

Bible in 52 Weeks: Week

Feeding the 5000



What is your favorite food? If you had a whole lot of it would you share? What if you had a little? Share your highs/lows and God moments for the week.



The story of the Feeding of the 5000 is in three of the four gospels and each is slightly different. Read Matthew 14: 13-21, Mark 6:30-44 and John 6:1-15. For children read the Spark Storybook Bible

Conversation Starters:

For children:

- 5000 is a big number! Can you imagine that many people? What could you compare that to?
- In which story did a child help? Why do you think he was able to help? Are there ways that you think kids can help adults?
- How many days this week have you had bread? see if you can count them. What is your favorite kind of bread?
- What are ways that we help those who need food?
- Why do you think Jesus decided to feed the people instead of sending them home?
- **For youth/adults:**
- Have you ever witnessed something that seemed impossible? What was it? What was your reaction?
- Oftentimes we think in terms of what we do not have instead of what we do have, how does this gospel challenge us to think differently?
- In one of the gospels, a young boy comes forward with his food to share. How does the wisdom of the youth or child interact with your faith life? In what ways do our eyes need to be opened to younger generations?
- What does this story make you wonder about Jesus? What does this story make you wonder about living out faith?

Activities for all:

- Food banks often start to run lower on food this time of year. Do a food drive in your neighborhood or church. One way is to bring around plastic bags with fliers explaining that you will come back on a certain day and pick up the bag of food from their doorstep and deliver it to the food bank! Or engage in another service activity in your community like serving a meal or donating where there is need.
- May Day is coming up, find a way to share something you have with your neighbors, family or friends as a surprise.
- Bake bread together and as you enjoy eating it talk about communion and how each week we share in the gifts of God's promise and love by breaking bread together.
- Spend time as a family and/or with another family that you invite over just having a meal together. Talk about your highs and lows from the day and share this story with them.
- Journal your faith journey this week. Write down when little musings about God float into your head. Don't over analyze, just notice them and reflect on them.



Pray for those who don't have enough to eat or who are struggling across the globe. Look up places in need right now and offer up prayers from them specifically. Offer prayers of gratitude for Jesus' presence with us always.



Get bread or crackers and as you each partake say the words:

+Remember God's abundance for you and for others. +