

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

Jesus feeds many

Matt. 14:13-21

Younger Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Older Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Welcome Time

Have you ever been to a football or baseball game where there was thousands of people? One time, there were thousands of people who were listening to Jesus. Let's see what happened.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Today, I'm going to pretend that I was one of the people in the story. Listen as I tell you what happened.

Many people had heard about the amazing things that Jesus had done. He had made sick people well and made blind people see. I heard that Jesus was near so I wanted to meet Him and hear what He had to say.

I followed Jesus and listened to the wonderful words He said. He told us about God and how much He loved us. I wasn't the only one that came to see Jesus. There were many, many people that sat and listened to Jesus. There were thousands of people!

We all were from many of the little towns. They listened for hours as Jesus taught us things from the Bible. When He spoke, we knew that He was definitely a special person sent from God.

I guess we all didn't expect to stay as long as we did. Suddenly, it was getting late and we all had not eaten anything. Even I was getting a little hungry.

One of Jesus' friends came to Him and explained how everyone was hungry. Instead of asking us to leave, Jesus told the helper to feed all of us!

The helper told Jesus that they could only find one little boy who had a lunch to share.

Jesus asked the helpers to bring the lunch to Him. (Show a paper sack with some bread and a can of tuna in it as a prop.) There were 5 little pieces of bread and 2 fish. Then, He asked all of us to sit down in groups.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw what happened next! Jesus prayed and thanked

Lesson Goals: Describe a miracle Jesus did
See how Jesus takes care of us
Talk about what it means to share

God for the food and gave it to His helpers to pass out to all of us.

We all began to eat and we realized that Jesus had fed ALL of us with that one little lunch. That would be like bringing your lunch to school and feeding the WHOLE school with one little lunch!

Believe it or not, we all ate until we were full, and we had 12 basketsful of leftovers.

We all knew that Jesus had done an amazing miracle. We all wanted to learn more and listen to this wonderful Person.

Later I found out how wonderful Jesus really was. He did something for us that no one would have ever done. Jesus died and came back to life. He died for the wrong things that we have done. He took our punishment on the cross. 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! Jesus told us that it is only by believing in Him that we go to Heaven. If you want to know how you can go to Heaven, talk to us about it.

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 helpers.

Planning for July 13th
Jesus walks on water
Matthew 14:22-36

Preschool Lesson for Jesus feeds 5,000 people

One time in the Bible, Jesus was traveling and many people came to hear Him talk about God. It was a special time to listen and hear how much God loved people and cared for everyone.

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 and 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 supper, Jesus had His friends pick up the leftovers. The lunch had fed many, many people, AND it took twelve baskets to hold all the leftovers! (Count to twelve) 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.
