





Jesus Provides

Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for being the one true God. Thank You that You promise to always provide for us. Thank You for our food, our clothes, our home, and our family. Thank You for protecting us when we are asleep and when we are awake. Thank You that You love us. Amen.

Family devotions

SUNDAY

Matthew 5:6

MONDAY

Luke 9:10-17

TUESDAY

Exodus 16:11-15

WEDNESDAY

John 6:1-14

THURSDAY

John 6:29-35

FRIDAY

John 6:47-51

SATURDAY

Matthew 14:22-33

Family activity

- * Preschoolers love to pretend! Act out the story of feeding the five thousand as a family or with friends. Use fish-shaped crackers for the fish and pieces of bread for the loaves.
- * Serve bread and fish for a family meal. Talk about how Jesus fed thousands of people with just a few fish and some bread. Ask your children if they would like to eat this meal every day like many people did in Jesus' day.
- * God can use your family to provide for someone's needs. Maybe you can give someone money, food, gift certificates, or clothing. If you would like to do it anonymously, give it to your pastor and he can deliver it for you.

Did you know?

- * The loaves Jesus used that day were round biscuit-like barley cakes. The fish were small and either smoked or pickled. This was typical food of the poor in Palestine.
- * At the time of Jesus, people usually ate two meals a day. Breakfast was a light meal in the morning, and supper was a heavier meal in the evening when it was cooler.
- * Jesus thanked God for the food before He gave it to the people (Luke 9:16, John 6:11). Today many people bow in prayer to thank God before each meal.

What's it all about?

"Where are we to buy bread?" Philip asked Jesus. Philip said that even eight months' wages wouldn't buy enough food to feed the five thousand men, plus women and children, who had gathered to hear Jesus speak. Some disciples said to send the crowd away and let them find their own food. Andrew said a young boy had five loaves and two fish, but that wasn't enough.

But Jesus had a plan. He took the resources they had and multiplied the loaves and fish so there was enough to feed the entire crowd, with twelve baskets left over! Jesus showed that He loved the people and that He was powerful enough to provide for them. Jesus will provide for you too. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Tell Jesus about your needs. He will care for you.


Songs to sing





"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"
 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"






Memory verse



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. *Psalm 107:1*




Lunch for a bunch



Out on the hillside was a very large crowd;
So many people,  (Jesus) had to talk loud!
They all came to watch and listen and learn,
And hoping to see a miracle in turn.

It soon became evening, but no one had thought
A  (lunch) should be packed, and there was none to be bought!
No one had packed up some  (bread) or some  (honey).
And it is told, the disciples only had a little  (money).

But there was a young boy who came, it is said.
He had a small  (basket) with some  (fish) and some  (bread).
The disciples showed  (Jesus) this very small  (lunch).
“This won’t be enough to feed this big bunch!”

But  (Jesus) said, “Tell them to sit on the ground.”
And when  (Jesus) gave thanks, they passed it around.
At the end of the day, it was a great plenty!
No one was left who didn’t have any!

In fact, if you look, you will see a great truth!
They gathered the leftovers and had 12  (baskets) to boot!
This was a great miracle  (Jesus) had done!
It showed that  (Jesus) was truly God’s Son.

And from this good story a lesson is seen:
 (Jesus) delights in supplying our need!
No need to worry, to fret or to fuss!
Just obey  (Jesus); in Him you can trust!

Feeding the thousands

Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14

One day Jesus preached to many, many people. There were about five thousand men, plus women and children. That is a big crowd! They wanted to see Jesus do more miracles. When evening came, the disciples said to Jesus, "Send them away to buy food." Jesus replied, "You give the people something to eat."

"But we don't have enough money to buy food for all these people," they answered.

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Then Andrew said, "There is a little boy here who brought a lunch with him. He has five small loaves of bread and two fish." The little boy gave his lunch to the disciples.

Jesus said, "Tell everyone to sit down."

Then Jesus prayed, thanking God for the food. When He was done praying, He handed out the loaves and fish. There was enough for everybody! It was a miracle! Only God could make five

loaves and two fish into enough food to feed thousands of people.

The people ate until they were full. Then Jesus told His disciples, "Take these baskets and pick up all the leftovers."

How much food do you think was left over? Twelve baskets of food! All who were there that day were amazed. They said, "Jesus really is the Son of God."