



Jesus Fed the People

John 6:1-13 | Winter Unit 2 Session 3

Wednesday 11th and Sunday 15th

Unit Verse

Jesus said, "I came to do God's work." John 6:38

Life Point

Jesus helped people because He is God's son.

Level of Biblical Learning

Jesus performed miracles.

Devotion

"What's for lunch?" Now that is a good question, especially if you skipped breakfast. If that's the case, you may become "hangry" before your next meal!

An important meal for the Jewish nation was, and still is, the Passover meal. Shortly before the festival began, this Bible passage from John shows how Jesus anticipated and then met the need of thousands of people.

As soon as Jesus saw a large crowd following Him, He prepped His disciple Philip with a question. Although Jesus knew the answer, He posed the question to test Philip.

Jesus' question called attention to the obvious dilemma. Immediately, Philip calculated the expense to be about 200 days of wages. Andrew offered the first discouraging answer when he announced that a boy had 5 barley loaves and 2 fish. It does not take a mathematician to know that 5 plus 2 does not equal 5,000!

Logical math did not deter Jesus. He told His disciples to seat the people on the mountainside. Then He prayed to God, thanking Him for providing the bread and the fish. Next, the disciples distributed the food among the people. After the people ate their fill, the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers! What mathematician would say that 5 plus 2 minus 5,000 servings (or maybe as many as 15,000, counting women and children) would equal 12 baskets of leftovers?

After Jesus fed thousands of people, He called Himself the Bread of Life (John 6:35). Jesus provides both physical bread and spiritual bread, including forgiveness, friendship with God, and eternal life. Jesus—because He is God—can do what only God can do!

The disciples witnessed another miracle of Jesus, and they also helped by distributing the food. What might be your role in a miracle from God?

Remind kids that Jesus performed miracles because He is God's Son. How might they distinguish God's power from that of a fictional superhero?