Learn by Doing

Choice Multiplying Bread and Fish



The Lord gives us all so many gifts—more than we can count, so many that they seem to multiply. Make a simple basket filled with five loaves of bread and two fish that unfold to reveal more.

1. Introduce the idea that the Lord provides for us by giving us each gifts. Have students brainstorm what some of their gifts are. These might be friends, family, food, home, school, etc., but also talents or abilities.
2. We serve the Lord when we share our gifts or use them to help others. Ask for examples of how gifts can be shared. In our story, the young boy shared his loaves and fish to help the Lord feed the 5000 people. This project will help remind us of the story and, hopefully, also of the many things the Lord gives us.
3. Distribute the two template pages (pp. 2-3) and show your sample.
4. Make the basket first. Fold along all the dotted lines. Then cut along the solid dark lines. Slip the flaps on the side pieces under the ends and tape them together to make the corners. The basket pattern can be on either the inside or the outside.
5. Now make the bread and fish. Cut out the strips along the heavy dark lines. Fold along the dotted lines. Cut out around the bread and fish, being careful not to cut through the folds.
6. Tape the two bread strips together like an accordion. Do the same with the fish strips. Additional bread and fish strips can be made by tracing, folding and cutting additional blank pieces of paper as de-sired.
7. On the blank outlines of bread and fish, write down some of the gifts the Lord has given you or draw pictures of them.
8. When all the strips have been taped and folded together, place them side by side in the basket, as shown in the picture on the previous page.
9. Tape the bottom of each strip to the bottom of the basket. Five loaves and two fish are showing, but when you lift the strip up out of the basket, more appear! When we use the Lord’s gifts to help others, He can make them multiply in our lives.

Materials Needed

Basket Template p. 2, *Bread and Fish Templates* p. 3, scissors, tape, markers *optional*: pencils, additional pieces of blank paper

Prepare in Advance

Create a sample to show.

New Church Concept Numbers

Five signifies a little. *Apocalypse Explained* 548:9

Two signifies the state which precedes the completion of regeneration. *Arcana Coelestia* 900

When a person is regenerated...the good deeds of charity shine out in the affections of the external person, and the truths of faith in his memory, increasing and multiplying in each case. *Arcana Coelestia* 984

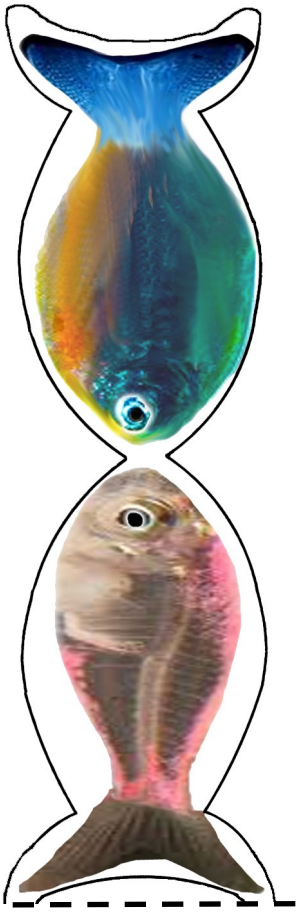
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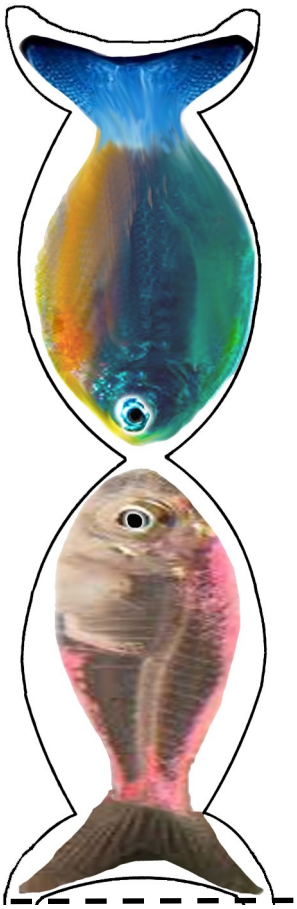


Basket Template









Fish and Bread Templates

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