

Jesus feeds a huge crowd

Read John 6:1-14.

Read the story with different people reading the words people say (in bold). What might Jesus have said at each point marked with *?

For Under 5s

Make fishfinger sandwiches and tell the story as you eat them. Instead of '5000', say 'a really, really big crowd' to help them not get stuck on the numbers.

Selected verses:

⁵ When **Jesus** saw the large crowd coming towards him, he asked Philip, "Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?" ...

⁷ Philip answered, "Don't you know that it would take almost a year's wages just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?"

⁸ Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples. He spoke up and said, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?"

¹⁰ The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down *. About five thousand men were in the crowd.

¹¹ Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God *. Then he passed the bread to the people, and

he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat.

¹² The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted *. ¹³ The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves.

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I wonder what jumps out at you from this story.

I wonder where you see generosity in this story.

I wonder what this story makes you think about giving.

Chat Think Pray

Make a word or picture collage of BIG problems. Chat, think and pray about them together. You could ask God what you can do to be part of the answer.

Write words in the hands to show to show what each character did.

Write words in the speech bubbles to show to show what each character said.

Something Extra ...for older children and adults

Is there any significance in the fact that the food that was shared belonged to a child? What can children teach or show us about generosity? Do you think Jesus chatted with the boy? What might He have said?