



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 5

Feeding the Five Thousand

Lesson Aim: To see how God includes us and expects us to participate in His plan by gathering and giving.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What's the best thing God has given you?

GAME: Fish and Loaves Confetti

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF WONDERS

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:12-14.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS FED THE FIVE THOUSAND

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed Jairus' daughter.

Today, let's read how Jesus fed five thousand people with five small loaves and two small fish. This miracle happened at Bethsaida near the Sea of Galilee. Point to Bethsaida near the Sea of Galilee. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 6:3-13. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 6:11. Pray. Read.

THE WAY DISTRIBUTING OUR GIFTS

What did Jesus ask His disciples? ("Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?") **What does this question show Jesus expected His disciples to do?** (Serve the hungry crowd.) **How can you serve others this week? How do we know Jesus planned to feed the crowd?** (John 6:6 says Jesus already had in mind what He was going to do.) **Do you think Jesus already has a plan for the gifts you will offer Him?**

The disciples did not have the money to buy food for five thousand people. What did they have? (Five small loaves and two small fish.) **Jesus distributed the boy's loaves and fish. What does distributed mean?** (To distribute means to divide up something to share it with others.)

How does Jesus distribute the offerings we give to the church?

(Jesus takes our offering and leads the church in how to distribute it to others.) **Today's Treasure Treat is a guide that will help you understand how your offering is divided up and shared with others in a way that builds God's kingdom.** Review Children's Guide to Giving.

Jesus made food for five thousand from one boy's meal. How many baskets were left? (12.) **Jesus takes what we give and multiplies it to build His kingdom. He lets us be a part of His miracles! How do you think the boy felt to see his bread and fish feed so many?**

Let's make a list of what you and your family might offer to the church and other ministries. Display list on poster or board. **What are some ways you think Jesus might use the gifts on this list to build His kingdom? What miracles might Jesus do with these gifts?**

The disciples gathered what they had and gave it to Jesus. He blessed and distributed it. Then, the disciples watched Jesus perform a miracle. How is this story like a picture of the church? Jesus expects His followers today to give to Him. He will bless and distribute it. Then we get to watch for the miracles He will perform!

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's people have been giving offerings to Him for thousands of years. Check out what King David said about that in his Psalm of thanks to God. Reveal 1 Chronicles 16:29. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

To ascribe glory to the Lord is to believe He is due all the credit for His greatness and miracles. What does this passage say we are to bring when we come before Him? (An offering.) **When we bring our offering to the Lord we can worship Him by giving Him the credit and glory He deserves!**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Children's Guide to Giving
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #5
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus receiving the boy's lunch
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fishy Bread

GAME: Little Offering, Big Meal

CRAFT: Fishes and Loaves Mobile

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW