

Lesson 119: Jesus Feeds Thousands

[John 6:1-15](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/dY3qh1bEcw4>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/x1j4eYbXSHY>

Worship Theme: God provides for our needs.

Memory Verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Songs (Youtube links):

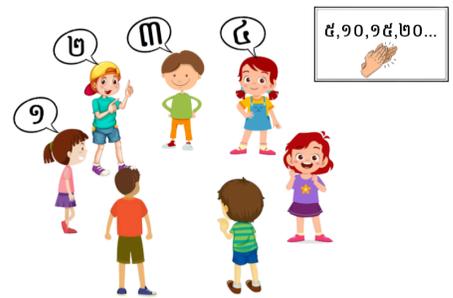
1. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
2. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
3. O Lord, I Give You Thanks <https://youtu.be/UT6rpTYpIU0>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "One, Two, Three, Four, Clap"

1. Have the children stand in a circle.
2. They will count numbers, but whenever there is a multiples of 5 (5, 10, 15, 20), they have to clap without saying the number.
3. If the child says the number or forgets to clap, they have to do what the teacher asks them to do (sing, dance, or other actions).
4. After the game, explain to the children that even though we make mistakes, God never makes mistakes and always gives us exactly what we need.



Introduction:

How many people do you think a bowl of rice can feed? One? Two? Three? How about if I tell you that I can feed 1,000 people with just one bowl of rice? Would you believe me? I don't have the power to do this, but there is someone who has the power to do this! Today, we will learn about Jesus who fed more than 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and 2 small fish!

Bible Story:

Today's Bible story comes from the book of John. One day John and other apostles were with Jesus. Lots and lots of people had gathered to see Jesus; the Bible says more than 5,000 were there! That's a lot! But this was only counting men. So if you all women and children were counted, there may have been more than 10,000 or 15,000 people! The people wanted to see Jesus perform miracles because they heard he had been healing sick people.

When the crowd of people got hungry, Jesus told his disciples to feed them. Now imagine that you were one of the disciples. How are you supposed to feed so many people when you have no food with you and very little money? The disciples just couldn't figure out a way to feed them.

But then a little boy gave his lunch to Jesus. It was just a little bit of food: five small pieces of bread and two fish. It wasn't very much for so many people! But Jesus did an amazing thing. He took the little boy's lunch, blessed it, handed it to his friends, and told them to pass it out to everyone.

The disciples started to distribute the food. Every time they gave some away, there was more to give! To everyone's surprise, there was not only enough for everybody to eat as much as they wanted, but there were also 12 baskets of food left over!

Jesus can do a lot with a little! God wants to provide for your needs the same way he

took care of all those hungry people. He can do anything! You can tell God what you need and God will provide for you. You can do this through praying. Praying is simply talking to God. He knows what we mean even when we have trouble telling him. Even if we use only one word, he understands. That's because he knows what we're thinking and feeling. He loves us and wants to provide for us!

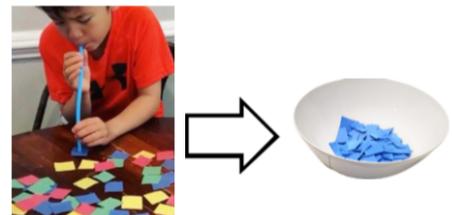
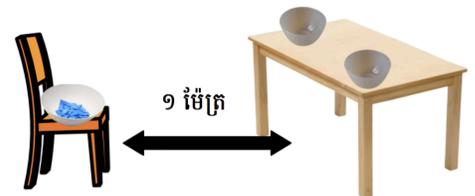
Questions to discuss:

1. How many people were gathered to hear Jesus? (More than 5,000 people)
2. What did Jesus want to do for the crowd? (Feed them)
3. What did the little boy give? (Five small bread and 2 small fish)
4. How many people did Jesus feed with this? (More than 5,000)
5. What do you need from Jesus now? (Let the children answer and pray for them)

Game: "Move the Paper"

Materials Needed: Paper cut in small pieces, straws, paper plates, chairs, and table

1. Divide the students into 2 or 4 groups.
2. Put small pieces of paper on the plate and put them on a chair in front of each group. Give a straw to each child. Place a table about 1 meter away from the chair with 2 empty plates on it.
3. When the teacher counts 1,2,3, the first child in line will use a straw to hold the paper (by breathing in on the paper) and place it on the plate on the table. Then the child will come back to their line to touch the second child to continue the game. Play this game for 2 minutes, and the group who has more pieces of paper will win the game.



4. After the game, explain to the children that just as they were able to move pieces of paper to fill up an empty plate, Jesus can make big things out of something small. When we have Jesus, we have everything because Jesus provides for our needs.

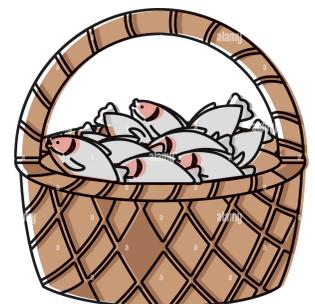
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Craft: "God Provides for Our Needs"

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue

1. Color the basket and the fish and bread.
2. Cut out the basket and the fish and bread.
3. Fold the basket in half and glue the sides. (Don't glue the handles to keep the basket open.)
4. Put the fish and bread inside the basket and say, "God provides for our needs!"



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
 When hope seems impossible, Jesus sees an opportunity to grow our faith and enable us to do his good work. Just as he did with Philip, Jesus invites us to think bigger and consider how God can make the impossible possible. What's the "large, hungry crowd" in your life right now? Are you struggling with your finances? your marriage? your job? your health? What if Jesus responded to you as he did to Philip and asked, "What should we do to pay your bills this month?" It's only natural to respond like Philip, with an exclamation of how impossible the problem is. Instead, bring your concern to Jesus. Trust him to provide you with just what you need—maybe he'll even surprise you with more than what you need.

“God Provides for Our Needs”

