

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

Jesus feeds many people Luke 9:10-17

Younger Verse

Depend on the Lord in whatever you do. Proverbs 16:3

Older Verse

Depend on the Lord in whatever you do and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Welcome Time

Have you ever taken your lunch to school? Sometimes it's fun to trade snacks or chips with friends. Let's see what happens when one person shares their lunch.

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.*

After Jesus' friends went out to tell people about Him, they came back and told Jesus all the amazing stories of what God did. As they went to a town, the people heard that Jesus was coming and they came to learn and listen to Jesus.

Jesus welcomed the crowd and told them about God and Heaven. The crowd sat and listened to Jesus' words. Every word was so important. Jesus made things so easy to understand in the Bible. When He spoke, it made sense! The crowds listened to Him for hours.

Well, it was getting to be supper time and Jesus' friends came to Him. They saw the huge crowd and they thought it was time to send them away to go home and eat supper with their families.

Instead, Jesus asked THEM to give the crowd something to eat! The friends gulped. There was NO Way that they had enough food to feed such a huge crowd. There was more people than children in 5 schools! (Over 5,000 people)

The friends told Jesus that someone had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

Then, Jesus told His friends to have the people sit down in groups. Jesus took the bread, looked up to Heaven, and thanked God for it. Then, He broke the bread into pieces and His friends started passing it out.

Jesus' friends kept coming back for more bread and Jesus kept giving it to them. Suddenly, they realized that something amazing was happening! All the people were being fed!

Sure enough, everyone had plenty to eat AND when they picked up the leftovers, there were 12 baskets full of food left!

Jesus' friends knew that Jesus had done an amazing miracle. He had turned one little lunch into food for many, many people. It would be like your little lunch at school feeding your whole school PLUS 4 other whole schools! That's a miracle!

Lesson Goals

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

Jesus' friends knew that He had done something wonderful for the crowd. Later, they would see how wonderful Jesus really was.

Jesus did something for us that no one could ever do. Jesus died and came back to life. He died for the wrong things that we have done. He took our punishment on the cross. He died for our wrongs. 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. He will stay with us forever and help us go to Heaven one day. 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 4th
Who is Jesus?
Luke 9:18-27

Preschool Lesson
for
Jesus feeds many 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 more people than in 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.

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.
