

Week 20

Jesus Feeds 5,000

One day, many, many people came to listen to Jesus. He told the people, "God loves you. God cares for you."

After a while the people became very hungry. They were far from their homes or any towns. Only one boy had brought a lunch. He had two small fish and five small loaves of bread. But how would two little fish and five little loaves of bread ever feed the many thousands of people?

The little boy shared his lunch with Jesus. Jesus said a thank-You prayer to God for the food. Then Jesus gave the food to His helpers to give to the people. Jesus made enough food so that everyone had plenty to eat.

(*) When everyone was through eating, Jesus told His helpers, "Don't waste the food." They picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

Think about It

Read the Bible story in John 6:1-15. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread. What is your favorite food? Jesus gives you the blessing of food and so much more. Thank Him by sharing with others.

Bible Words

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

Psalms 107:1





Dear Family,

All we need comes from God, our heavenly Father. He provides for our physical as well as our spiritual needs. He daily gives us bread. Each day He forgives us for Jesus' sake. In response to God's great gifts, we thank Him and share our blessings with others.

Sharing is a difficult thing for a child to do, especially when it comes to sharing toys. This is an attitude that must be developed, not just demanded. Try some of these techniques: Don't ask your child to share all his toys. Designate some as "sharing toys" and put those out when friends come to play. Have doubles of some kinds of toys so your child is more willing to share one with a friend. Set a timer to divide the time someone may play with a single item.

Take gradual steps in expanding a giving and sharing attitude. Pray together about sharing the kindness that Jesus gives to us.

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 358-360 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).