

# Hope in the Provide

## STORY

### Jesus feeds over 5000 people

Mark 6:30-44, John 6:1-15



People were desperate to hear what Jesus had to say and followed him everywhere. One day, he had been telling them about how much God loves them all day. As evening came the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd home and they were worried that they were hungry and there was nowhere for them to get food. Jesus replied "You give them something to eat" but the disciples said it would need a year's wages to buy something for the thousands of people that were there. Eventually they came back with a small boy's picnic—five bread rolls and two fish. Jesus told the disciples to ask people to sit in groups. He looked up to heaven and thanked God for what he had provided. He then broke the fish and bread into pieces for the disciples to share with the crowd. The pieces kept coming and soon the crowd of thousands was full and there were twelve baskets of leftovers. God had provided enough and more!

Jesus is amazing and when we believe in him we know he will look after us and give us what we need. The little boy's packed lunch was tiny, only 5 little bread rolls and two little fish, it was only supposed to feed him but Jesus asked God to bless it and then God made it feed loads of people. When we give God what we have, the things we're good at, the little bit of free time we've got, he can make it go a long way and help lots of people.

Animated video of the story by Saddleback Kids

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## READY STEADY

Imagine you are with the crowd climbing a big hill to hear Jesus speak. When you get to the top find somewhere to sit and settle down to listen

## DO

Make some popcorn.

Popcorn kernels look really small but when you heat them up they expand to make lots of popcorn, a bit like Jesus turning the little packed lunch into a picnic for 5,000 people!

Make a basket of bread and fish to help you retell the story

Have a fish finger sandwich picnic

Make a Scene! Pretend to be the disciples gathering 12 baskets of left overs

## PLAY

Cut out fish shapes from thin paper. Flap a newspaper or magazine to 'waft' the fish and make it move. See who can cross the room the fastest. You could see which designs work best.

Tell the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people using plastic food and cuddly toys or Lego or Playmobil people.

## PRAY

Use a picture or draw five loaves and 2 fish. On the fish write or draw things that God has provided that you are thankful for. On the bread write or draw things that you can share with other people like the little boy did. Talk to God and ask him to take what you have and make it enough to share with people.

## WONDER TOGETHER

I wonder what the child wanted to do with their food

I wonder how long it took to get all the people to sit down in groups

I wonder what I can give to God for him to use