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The little boy was willing to share his lunch and a BIG miracle happened. He gave his lunch away. God wants us to share and give to others with a cheerful heart.

Jesus allowed a little boy to be part of His plan to help many people. Just like the boy was willing to give his lunch to help others, God can use us, at any age, if we are willing to let Him. He wants us to be unselfish and help others.

God gave us the best example of what it means to be unselfish. God gave us His only Son, Jesus. Jesus died and came back to life. God knew that there was no way for us to get to Heaven by being good. So, He gave His Son Jesus. He died for the wrong things that we have done. If we believe in Jesus, tell Him that we are sorry for the wrong things we have done, and ask Him to come into our lives, He does. That's the way we can live forever with God in Heaven!

Learning Activities

Try some fun hands-on activities to help the kids understand the lesson.

Memory Verse Activities

Ask the kids to make a circle. Begin a human "link" by saying the first word of the verse and linking to the next person by holding their hand (or head, elbow, arm, shoulder, foot etc.) The next person will say the next word and connect to the person beside them. Continue around the circle so that everyone can participate.

Prayer Time

Ask for specific needs. Pray for opportunities to share with others.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Ask the kids to help you by cleaning up. Praise those that are being "unselfish" and helping.

Planning for November 24th
What do I have to be thankful for?
Raising a widow's son
Luke 7:11-17

Preschool Lesson
for
Jesus feeds 5,000 people

One time, a crowd came to see Jesus as He was sailing to the next town. Jesus got out of the boat and began to teach them about God. When Jesus saw the crowd, He knew that they were far from home and that they were probably hungry because it was supper time. He might have heard their stomachs rumbling (make a rumbling sound). It was a long way from home and there were many, many people.

One of Jesus' friends told Him that they needed to send the people away so they could find food.

Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

Another of Jesus' friends told Him that a little boy had brought five loaves of bread (count to 5) and two little fishes (count to 2). (Have a paper sack with some bread and tuna in it as a prop.) Jesus asked His friends to bring Him the lunch.

Jesus knew what He was going to do. He told His friends to tell the people to sit down. They did this. All the people sat in groups like we are. When they counted them, they found out that there were about 5,000 people there (that's more people than a school or these apartments!)

Next, Jesus prayed, thanking God for the food. Then He broke the bread and the fish into pieces and had His friends pass it out to the people. Every person received as much as he wanted. They all ate until they were stuffed. (Teacher: you may want to bring goldfish crackers to pass out to everyone or even make tuna fish sandwiches.)

After the meal, Jesus had His friends pick up the leftovers. The lunch had fed five thousand people, AND it took twelve baskets to hold all the leftovers! The people were amazed at the miracle Jesus did. He made one little lunch feed lots and lots of people!

The little boy shared his lunch with lots of people. We need to share too. We can share our toys and be nice to others like the little boy did.

Sing this cute song to the tune of "Happy Birthday."

One boy had two fish (hold up 2 fingers)
and five loaves of bread (hold up 5 fingers)
He shared them with Jesus (hold hands out palms up)
Lots of people were fed (wiggle fingers to show lots of people).



Hands-On Activities for Jesus feed 5,000 people

Take your kids on a picnic. Bring tuna fish and bread or goldfish crackers to eat.

Make Fish and Chips snacks.

There are lots of ideas of things to do this week. Use your creative imagination to find fun ways to help the kids learn and remember an important lesson from the story.

One idea, to show the importance of sharing, is to let each child make a sandwich then share it (or give it) to someone else to eat. Be sure everyone washes their hands first!

Bring in large bowls and dump in fruit loops, miniature colored marshmallows, Cheerios, raisins, (chocolate chips is also a possibility) or other snack foods. The children all have a turn stirring the mixture. Put a plastic bag inside a small Styrofoam cup. The children scoop some of the mixture into the bag inside the cup. Attach a card with a "TO" and "FROM" and the verse from the lesson on the back. The children color and decorate the card. They get to fill another sandwich bag for themselves and so leave church with one for a friend and one for themselves.