

26. Feeding the Five Thousand

The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Try to connect the story with its internal sense because it is relatively easy to understand. The people came to Jesus in a desert place because they were hungry for His teachings and hungry to be made better, so He taught and healed them.
- b) They were hungry for food for their bodies and hungry for food for their spirits, which is love. Only the Lord could give them love for their spirits, just as only the Lord could make tons and tons of food for thousands of people out of a little bit.
- c) Tell children that they have a little love now, but when the Lord teaches them, then He feeds them with lots and lots of love, and it doesn't run out.
- d) Talk about how the bread and fish were more than enough—baskets full at the end. The Lord always gives us even more love and happiness than we need.



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The Lord Feeds Thousands of People

And Jesus took His twelve disciples into a deserted place near the town called Bethsaida.

And the people, when they found out where Jesus was, followed Him. And Jesus welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God.

And He also helped those who were sick.

And when the day began to end, His twelve disciples came to Him and said, “Send the people away that they may go into the villages and fields roundabout and find a place to stay and get food, for we are here in a deserted place.”

Then Jesus said, “Give them food to eat.” But they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy for all these people.” And there were about five-thousand men, as well as women and children. Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of fifty.” And the disciples did so and made all the people sit down.

Then Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, He blessed them. Then He broke the bread and the fish and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd of people.

And the people ate until all were filled. Then the disciples took up all the leftovers that remained and filled twelve baskets.

Luke 9

