

City LG—February 20th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: All I Need Is a Miracle (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand) • *John 6:1-13* **Today's Bottom Line:** Use what you have to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.* Micah 6:8 (NIV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: Higher than the Sky and Look to You

"Hi, everyone! I've got another great story of compassion for you. (*Hold up Bible.*) It's one of the amazing miracles Jesus performed that showed everyone just how special He is! Before we get into our story today, let's spend a few minutes answering this question..."

SLIDE: "What do you have that you can use to help others?"

"3 minutes on the clock! Have fun talking with your groups!"

CG: Conversation Starting Question (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job everyone! In our Bible Story today, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were traveling together. Jesus had been performing amazing miracles and healing people. Everywhere Jesus went, crowds followed Him. They all wanted to be near Jesus and hear what He had to say. They hoped that Jesus might heal them, too. One day, Jesus needed some quiet time away from the crowds to rest. So He and His friends rode in a boat across the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus and His friends made it to the other side of the lake, they found that they weren't alone. A HUGE crowd of people had come to see Jesus!"

Look out at the kids with your hand above your eyes.

"Let's see . . . in this room, we have about [number] people. (*This can just be a ballpark estimate based on your average attendance.*) That's a lot of people. But as Jesus and His friends looked out, they could see over 5,000 people who had gathered there by the lake! WHOA! Jesus had compassion and taught the people. But after they listened for a long time, the people got hungry. Jesus knew how He would provide food for everyone. But He turned to His friend Philip and asked . . .

Open the Bible to John 6:5 (NIV) and read.

"Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?"

"Philip answered him, 'Suppose we were able to buy enough bread for each person to have just a bite. That would take more than half a year's pay!'"

"Then Jesus' friend Andrew spoke up. He said . . .

Open the Bible to John 6:9 (NIV) and read.

“Here is a boy with five small loaves of barley bread. He also has two small fish. But how far will that go in such a large crowd?”

“The boy had some bread and fish—but it was only enough for one person. Or at least that’s what Andrew thought! Jesus had the people sit down. He prayed to thank God for the food . . . then He began to hand out the bread. I wonder what happened next? Let’s go to this week’s video to find out!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“Jesus cared deeply about every single person who was there that day. He was able to use one boy’s food to meet each person’s need. EVERYONE was able to eat that day, even though there was just a little bit of bread and fish to begin with! We all have things we can share, too. You might think that what you have to offer seems small. But God can work THROUGH you in amazing ways! He can help you **[Bottom Line] use what you have to help others.**

“That’s what we need to remember today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Use what you have to help others.

“Let’s put some moves to it!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

Let’s pray and ask God to help us.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this story that reminds us how amazing You are! We are so glad that **we can trust You no matter what.** Help us be like the boy in the story who was willing to give what he had to help others. Help us see how we can show compassion and meet the needs of the people around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow! I love to imagine what it would have been like for the boy in the story. When he showed up to see Jesus, there’s no way he thought that he would be part of such a huge, important miracle. But when he offered his bread and fish, Jesus used it to feed THOUSANDS of people!

“You never know what God will do when you **[Bottom Line] use what you have to help others.**

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“Let’s say that together.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Use what you have to help others.”

“Great job! You might not think you have a lot of stuff that you can use to help people. But you’ve got two ears! That means you can listen when someone needs a friend. You’ve got two hands. That means you can help your mom or dad clean up around the house. And you’ve got a mouth. That means you can speak kind and encouraging words to make someone’s day.

"Think about what you'd like someone to do for YOU . . . then do that for someone else!
[Bottom Line] Use what you have to help others.

"Can you think of some cool ways to do that? (*Pause for responses.*) I bet you can! I'll see you next time!"

Dismiss kids after leading offering.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!"

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri

New Lenox: Daniel

Homer Glen: Victor