

Tell the Next Generation



Story #79: Jesus, the Bread of Life, provides bread for five thousand

Scripture

Mark 6:34-44; John 6:1-14, 22-35

What does this say about God and man?

- God is merciful and loving
Mark 6:34, "He had compassion on them," He provided for the needs of the crowd
- Jesus is God
- God's provision is satisfying and abundant
John 6:13; Mark 6:42-43
- God is all-powerful
He fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish
- Man is a sinner; he needs God and cannot save himself
- Jesus is the only Savior
Jesus is more important than bread; He is bread for our souls—bread feeds physical life; Jesus gives us eternal, spiritual life
The most important thing is to believe in Jesus (John 6:29)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES: Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- * Take out a peanut butter sandwich and an apple, or some similar simple lunch. Ask: If you brought your lunch—a peanut butter sandwich and an apple—to _____ (the church, a baseball stadium, some large place) where there were lots and lots of people, thousands of people, and tried to feed all the people there with your lunch, could you do it?
- * How about if you shared that lunch with only 100 people? Would they get enough to eat? How about if you shared it with 10 people? Would they get enough to eat? Would there be anything left over?
- * Jesus took one person's lunch and made it enough for 5,000 people! That's many more people than can fit even into our church building—we would need maybe 5 buildings that big to fit that many people! (or use some other example to get across the point that 5,000 people is a huge number of people.) Jesus is very powerful, isn't He?
- * But Jesus said there was something even better than feeding all those people. He said He Himself was bread from heaven, and those who believe in Him will live forever. Do you want to live forever—with Jesus?