Miracles of Jesus

This week we are going learn about a different kind of miracle of Jesus. Last week we learnt how he healed a blind man and today we are going to learn how he did something amazing with some loaves and fish!

Don't forget to share what you have been doing on the GodZone Facebook group!

Lots of the ideas for today's activities have come from this website

https://childrensministry.com/jesus-feeds-five-thousand/

<u>Game</u>

Take a piece of paper and ask your child, how many corners it has.

Share some of your paper by cutting off one of the corners and giving it to someone. Ask them how many corners the paper has now. Discuss with your child that the paper now has 5 corners. That by giving some of your paper away part of it has increased not decreased!

This kind of sharing is what happened in today's story. Read all about what happened below.



Bible Reading



Jesus Feeds a Great Crowd

1After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or, Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). 2A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing those who were ill. 3Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. 4The time for the Passover Festival was near.

5Jesus looked round and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" 6(He said this to test Philip; actually he already knew what he would do.)

7Philip answered, "For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than 200 silver coins to buy enough bread."

8Another of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, 9"There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people."

10 "Make the people sit down," Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about 5,000 men.

11Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. 12When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste any." 13So they gathered them all up and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

14Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!"

John 6 v 1-14

You can watch a video of this story here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE



Big Questions



Jesus performed another amazing miracle, which made the people think again about how he must be someone special to be able to do such amazing things.

- This miracle helped people with a very basic need, providing them with food. How does God provide for you?
- 2. This story tells us how Jesus used an ordinary boy, and what he had, to complete an extraordinary miracle! What do you have that God could use to do extraordinary things? This could be material things like money, but could also be the special skills and talents God has given you.
- 3. Later in this chapter of the bible Jesus says the following,

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty. John 6v35

What do you think Jesus meant when he said that he is the bread of life?



<u>Songs</u>



Our God is Greater - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rttSWTJOzOQ</u>

God loves me -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEn10ocsWYA&list=RDQEn10ocsWYA&start_radi o=1



<u>Prayer</u>



The story today was all about how Jesus provided for the people who came to listen to him. God provides us with lots of good things, but it is sometimes easy to forget this when things are strange or difficult, like they are right now. We should try to remember to say thank you to God even when things are tough, so that's what we are going to do today!

Write the following words on separate pieces of paper and attach them to a wall or window, or you could lay them on the floor.

HOME SCHOOL FAMILY FRIENDS

Use these as targets and throw something soft, like a bean bag or screwed up paper ball, and see which one you hit. Use this as a focus to thank God for something or someone or ask him for help, e.g. Thank you for our home where we can stay safe at this time. When I return to school please help me to use the armour of God to protect myself.



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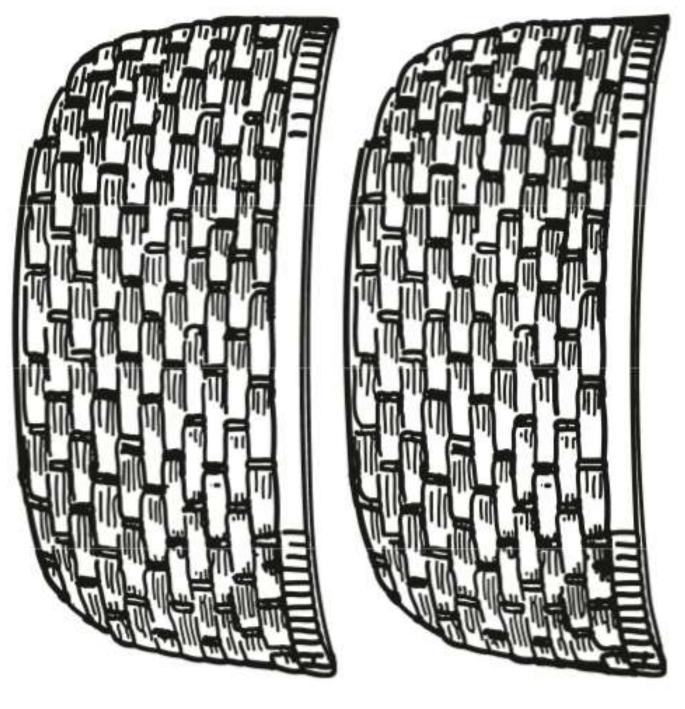
There are few craft options for today.

- Draw a picture of something that God has given you.
- Draw a picture of the skill or talent that God has given you that he could use in a extraordinary way.

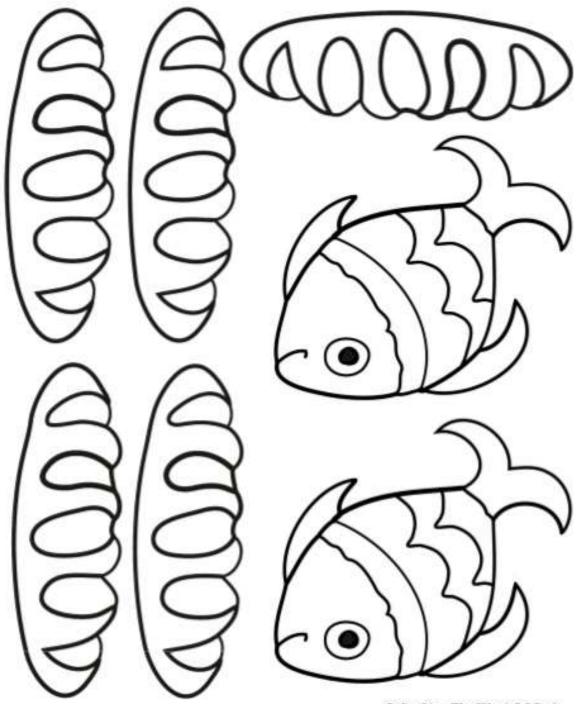




Resources for this can be found on the following pages.



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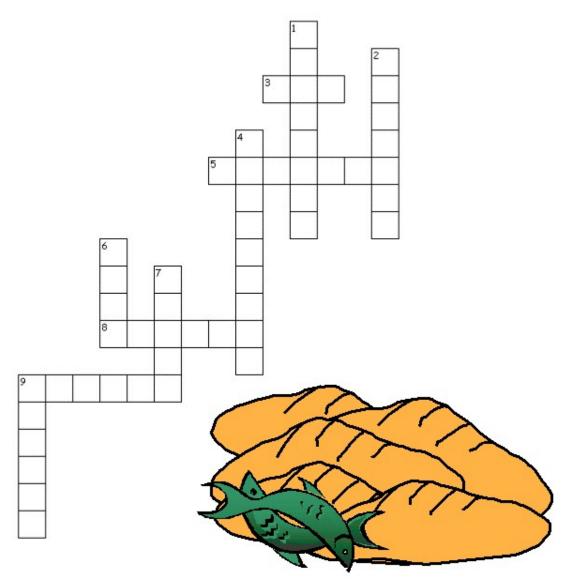
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Jesus Feeds 5000 Word Search

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Jesus Feeds 5000 Crossword



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- 3. Jesus used this persons small lunch to feed five thousand.
- 5. Jesus performed this on the boy's lunch and still does them today.
- 8. This is how many baskets of food were left over.
- 9. One of the other miracles Jesus did that day was that he ____ people. Down
- 1. Five _____ people followed Jesus just to listen to Him and be healed.
- 2. Jesus filled enough of these to feed all the people.
- 4. The _____ doubted how they would feed all the people.
- 6. This was Jesus and the disciples' transportation that day.
- 7. The boy had 2 small fish and 5 pieces of _____ in his lunch.
- 9. Everyone was _____ that's why Jesus performed the miracle.