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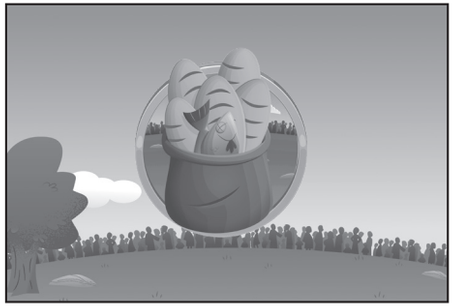
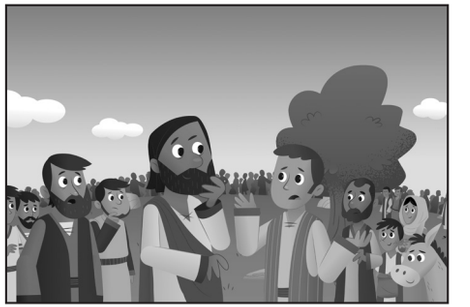


Jesus feeds 5,000
Mark 6:30-44; John 6:8-9

Jesus had finished teaching. Everyone was hungry. "Send them away to buy food," His disciples said. But Jesus wanted to show the people that they could trust God.



"Why don't you feed them?" Jesus asked. "It would take a year's wages to buy bread for them all!" his disciples cried. "How much food do you have?" asked Jesus.

"There is a boy here," said Andrew, "who has five loaves of bread and two little fish." Jesus smiled. "Perfect. Tell the people to sit down on the grass."

So the people sat down all over the mountainside. Jesus thanked God for the bread and the fish. Then He broke them into pieces for His disciples to hand out.

Jesus' disciples passed out bread and fish to the whole crowd. There were five thousand men and lots of women and children, too. Everyone ate as much as they wanted!

Afterwards, the disciples gathered up the leftovers. There were twelve baskets full, from just five loaves and two fish! The people knew they could trust God to care for them.