

# Jesus Feeds 5,000

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

**MEMORY VERSE:** My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

**CHARACTERS:** Jesus, disciples, small boy, crowd

Do you like to eat fish and bread? So did Jesus and His disciples. There's a story in the Bible about how Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 people!

One day Jesus was teaching to a great crowd of people and healing the sick on a grassy hillside by the Sea of Galilee. As evening came the disciples said to Jesus, "It's getting late. We should send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby villages and buy some food."

Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. Give them something to eat." But Phillip, one of His disciples said, "Lord, it would take eight month's wages to buy enough food for this crowd?" Jesus asked, "How many loaves of bread do you have?"

Another disciple, Andrew, spoke up and said, "Here is a boy who will share his lunch of 5 small barley loaves and 2 small fish. How can this small amount of food feed so many?"

The disciples had seen Jesus turn water to wine, heal the sick and calm a storm. But they did not believe He could feed that many people with only 5 loaves and 2 fish! The crowd was made up of 5,000 men plus women and children!

Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the boy's basket of food, gave thanks and passed the basket to everyone so that they all had as much as they wanted. It was a miracle! Everyone had enough bread and fish to eat! And when the disciples gathered up the leftover food there was 12 baskets full of bread and fish remaining.

These people had a need that day – a need for food. Jesus provided the food they needed. Jesus can do anything!!

The Bible says, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) It doesn't say God will provide all you want, but you can trust Jesus to provide what you **need!**

**Trust Jesus to supply all your needs!!**