

City SG—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)

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need: Dice (2 per Group), Dry Erase Board, Eraser and Marker (1 set per Group), and a Bible

What You Do:

- Open the Bible and read John 6:1-13 to your Group.
- Split your group up into 2 Teams. And give two dice to one Team.
- Choose a kid roll the both dice first for their Team.
- The number they roll is the Review Question you will ask them (#2-12) in relation to the Bible Story from today:

2. How many people did Jesus feed in our Bible Story today? (5,000)
3. How can you show compassion to someone else? (Any answers accepted)
4. What did Jesus use to feed the people that day? (5 loaves and 2 Fish)
5. In our Bible Story today, who brought what little food they had to Jesus so that He could use it? (A young boy)
6. What gifts do you have that you can use to help others? (Answers will vary)
7. What did Jesus do with the food? (He prayed over it, multiplied it, and performed a miracle to feed 5,000 people with it)
8. True or False? There were lots of leftovers! (True. 12 Baskets Full!)
9. Jesus performed this miracle on top of what? (A Mountain)
10. Jesus had 12 Followers. We call them what? (Disciples)
11. Do you know the name of the Disciple who brought the boy to Jesus? (Andrew)
12. Before praying for the food, Jesus told the Disciples to have everyone do what? (Sit down on the Grass)

- If a kid answers the question, allow them to roll the Dice once more.
- Whatever number they roll, is how many points you will award their team.
- Keep track of the score using the dry erase board and marker.
- Ask every kid a question, duplicate rolls are fine. The more repetition the better.
- Play until every kid has had a chance to answer a question and declare a winner after!

What You Say:

Great job everyone! It is important for us to see that Jesus used the gifts of a child, just like you, to perform an amazing miracle of feeding 5,000 people. And there were 12 baskets full of leftovers! Jesus can use the gifts you have, to do amazing things! Don't ever think that God can't use what you have to help others.

2. Who Am I?

What You Need: "Who Am I?" cards (2 prepared sets per Group)

What You Do:

- Lay all of the cards from the "Who Am I?" Activity Page face down.
- Instruct the kids to choose a card and keep it hidden.
 - If you have more than 8 kids, divide your group into two groups and use the second set of cards
 - Have each group play separately so you don't have repeat cards/guesses.
- Say, "Today we learned that Jesus can use what you have to help others. Let's see if we can guess these people who help others."
- Guide kids to take turns and describe the person on their card without revealing who it is.
 - For example, they could say, "I have a heavy coat, a helmet, a big red truck, and a hose. Who am I?"
- Continue until each kid has had a chance to describe their picture.

What You Say:

"You guys did a great job of describing your person. And you did a great job guessing, too! All the people you described have a job to help others. They have tools and other items they use in their jobs. Jesus can use what you have to help others!"

3. Helpful Postcards

Non-Writer Option highlighted below

What You Need: Blank white postcards (1 per kid), colorful markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a blank postcard and some markers.
- Guide the kids to think of someone they know who might need some encouragement.
 - To prompt them, ask them who in their life is sick, maybe a parent lost a job, or there's a friend who's struggling with a sport or an instrument, etc.
- Ask: What do you have in your hand right now? (*a postcard*)
- Say: This postcard may not seem like much, but it could make a huge difference in someone else's life. For someone who's having a hard time, just knowing that someone else is thinking about them can help them feel loved and cared for.
- Instruct the kids to decorate the front blank side of the postcard and write an encouraging note, or draw a picture if they struggle with writing, on the left side of the back.
- Make sure they write the person's name on the appropriate mailing line. (pen would be best for this)
- **You can help kids as necessary with writing, or they can simply draw pictures.**
- While the kids decorate the postcards, use the discussion questions below to get them thinking of what they have to help others.
 - What is a talent you have?
 - How can you use that to help someone else?
 - Like the boy in our story, what is something you physically have that you can share with someone else?

What You Say:

"Your postcards look amazing. I have no doubt you wrote some really kind words on the other side of them, too. Remember, ask an adult to help you make sure your postcard gets to the person you wrote it to."

"You all shared some really cool things that you have that can help others. I'm so proud of each of you and hope you will use the gifts and talents God has given you to help others. It may not seem like much, but it could make a huge difference in someone else's life."

[Make it Personal] (Share a kid-appropriate story of a time someone used what they had to help you.)

“You, too, can do what this person did for me and **[Bottom Line] use what you have to help others.**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather your group to sit in a tight circle and pray that God will help them **[Bottom Line] use what you have to help others.**
- Encourage the kids to participate in today’s prayer by repeating each line below along with the actions listed.
- Instruct kids not to close their eyes for prayer today so they can watch for the motions.

What You Say:

“Dear God, You are awesome, loving, and good. Help us use our hands (*wave your hands*) and feet (*tap your feet*), mouth (*point to your mouth*) and ears (*point to your ears*) to help others. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”