

Jesus Feeds Over 5000 People

Supplies (not included):

- bag of popcorn
- microwave

Watch: <https://youtu.be/0fGiybUn5bE>

Read: Luke 9:10-20

Ask:

What did Jesus do in this story? (spoke to/taught the crowds; healed the sick; blessed the loaves and fish; multiplied the food; asked the disciples who they thought he was)

How did the disciples and the crowds react to what Jesus did? (crowds followed him even before this miracle; crowds were listening to him; crowds and disciples were probably surprised and excited that Jesus provided all that food from almost nothing [but the story doesn't say that]; Peter responds that Jesus is "Christ" [the Saviour!])

What is something that you can learn from this story? (to trust that Jesus can provide when we are in need; to be kind and not send people away when they are in need; to pray when we need help)

Lesson:

After Jesus taught the crowds of people, do you think that it was his responsibility to feed all of those people?

He did not have to feed them, but Jesus was kind and knew that if he didn't feed the people they would have a hard time finding food that day. Jesus cared about teaching people how to follow God well, and he cared about healing people. But he also cared about helping people who were hungry and didn't have an easy way to get food that day!

Do you know of any chances that you might be able to show kindness like Jesus did? We don't have to do miracles to follow in Jesus' example. We just need to listen when we think about something kind that we could do for someone.

Activity:

Take a bag of popcorn and pop in in the microwave. Even without seeing or hearing the popcorn, you would know that someone had just made some popcorn right? It's like that when we follow Jesus'

example. We can be the 'aroma' of Christ to those around us – what does that mean? It means that we can show people the goodness of Jesus through our daily lives, and through being kind like Jesus. Just like that popcorn smell that lets you know that popcorn is near, with our kindness and thoughtfulness to those who are hurting, we can let them know that Jesus is near.