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# Jesus Feeds the 5,000

*Scripture: John 6:1-15*

**Theme: Jesus is the Bread of Life**

*Nursery (Ages 0-2)*

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Free curriculum for small and rural churches

## Lesson Overview

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"God's Love Story" , Jesus is the Bread of Life "Jesus loves you very, very much! Just like He fed a big group of hungry people with just a little food, He is always there to give you His love and goodness!" "The Bible says Jesus is our Heavenly Bread, He cares for us and fills our hearts with kindness!" Optional reflection: children can draw a picture of Jesus helping their friends, then share one way they can help someone else this week. This extra activity supports the lesson's theme and gives teachers a simple, lowprep option for extending the discussion.

## Bible Story

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"Jesus Feeds the Little Ones"

One day, Jesus walked to the water. A big crowd followed him, so many people! They were hungry and tired.

Jesus sat down with his friends, and he said, "I love you." Then he took some bread and shared it with everyone. He said, "I am full of love, just like this bread!"

Next, he took fish and gave them to the children. He said, "I am happy to share my heart with you." There were so many fish and bread that everyone had enough!

Then the crowd stood in a big circle, and Jesus smiled. He knew everyone would be full of love because of him. "God is always kind," he whispered.

Little ones, God is like Jesus, always full of love for you! He gives you his love, just like he gave the food to everyone.

Why this story matters: God wants you to know that he loves you so much! Just like Jesus shared food, God shares his love with you every day.

## Key Verse

**John 6:35 , 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry.'**

"God is like a big hug, always there for you! He gives you love like bread, just like Jesus said. Come to Him, and He'll keep you safe forever!" (Repeat: "God loves you! He's always there!")

## Activities

### Activity 1:

Toddlers "catch" paper fish and color them with crayons, just like Jesus made food appear!

1. Gather the group in a circle with the basket in the middle. Say: "God loves us so much! Let's share His love, just like Jesus did!"
2. Give each child 5, 10 small toys (like toy bread or fruit). Have them put them gently into the basket.
3. Repeat: "Jesus fed everyone with just a little food. Let's give what we have, God's love is enough!"
4. Sing a simple song (e.g., "Jesus Loves the Little Children").
2. "Crayon "Fish" Catch"
6. Show a fish drawing and say: "God gives us His love like fish in the water!"
7. Hand each child a fish and a crayon. Say: "Let's color our fish happy, just like Jesus made food for all!"
8. Repeat: "God's love is always enough. No matter how many, He cares!"
9. Glue fish to a poster board and tape it to the wall as a reminder.
10. Both activities use simple, hands-on tools and reinforce God's love through repetition and play!

## Discussion Questions

- Here are four simple, open-ended questions to help little ones explore God's love through Jesus feeding the 5,000:
- "What did Jesus do to help the big crowd? How can you be kind and share with your friends like Jesus did?"
- "How does God love you like Jesus loved the people? What does that mean when you feel hungry or sad?"
- "What is something God gives you (like food, hugs, or toys) that makes you feel safe and loved?"
- "If Jesus gave all His food to feed many, what does that teach us about God giving us love and blessings?"
- These keep it short, open-ended, and focus on love, sharing, and trust in God's provision!

## Prayer Focus

*"Dear God, thank You for being so kind, like the bread that gives us strength! You love us like little ones, and You feed us with Your love every day. Thank You for being with us, always full of goodness and joy!" (Optional follow-up: "Oh God, help us to trust You like the little ones in the Bible!")*

### >> Missions Spotlight

In parts of sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, hunger is a daily reality. Missionaries who run food programs share that Jesus is the Bread of Life , He feeds both our bodies and our souls. Organizations like Compassion International combine physical and spiritual care.

**-> To the Cross**

Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed 5,000 people. Then He said, 'I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry.' At the cross, Jesus' body was broken like bread so that we could be fed with eternal life.