



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 5

Feeding the Five Thousand

Lesson Aim: To see how God calls and includes us in His plan to distribute provisions and resources.

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

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?**

What did the boy offer Jesus? (Five loaves of bread and two fish.) **Jesus distributed the boy's loaves of bread 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 what we give, including time, talents, items, tithes and offerings, and He leads the church in how to distribute it to others.)

Today's Treasure Treat is a guide to will help you understand how your offering is shared with others in a way that builds God's kingdom. If time allows, review the Children's Guide to Giving.

In the story, did each person in the crowd have enough to eat? (Yes.) **How many baskets of leftovers were there?** (12 baskets.) **In this miracle, Jesus made food for five thousand from one boy's meal. Jesus takes whatever we give Him and He 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 loaves of bread and fish feed so many?**

Let's make a list of all the things that you and your family might offer to the church and other ministries. Write list on a poster or dry erase board. List may include: earned money, allowance, canned goods, time, talents, a spare Bible, etc. **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?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

A tithe is one tenth of what you have earned. God makes a promise to us if we each bring our whole tithe to Him. Let's find out what the Bible says. Reveal Malachi 3:10. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How did the promise in Malachi come true when the boy gave his loaves and fish to Jesus? (Five thousand people were fed and there was plenty left over, just as God promised.) **Just as it was in Bible times, we can give our offerings to God and watch to see Him do miracles with it!**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Children's Guide to Giving
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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