

Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Mark 6:30-44

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for World Communion Sunday and for the story of the feeding of the 5000.

As we join with other Christians around the world to remember Jesus, help us also to recognize all the things you have given us and to be willing to share them others.

We pray for all those in the world who are struggling and do not have enough to eat and for those working at food banks and community pantries to help. May we show others we are part of your family as we love and care for all people.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How many people were fed in the story?

Who provided the food?

Even though we call this the story of 'feeding the 5000' we don't actually know how many people were fed. The Bible tells us that the total number counted did not include the women and children!

This version of the story from the Bible book of Mark doesn't tell us where the disciples got the food. We assume that they found it among the people. In the Bible book of John the bread and fish that were shared came from a boy who was there. Read John 6 to learn more.

A question to answer together

What do we have as a family that we can share with others?

Jesus used what was given to feed the many people. We all have things that God can use and multiply to bless others. This could be physical things like food, clothes, or resources, it could be talents or skills that are in us which we can share with others, or it could be spiritual gifts that can be used to bless those around us.

Family Activity 1

You will need: paper, pens, craft materials

What is it that makes your family unique and special? What are the gifts and talents that God has given you to share with others?

Why not design a family crest together.

You could include things that you like to do as a family together or divide it into sections that reflect each member of your family and the things that make them unique.





A verse to remember

Hebrews 13 v 16

Do not forget to do good to others, and share with them, because such sacrifices please God.

This verse not only reminds us that God loves it when we share what we have with others, but it also describes our giving as a sacrifice. Though it is not always easy to share what we have to others, when we do, God can use what we have given and multiply it!

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it. Why not decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week?

Family Activity 2

Family Picnic

How amazing that God can meet with us wherever we are and whatever we are doing. Why not plan a family picnic to have together – either in a local park or in your own yard.

Think about what it must have been like for all those who were present when Jesus performed his miracle.

As you set up, think about what the people in the story felt like when they were sat down in groups on the ground? What were they expecting to happen?

As you share the food together, think about what would it have been like to see the tiny amount of food spread further and further. Imagine how those who gave the food felt watching the picnic lunch grow and grow!

As you tidy up after your picnic think about what the disciples would have felt like as they collected up the spare food at the end of the story.



Active Sharing

Why not take some time this week to actively share and use what you have to bless others. Here are some ideas of areas where you could take time to share.

Physical things

- Pick up some extra food in your weekly shopping to donate to the food bank.
- Sort out some clothes you have outgrown or no longer wear and donate them to another family.
- Pass on a book you have enjoyed reading to somebody else.

Skills and Talents

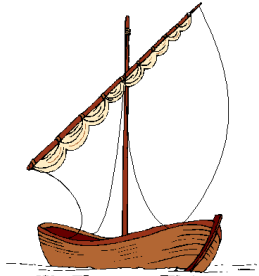
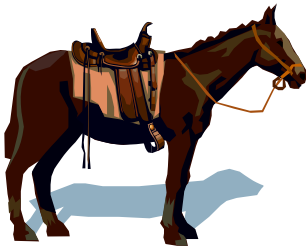
- Bakers/Chefs – cook some delicious food to share with somebody in your community.
- Artists/Creatives – draw or create an encouraging piece of art, poetry, or song to bless somebody.

Spiritual Gifts

- Spend some time praying for another family in the church.
- Ask God to give you a prophetic word that you can pass on to somebody else.
- Share an encouraging Bible verse with a friend.

Jesus Feeds 5,000

1. Jesus took a boat to be by Himself, how did the people get to Jesus?



2. What did Jesus do when He saw the people?



He had compassion



He left

3. Why did the Disciples want to send the people away in the afternoon?

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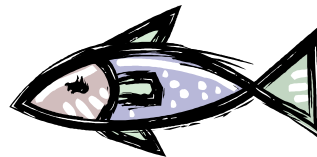


time to eat



people were tired

4. What did the Disciples find to eat?



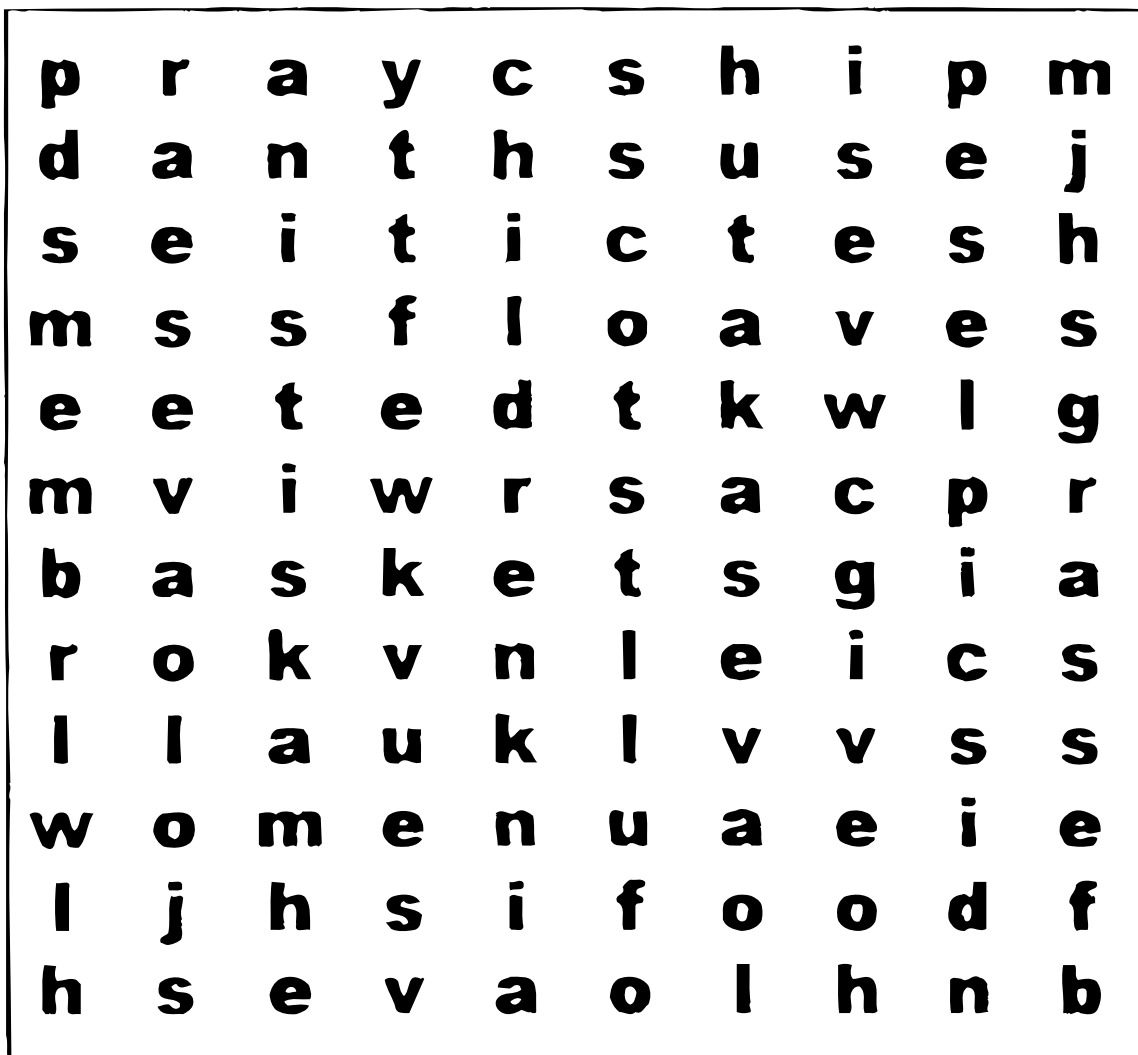
5. Jesus prayed, then everyone ate, how many baskets of food were left?



FEEDING OF THE 5000

Some words from the story of the feeding of the five thousand are hidden in the grid below.

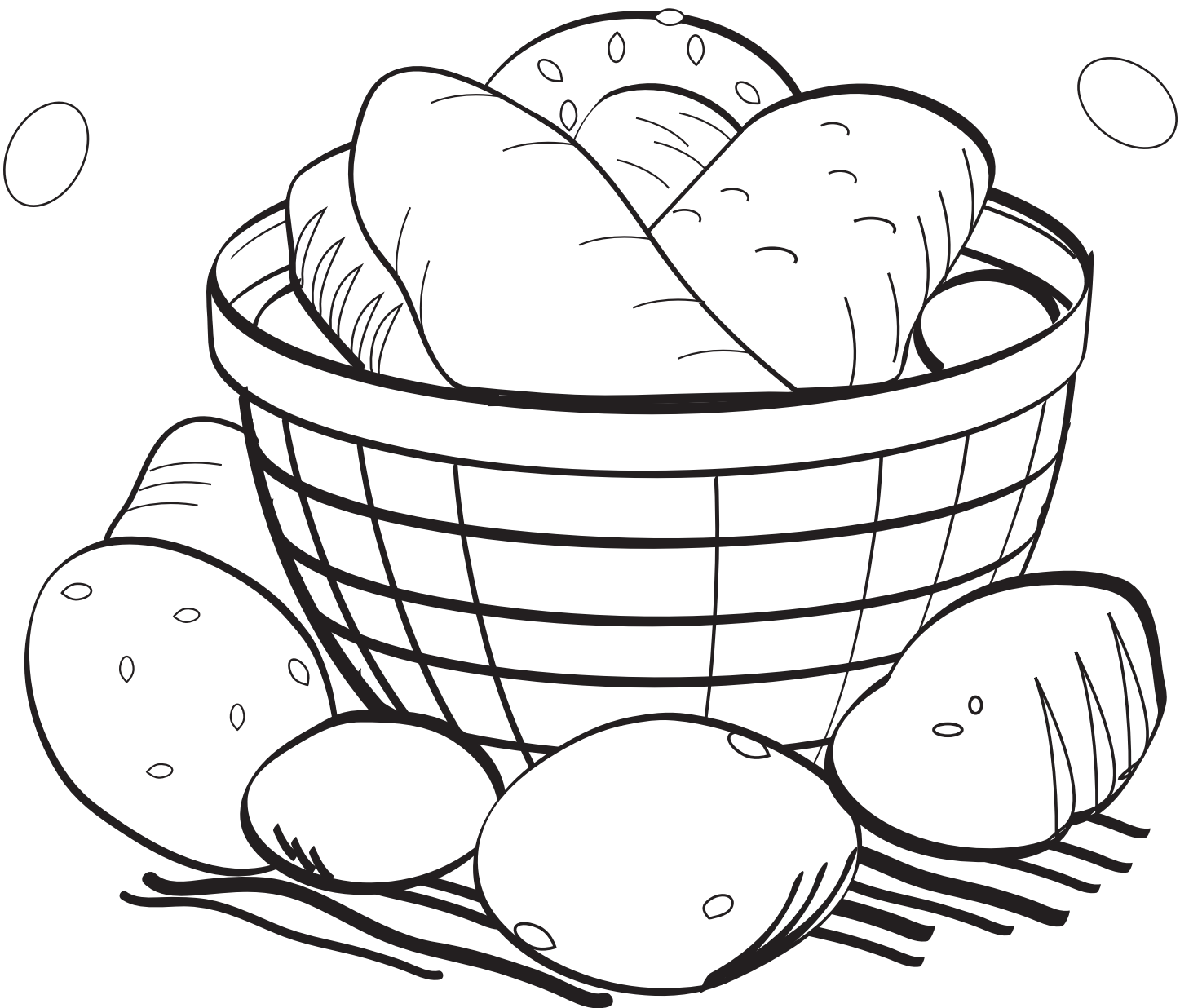
Try to find them all.



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loaves (5)
twelve
baskets
five
fish (2)
disciples
grass
sit
pray
eat
full
men
women
children
give
food

Did you find all 5 "loaves" in this puzzle?

Jesus Fed the People



Coloring Page

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