

# Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

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## Overview

Bible Passage: Matthew 14: 32-39

Jesus Storybook Bible: Filled Full! (224-249)

Big Idea: God give us exactly what we need!

Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cA.lrWE>

## Today's Story

In our story today, imagine 5,000 tired and hungry (and probably grumpy) people sitting on a hillside wanting their dinner. They'd come to the hillside to hear Jesus that day. They came before breakfast, stayed all morning, all afternoon, and way past dinner. No one had meant to be out there that long but that's how it was, listening to Jesus - as if time didn't exist. People could listen to Jesus for hours, and, on this particular day, that's just what they did. But they hadn't brought enough food, and they couldn't just go and buy themselves a burger and fried to go because, of course, they were in the middle of nowhere with no shops or restaurants. What would they do? Jesus' friends had an idea. "Let's send everyone home for dinner."

"They don't need to go," Jesus said. "You can give them something to eat." Did Jesus want them to travel all the way to town and buy food for everyone? Jesus' friends panicked. "But we don't have enough money!" "What food do you have?" Jesus asked. "Go and see."

Now there was a little boy in the crowd. He had brought a lunch that his mother had made for him that morning. He looked at his five loaves of bread and two fish. It wasn't much - not nearly enough to feed 5,000 people - but it was all he had. Jesus knew it didn't matter how much the little boy had. God would make it enough, more than enough.

Jesus said, "Bring me what you have." And so the little boy gave Jesus his lunch. Jesus whispered to him, "Watch!" "How in the world will Jesus feed everyone with just that?" Jesus' friends said, because they thought it was impossible. But Jesus knew the One who made all the fish in the oceans. And Jesus knew the One who in the very beginning had made everything out of nothing at all. How hard would something like this be for Someone like that?

Jesus took the little boy's lunch, looked up to heaven, and thanked his Father. Then Jesus gave the little lunch to his friends. As Jesus' friends started to hand out the food, do you know what? It was the strangest thing, no matter how much they broke off to share with the people - there was always more. And more. And more! Enough for 5,000 people! Everyone ate as much as they wanted - second, helpings, third helpings, even fourths - until they were full. And still there were leftovers.

Well, Jesus did many miracles like this. Things people thought couldn't happen, that weren't natural. But it was the most natural thing in all the world. It's what God had been doing from the beginning, of course. Taking nothing and making it everything. Taking the emptiness and filling it up. Taking the darkness and making it light.

## Questions & Activities

1. Did the boy have enough food to pass out?
2. Did Jesus' friends run out of food for everyone?



Act it out! Have a picnic outside or inside and act out the people gathering to listen to Jesus teach them.

Pray it out! Thank God that He always knows how to give us exactly what we need.

## Memory Verse

Say the memory verse together with these motions to help you remember!

**From that time on (point at wrist)**

**Jesus began to preach (point at mouth)**

**"Repent, (turn around in a circle)**

**Because the kingdom of heaven (point up with both hands)**

**Has come near!" (point to the ground)**  
**Matthew 4:17**