

JESUS FEEDS THE 5000

VBS Lesson Outline | John 6:1-14

THE BIG IDEA

When we give what we have to Jesus, He can do more than we imagine. A boy shared his small lunch and Jesus fed over 5,000 people. God can use anything we offer Him.

MEMORY VERSE

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish." (John 6:9, NIV)

OPENING (5 minutes)

Ask: What is your favorite lunch? Now imagine trying to feed 5,000 people with just your lunch! Today we will see how Jesus did something amazing with a boy's small meal.

STORY TIME (10 minutes)

Tell the story from John 6:1-14. Key points: (1) A huge crowd followed Jesus to hear Him teach. (2) It got late and the people were hungry, far from any town. (3) The disciples did not know how to feed so many people. (4) A boy offered his lunch: five small loaves and two fish. (5) Jesus thanked God, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples. (6) Everyone ate until they were full, over 5,000 people! (7) There were twelve baskets of leftovers.

DISCUSSION (5 minutes)

Questions to ask: Why was the boy's gift important? What can you give to Jesus? Have you ever seen God do something big with something small? How does this story show us that Jesus is God?

ACTIVITY TIME (15 minutes)

Option A: Loaves and Fish Basket (see craft sheet). Option B: Coloring page. Option C: Memory verse practice with hand motions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this story and what it teaches us. Help us to remember little becomes much with god. In Jesus' name, Amen.