



SPARK

Week 18 - Jesus Feeds 5,000

Week of Feb. 15 Focus:

"We have nothing here but five loaves & two fish." Matthew 14:13-21

After this time together your child will be able to do /know (one or all depending on their age):

- Jesus was teaching a large crowd 5,000 men plus women & children. It was past dinner & they were physically hungry. The disciples wanted Jesus to send the people home to eat.
- Jesus had spent the day feeding them spiritually.
- A boy had 5 loaves & 2 fish that fed everyone!! They had 12 baskets full of food leftover! A true miracle!
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Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 18 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: Under Learn Section watch the appropriate video



Opening Prayer

+ Lord God, you are the source of all that is good. You provide us with food to eat. Thank you for taking care of us. Please help _____ today. We adore you Lord. Amen. +

PRAY

Family Connection

SHARE



Talk about being hungry (physical) and then how you feel when you eat. Have you ever been hungry and had no food? Perhaps before a surgery, or the day before grocery shopping, or a late dinner!

In this miracle story (a miracle is something that cannot be explained by science or nature.) Jesus took a small boy's small gift and turned it into something very big. When in your life have you witnessed a miracle? Or seen God take something small and make it a miracle for you or someone else? Talk about miracles. We need to have eyes that are looking for miracles.

Using Four Sense to Study Scripture (continued)

Christian biblical exegetes have traditionally distinguished four senses of Scripture: the literal, the allegorical, the anagogical, and the moral. In the Middle Ages, the differences among them was summed up with this little (originally in Latin) poem:

The literal sense teaches what happened, The allegorical what you should believe,
The moral what you should do, The anagogical where you are going.

See [Catechism 115-118](#)

LEARN



Read the Bible Story

This story can be found in Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 9:10-17, Mark 6:30-44, John 6:1-15 One of two (the other is the resurrection) miracles in the Bible recorded in ALL FOUR Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John). (Page 60-61 in Picture Bible Stories)

- I wonder why the people had been following and listening to Jesus all day? *(Jesus attracted people wherever he went. The Bible tells us he was healing people as well on that day.)*
- What do you think they wanted from Jesus? *(Maybe they wanted to be healed or they like to listen to him.)*
- Do you think you would have shared your lunch?
- What happened when Jesus blessed the food and gave it out to the people? *(It was a miracle! There was enough for everyone and 12 baskets leftover! Jesus takes what little we offer Him and makes it something wonderful, something over the top.)*

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? *(Jesus is always concerned with our needs, physical and spiritual. He is about feeding out bodies and our souls. How do you think he feeds our souls? The eucharist.)*

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

Jesus feeds 5,000 (3 min) For younger students

Storyteller: Jesus feeds 5,000 (5 min) For older students

LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



1. How could your family help other families who are hungry? (Donate food to local pantry like Reachout Lakota)
2. How are you providing spiritual food for your family?
3. Use your Bible figures to retell the story.
4. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Jesus, we thank you for always caring about our needs. Thank you for coming and feeding us. Help us to notice when others need food. We pray especially for _____ Amen +

Dig Deeper!

Bishop Baron on Spiritual Food (10 min) How are you eating these days??

Fr Leo on how Jesus wants to feed you spiritually & physically! (2 min)

A true miracle or a miracle of sharing? (2 paragraphs long)



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