

Date – January 17, 2021

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Children’s Illustrated Bible p. 228-229

John 6:1-14, Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:31-44, and Luke 9:11-17

Miracles demonstrate the amazing power of God.

Workshop Name

Feeding the 5,000 – Pretzel Fish

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you God, for giving us Jesus. Help us to learn more about sharing what we have. Thank you for all you provide for us every day. Amen

Objectives

- Name that this story is found in the New Testament in all four Gospels; identify the four Gospels as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- Re-tell the story in his/her own words
- Define a miracle as an amazing event that tells us something about God
- Discuss the miracle in this story that God can take what little we have to offer and turn it into something great
- Realize that Jesus wants us to share what we have with others

Supplies – This week the bread/roll dough will be provided in the supply bag along with the Kosher salt and pieces of parchment paper. You will have to provide egg whites, a brush to apply the egg white and baking sheets.

Refrigerated bread/roll dough – 1 package will make 12 small pretzels

Parchment paper

Egg whites

Brush to apply the egg yolk

Baking sheets

Kosher salt

Activity

Preheat oven to 375.

1. Open the packages of bread stick dough; one package makes 8 pretzels.
2. Separate the dough into 8 sticks per package.
3. Roll each individual stick of dough into a rope about 8-12 inches long. Shape each rope into a fish-shaped pretzel.
4. Place the pretzels on parchment covered baking sheets.
5. Brush with beaten egg white. Sprinkle lightly with salt.
6. Bake at 375 for 10-13 minutes.

Reflection/Evaluation

While the pretzels are baking you can use the following for discussion.

Where in the Bible would we read about Jesus and his disciples? New Testament

What are the first four books of the New Testament? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

What do we call those first four books? the Gospels

The word Gospel means “good news.” What is the good news that we learn about from Jesus? There is lots of good news in the Gospels: Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, Jesus has power over death because he rose from the dead to live again, and Jesus loves each one of us and wants us to believe in him.

We find the story of Jesus feeding multitudes of people in all four Gospels! This is the only miracle besides Jesus’ resurrection that is told in all four of the Gospels.

Why were there so many people there? They had seen or heard about Jesus healing people; maybe they themselves needed healing; maybe they were curious about Jesus.

When we read this story in the other Gospels we realize that the people had been listening to Jesus all day. Surely they were getting hungry.

Why do you suppose the people didn’t bring any food with them? Maybe they didn’t expect to stay so long; maybe they did have food but didn’t want to share

What do you think Jesus’ disciples thought when they saw only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread to feed all those people? Worried that they could not provide for so many.

How do you think you would have felt if you had been one of the 5000 fed that day?

These stories show Jesus’ miracle-working power. This story we just read also shows that a boy shared his lunch, even though it was just a little, and Jesus was able to have it feed over 5000 people! If you had been one of the people there during this story, would you have shared your lunch?

Jesus wants us to share what we have with others. When we ask God to bless what we have, we will be amazed at what can happen. God can take what little we have to share, and turn it into something bigger.

What is God teaching us with this story?

What is a miracle?

What does a miracle show?

Lord's **Prayer**



