

Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Scripture Reference: John 6:1-15

Main Truth: Jesus has the power to help people

Scripture Verse: “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

Jesus did many miracles (special things only God can do). Jesus turned water into wine. Jesus made people able to walk. Jesus helped blind people be able to see. Jesus has the power to help people. Many people were amazed at the things Jesus was doing so they began to follow him around.

Jesus and His disciples were glad that many people were coming to them, but became very tired. Sometimes they were so busy they didn't have time to eat or sleep! Jesus and the disciples went on a mountainside to have some rest. While they were sitting there they could see a huge crowd of people, more than five thousand people, in the distance and they were walking towards them! Jesus loved them. Even though Jesus and the disciples were all tired, helping these people was more important.

Jesus said to Philip “Where should we buy bread for these people to eat?” Jesus asked this to test Philip because He had a plan already. Philip said “It would take more money than we could ever get to feed all of these people!” A young boy like you boys and girls had a small lunch packed with him and gave it to one of the disciples named Andrew. Andrew said, “Here is a boy with five small loaves of bread and two small fish, but how many people could that possibly feed?” Both Philip and Andrew thought it was impossible to feed so many people with what they could provide. But Jesus has the power to help people.

Jesus told His disciples what to do. He said “Have the people sit down.” The people were going to eat on the grass like a picnic. Jesus gave thanks to God the Father for the food and began to divide up the bread and fish and give it to the disciples to pass out. The food just kept coming and coming! The disciples kept passing out the food Jesus gave them until every one of the large crowd was fed. After all the people were full Jesus said “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” When the disciples gathered the scraps of left overs they counted it up and there were twelve baskets full of leftovers- all from the little boy's small meal!

Jesus did a miracle- he fed over five thousand people from a very small amount of food! That is something only God can do. Jesus has the power to help people. Our verse is from Matthew 19:26 “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Jesus is all-powerful because Jesus is God.

Questions:

Whose true words are in the Bible? God's.

What is a miracle? Something special only God can do.

Why did Jesus and the disciples go to the mountainside? To rest.

What did Jesus want to do for the crowd that came to them? Feed them.

What did Jesus feed the five thousand people with? 2 small fish and 5 small loaves of bread and made it into a lot of food.

How many baskets full of leftovers were there? 12.

Who has the power to help people? Jesus.

Is Jesus just a good man or is Jesus God? Jesus is God.

Infant Story:

Many hungry people came to Jesus and the disciples.

Jesus loved them and wanted to feed them.

With just a small amount of food, Jesus fed many, many people!

Jesus can do this because Jesus is God.

Jesus has the power to help people.