

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 26

Jesus Feeds 5,000

Luke 9:10-17

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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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. Jesus tried to take the disciples to a quiet place to rest and pray. But soon, a large crowd had gathered. They had followed Jesus and wanted to hear Him teach them.

Jesus welcomed the people, teaching them about the kingdom of God and healing the sick. The crowd sat and listened to Jesus' words. Every word was so important. Jesus made things so easy to understand. The crowds listened to Him for hours.

It was getting late, and Jesus' friends came to Him. They saw the huge crowd and they told Jesus to send the people away to find a place to eat and rest. Instead, Jesus told THEM to give the crowd something to eat! But the disciples knew there was no way that they had enough food to feed such a huge crowd. There were over 5,000 people! The disciples told Jesus that all they had was five loaves of bread and two fish. They asked Jesus if they were supposed to go buy food for all the people.

Then, Jesus told His friends to have the people sit down in groups of about fifty each. Jesus took the bread, looked up to Heaven, and asked God's blessing on the food. He broke the bread and handed it and the fish to the disciples. He told them to start passing it out.

Jesus' friends kept coming back for more food, 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!

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Lesson Goals

- See that Jesus cared about the people's needs**
- Learn about the miracle of Jesus multiplying the food**
- See that Jesus can do something great in our lives**

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Jesus could have just given the people enough for a small snack and sent them home. But He did more than that. He gave them all they needed and more. And He does that for us, too! Jesus knew that all people have a hunger for God. So He made a way for everyone to have a relationship with God.

Jesus gave His life so that we can live with Him forever. His death on the cross became the sacrifice for the sins of all people. When we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He gives us a new life. He takes the little that we have and makes it into something great, just like He did with the food!

What are you waiting for? Do you want Jesus to make your life into something great? Give Him all of your heart, and He will give you so much more in return. He gives forgiveness from our sins, the Holy Spirit to guide us, and the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And that is just the beginning! We begin an adventure with Jesus that lasts a lifetime!

Review Questions

1. Why did the disciples want to send the people away? (It was getting late and there wasn't enough food for everyone.)
2. What did Jesus do to solve the problem? (He multiplied the fish and bread so that everyone ate until they were satisfied.)
3. How much food was left over? (12 baskets full)

Life Application

Jesus called Himself the Bread of Life, or the Bread that gives life. What does this mean? In Jesus' day, bread was the main source of food. People thought of bread as the most important food. So Jesus was saying that He is what we need to have eternal life. We can only have eternal life if we accept this "bread." We need to ask Jesus to come into our life.

Jesus also promises to take care of us. He provided more than enough food for the thousands of people. He can take care of our needs as well. Jesus said that He came to give life, and give it more abundantly (John 10:10). Pray and ask Him for what you need.

Planning for Lesson 27
Jesus is the Christ
Luke 9:18-36

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Feeds 5,000

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**Hands-on Activities
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Sing, “My God is so Big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.”

Have kids make paper baskets. Put goldfish crackers in them. Tell them they can share their snack with others. Then they can come back and get more for themselves. (Make sure you have plenty!)

Make a paper chain of hearts. Talk about how, when we give Jesus our hearts, He is able to multiply our lives. He can use us to help others know Him. Then His kingdom grows!

Play a fishing game using a stick, some yarn, and cut-out fish. Write one word of the Bible verse on each fish. Once all of the fish have been “caught,” have the group work together to put the verse in the right order.

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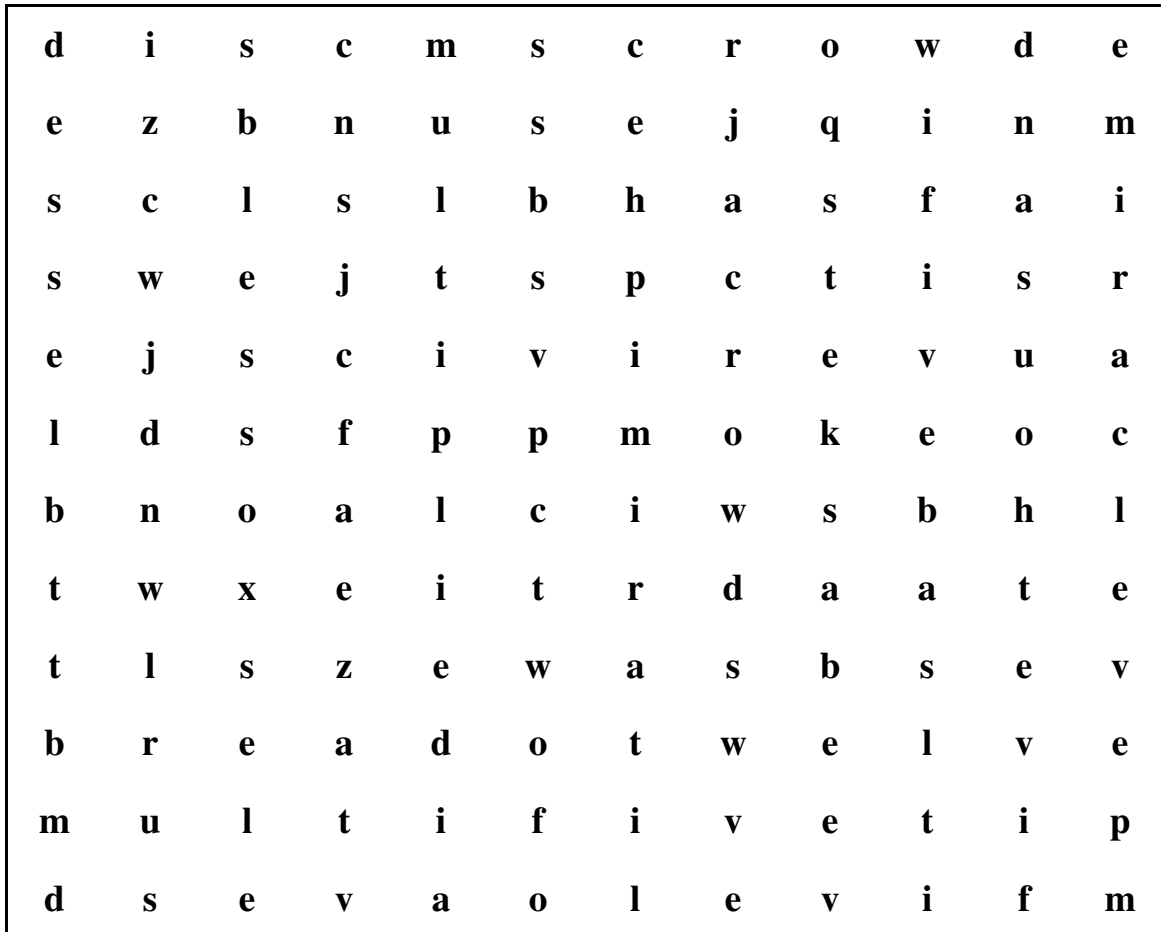


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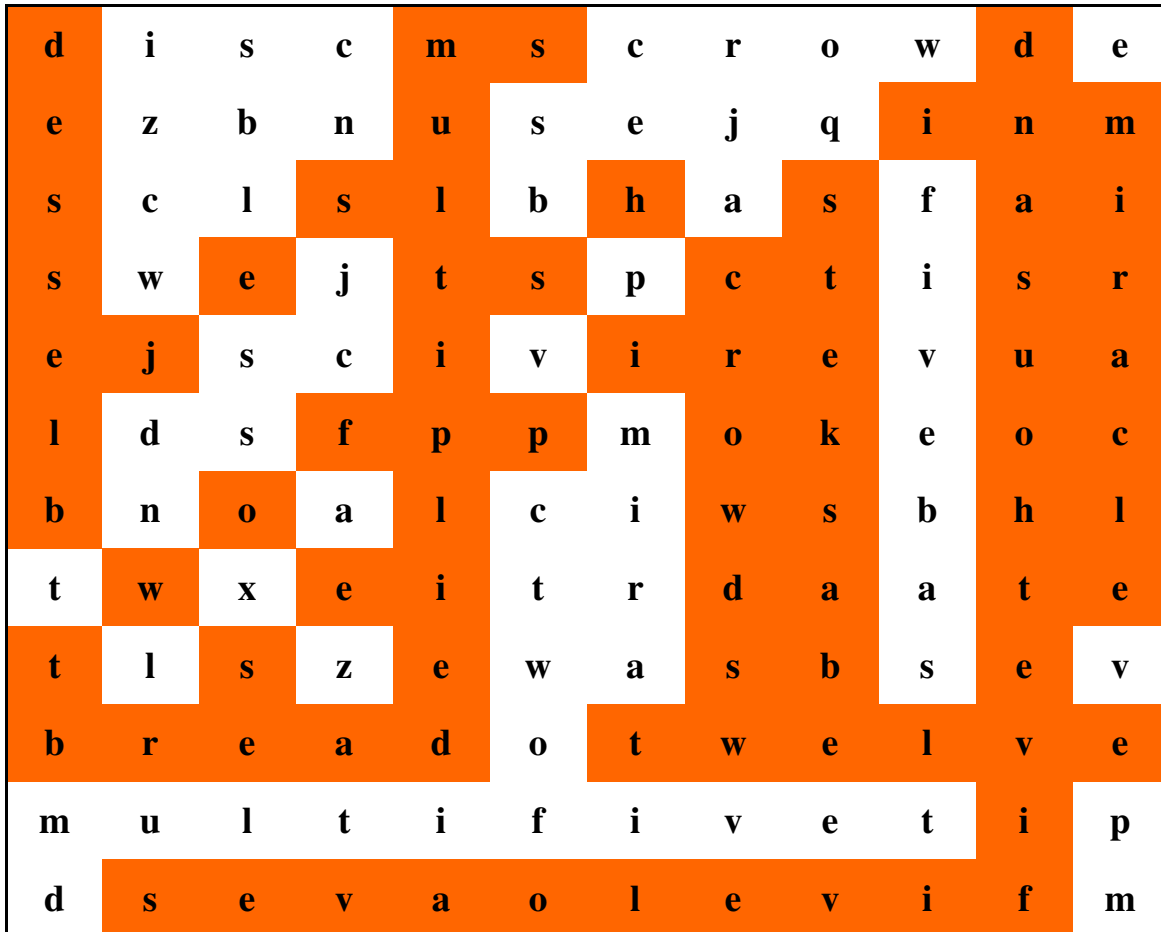
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