

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 8/9/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14

LESSON: Jesus Fed a Crowd



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we learned about an amazing miracle Jesus did when He calmed a storm! Today we are going to hear about another miracle Jesus did, this time with food.

Multiplying Corners - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Supplies: a piece of paper, scissors

Ask kids how many corners the piece of paper has. Cut one of the corners off and ask how many corners there are now. Continue cutting corners off until you have many corners.

Say - In our story today, Jesus is going to multiply a small amount of food until there is more than enough to feed a large crowd. Like the corners of our paper, there was just more to eat every time food was passed out.



LESSON - JESUS FED A CROWD

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Fed a Crowd](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The crowd followed Jesus because they were spiritually hungry. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus and His disciples were trying to find a quiet place to rest and eat but the crowd of people were so excited and spiritually hungry to hear what Jesus had to say that they ran around to meet Jesus and His disciples when they got out of the boat!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

The crowd became physically hungry. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus kept teaching as it got later and later and everyone, including the disciples, were getting pretty hungry! The disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd home so that they could get something to eat (and the disciples could get some peace and quiet) but Jesus had something bigger and better in mind which brings us to....

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus satisfied the crowd's physical hunger. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus challenged His disciples, not by telling them "Hey Yo, I'm about to do a miracle!" but by asking them to have faith as food was passed out bit by bit. They kept thinking it was going to run out after each person but by the end they had gathered even more in leftovers than they had started with! In fact, the Bible says they had twelve baskets of leftovers, enough for each of the disciples to eat until they were full too! Jesus cared for the people in the crowd and showed His disciples that He wanted to provide for them too.



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Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Only Jesus can satisfy our spiritual hunger. (kids repeat)

This is so true as we follow Jesus - He doesn't always tell us upfront what's coming or what His plan is for us BUT we can trust Jesus Him even when we don't know how He's going to provide. Jesus fed the hungry crowd with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, which is a crazy miracle! But even more important, He feeds our *spiritual* hunger by being the bread of life (John 6:35) and living water (John 4:10). Bread and water on earth may keep us from being hungry and thirsty but only for a short time. By trusting in Jesus as the bread of life, He fills our hearts and grants us eternal life. We can look to all kinds of things in life to fulfill us (toys, people like us, good grades, etc.) but only Jesus can actually satisfy. Only Jesus is real bread and real living water for our souls.

RESPONSE



Sing: [Psalm 40:5](#) (Key Passage Song)

[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Jesus thank You for providing for our physical needs and for our spiritual needs. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What animal did Jesus say the people were like? *Sheep, needing a shepherd*
- How did the disciples want the people to find food? *Go away to a place to buy it*
- How much food did the boy have? *Five loaves and two fish*
- What do you think it means that Jesus can satisfy our souls?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - How does Jesus satisfy your spiritual needs?

Arm and Leg Tag - Every player is "it" and the goal is to tag each person's arms and legs. When a player's arm or leg is tagged they can no longer use it, so they'll have to put their arms behind their back or hop on one leg. Tagging any other part of their body is allowed, but it doesn't count towards anything. When all four limbs have been tagged, players are out of the game, and the last player standing with at least one arm or leg wins.