Christ Connection: *By feeding the five thousand, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life.*

Leader Notes:

CONTEXT

Jesus' disciples had been working hard, teaching people and healing them. Jesus called them to go away with Him to a desolate place so they could rest. By now, Jesus popularity was so great that finding a place to be alone was difficult. When Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee, the crowd of people were already waiting for them on the other side.

Jesus saw the crowds, but He wasn't frustrated or angry. He didn't tell them to go away. Instead, He had compassion on them because they were lost- like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks and saves the lost. (See Luke 19:10; John 10:14)

The miracles Jesus performed that evening- feeding 5,000 men plus women and children - is the only miracle during Jesus' earthly ministry that is recorded in all 4 Gospels. The same God who provided manna for the Israelites in the wilderness multiplied loaves and fish to satisfy the crowd.

But Jesus' didn't intend to only meet people's physical needs. He came to satisfy their spiritual needs as well. In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." He said that no one who comes to Him will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Him will ever be thirsty again.

Jesus is the bread that came down from heaven. (See John 6:41) God provided His Son as the perfect sacrifice to take away our sins. At the first Lord's Supper, Jesus broke bread- a symbol of His death on the cross. (See Matt 26:26)

As you teach this Bible story, help them know that God can and will provide for our needs. Kids can trust Him for their "Daily bread." (see Matt 6:11) God met our greatest need in giving us salvation through Jesus. Will He not graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- Every miracle of Jesus teaches us something about Jesus.
- Jesus fed the people dinner so that they would listen to His teaching and trust Him.
- Jesus not only meets our physical needs, but He meets our spiritual needs.
- God met our greatest need in Jesus and will continue to meet our needs.
- **Bottom Line:** I trust Jesus because He cares for me.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (15 minutes)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and small group



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leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

Play it Out:

What You Need: rhythm instruments

What You Do:

- Pass out a rhythm instrument for each kid.
- Ask kids to leave the instrument on the floor till you start the music.
- As you play music in the background, give instructions for kids to shake their instruments like this... (You can use this poem to help. (Shake your instrument and shake them high. Shake your instrument and shake them low. Shake your instrument and shake them high. Shake those instruments around you go. One, Two, Three, Four)
- Then ask kids to help lead the group. When they shake their instrument others will follow what they do.
- Kids can keep instruments to use during worship in song or you can put them away.

What You Say: "We can all learn from one another, though God has especially gifted some people to teach. The best teacher ever was Jesus! When Jesus taught people, everyone was amazed. We will hear what Jesus taught people in our Bible story today!"

Worship

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible Story today."

Story Time: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Engage kid's hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

What You Do: Place a book mark in John 6 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it.

What You Say: "God's Word tell us amazing true stories about Jesus. Today's story comes from all four Gospels, the Books of Matthew, Luke and John."

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Talk about the Bible Story:"

"Jesus and His friends went to a place to be alone. Many people followed Jesus. When Jesus saw the people, He loved them and healed them. At dinnertime, His friends said, "Send the people away so they can eat." Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." His friends said, "We do not have money to buy them food. A little boy has five loaves of bread and 2 fish." Jesus told the friends to tell the people to sit down. Jesus thanked God for the bread and the fish, and then He tore them into pieces and passed them around. All the people ate until they were full. The friends picked up the leftovers-enough to fill 12 baskets! Jesus fed five thousand men, plus women and children."

Learn the Big Picture Question

What You Say: "Jesus fed a crowd with five loaves and two fish. Why did Jesus perform miracles and teach people? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God and to point people to God."



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Practice the Memory Verse:

Open your Bible to John 14:26. Read the memory verse aloud several times.

What You Say: "This verse reminds us that God gives us help to follow His Word. His Holy Spirit helps us remember everything we learn from the Bible."

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (25 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Main Point that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leaders.

1. Gather "Bread" in a basket

What You Need: paper, basket

What You Do:

- Crumple pieces of paper and spread the paper wads around the room.
- Make sure there are enough paper wads for each child to retrieve several.
- Display the basket. Invite kids to pretend the paper wads are pieces of bread.
- Guide them to scatter around the room, picking up the "Bread" and tossing it into the

basket.

What You Say " We pretended to toss bread into a basket. Jesus fed a crowd of over 5,00 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. He fed the people so that they would not be hungry. All the people ate until they were full, and then Jesus' friends gathered 12 baskets of leftover food. Jesus did an amazing miracle that only He could have done. Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show that He is the Son of God. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us everything we need.

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- o Show the poster to the kids.
- o As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- o Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include,
- o ""All (*sign for all*) this I have spoken (*sign for spoken*) while still with you (*Sign for here*).²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (*Sign for Holy Spirit*), whom the Father(*sign for God*) will send in my name(*Sign for Jesus*), will teach(*sign for teach*) you all things and will remind (*Sign for think*) you of everything(*Sign 'all I said'*) I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**
- o **What You Say** " Remembering everything you learn can be hard, but God's Word is too important to forget! So Jesus didn't just teach us about God, He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us remember. Let's pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of God's Word!"

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: coloring page

What You Do:

- **Pray-** " Father, thank You that Jesus is in control of all things. Help us trust Him even when we don't know what His plans will be. Give us courage to obey at all times. Give us wisdom to see how we can be part of His plans for the world. We know that You are good and will meet our needs. Amen."
- Send coloring page home with kids and tell family that we are learning John 14:26 as our memory verse during this series. They can practice at home.