

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

Jesus feeds more people

Matthew 15:29-38

Younger Verse

When I am afraid, I will trust in You. Psalm 56:3

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

Have you ever been really, really, hungry? Most of us have. Let's see what happens when some people get hungry as they listen to Jesus.

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.*

Last week we learned how Jesus talked to people and shared important things with them. He helped them see what was really important.

Jesus left that area and walked up to another area. Then, He traveled down along the other side of the lake (Sea of Galilee) to share with the people in that area.

Many people heard that Jesus was there. They came by the hundreds to listen to Jesus and learn how God loves them. Jesus taught them many things. Jesus also healed many people who were sick. Some were blind and Jesus made them see. Others were crippled and Jesus made them whole. Some people could not talk and Jesus gave them a voice.

The people were excited to see all the miracles that Jesus was doing. They were so amazed that they stayed with Jesus 3 days. Believe it or not, none of them had eaten in 3 days either!

Jesus called His helpers to come to Him. He shared how much He loved the people and knew that they were hungry. He asked His friends for help.

Jesus' helpers must have remembered when Jesus had fed many people several months before. It would be hard to forget such an amazing thing. They told Jesus that they had 7 loaves of bread and a few fish.

Jesus had all the people sit on the ground. Jesus prayed to God and thanked Him for the fish and bread. He broke the bread and fish into pieces and asked His friends to pass it out to the people.

Jesus' helpers gave the food to everyone. It must have tasted so good because they were very hungry. Everyone ate until they were full and the food did not run out.

Teachers:

The kids may think this is the same story as the one several weeks ago. It is not. Both Matthew and Mark write about two incidents of feeding many people!

Lesson Goals

Describe a miracle that Jesus did in today's lesson
Share how God will help in times of need
God can use us to help others

Teachers: the word for basket in this text is different from the one in the other story. The baskets used in the other story were small. The baskets used in this story were very big. A person could fit in the basket!

When everyone was finished eating, Jesus' friends picked up the leftover pieces. They put the food in 7 big baskets. Jesus had fed over 4,000 people that day! What a miracle!

Jesus rescued the people from their hunger. He gave them good food to eat until they were not hungry any more.

Even more than rescuing us from hunger, Jesus can rescue us and take us to Heaven one day. How? Jesus made a way for us to go to Heaven when He died on the cross. Jesus died on the cross for all the wrong things that WE have done. He did not die for anything that He had done wrong. He suffered for us. Then, 3 days later, Jesus came back to life! If we believe in Jesus in our heart and ask Him to forgive all our wrongs, He will. Jesus will erase our sin and come into our heart. Jesus will help us do things God's way and take us to Heaven one day. Do you know what it means for Jesus to rescue you? If you want to know more, talk to us anytime.

Be sure the kids understand that this is a different story. Have fun teaching the kids and sharing with them.

Learning Activities

Say the verse as you Hopscotch! It's fun and helps the kids learn the verse.

Memory Verse Activities

Jesus prayed in today's lesson and a miracle happened. God hears our prayers too.

Pray and ask God for help this week to do things His way.

Prayer Time

Enjoy goldfish crackers to remind the kids of the lesson.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Planning for August 3rd
Guard against wrong teaching
Matthew 16:5-12

Preschool Lesson
For
Jesus feeds more people

One day, Jesus sat down and talked to many people. He helped them learn more about God. He also told them how much God loved them.

Many people came to listen to Jesus. Some people that came were blind, sick, or even crippled (they could not move an arm or leg). When Jesus saw them, He healed them. The blind could see, the sick were well and the crippled could walk! It was an exciting day.

The people loved to hear all that Jesus was saying. In fact, they enjoyed it so much that they listened to Jesus for 3 days!

But, they forgot something! The people forgot to bring something to eat! They had not eaten in 3 days! That's a very long time.

Jesus knew that God could do a special miracle. He told His helpers that He wanted to help the people. His friends remembered how Jesus had fed many people before. It was an amazing sight. They told Jesus that they had 7 loaves of bread and some fish.

Jesus asked everyone to sit down on the ground. Jesus prayed and thanked God for the fish and bread. He broke it into little pieces and gave it to the people. There were many, many people there. Jesus' friends helped pass out all the food.

Do you know what happened? That little bit of food fed everyone! Everyone ate and ate and ate. When everyone was finished and stuffed, Jesus' helpers picked up 7 big baskets full of leftovers!

The people were thankful for Jesus' kindness to them. They saw a special miracle that day and knew that God loved them.

God loves us too. He cares for us and promises to help us. Let's pray and thank God for caring for us.

Sing this song to remember the lesson. It's to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb."

Jesus fed 4,000 men, 4,000 men, 4,000 men.

Jesus fed 4,000 men on a hillside.

They ate and ate till they were full, they were full, they were full.

They ate and ate till they were full, on a hillside.

Seven baskets of food were left, food were left, food were left

Seven baskets of food were left, on that day.

Hands-On Activities
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Make a basket out of a box. Have fun letting all the kids jump into the box. Use markers to draw lines to look like a basket. There are also instructions to make a round paper basket.

We can be helpers like Jesus' friends were. Find a project at the church or around the property that the kids can do. Make it fun and challenging. It could be things like picking up trash, planting flowers, sweeping the floor, organizing things, etc.

Jesus' cared for the people and wanted to give them food to eat. We must have compassion and kindness for others. Think of a project that your children can do to show kindness to others. You may have them tie a piece of yarn on their finger to remember to be kind to others. Another idea is to make little goodie bags that the kids can give to others. Try ideas to let them experience first-hand what it means to help others.
