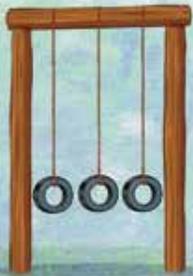


Journal Page

List things God has provided for you.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How did Jesus feel about the crowds that followed Him? (See Mark 6:34.)
- What do you do when you see people in need?
- How did God provide for our greatest need—to be saved from sin?



Jesus Provided Bread from Heaven

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-14

MAIN POINT: JESUS FED 5,000 PEOPLE WITH FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH.

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus and His disciples got to the shore, the people were already there waiting for them. Jesus saw the crowd and He cared about them because they were like sheep who needed a shepherd. So Jesus taught the people many things about God's kingdom, and He healed people who were sick.

By this time, it was late in the day. Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "Tell the people to go away to buy themselves something to eat."

But Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Jesus' disciples were confused. "We can't feed this many people," they said.

Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go look."

Jesus' disciple Andrew said, "A boy here has five loaves and two fish."

Jesus told the disciples to instruct everyone to sit down. Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up to heaven, and then He blessed the bread. He broke it into pieces and gave it to the disciples. He also divided up the fish. The disciples passed out the food to the people, and everyone ate until they were full.

The disciples collected 12 baskets full of pieces of bread and fish. Jesus fed about five thousand men that day, plus women and children.

Christ Connection: By feeding the five thousand, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, friendship with God, and eternal life.

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