

**THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY**  
**CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)**

**Lesson #62**

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** Jesus Feeds 5000

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 6:30-44, John 6:1-14

**AIM:** To show the children that Jesus cares for all people.

**MEMORY VERSE:** John 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you."

**Review:**

In the past few weeks we have been learning about the miracles the Lord Jesus did while He walked on the earth. (Have the children go over some of the miracles they have learned.) There was a man who was blind from birth, through his believing in the Lord Jesus, He got healed. This shows that our Lord Jesus is good to us and will take care of us if we come to Him and believe Him.

**Content:**

Today we are going to see how Jesus fed a whole lot of people with just five loaves of bread and two fishes.

One day Jesus and His friends had been very busy telling people all about God. It was getting late and Jesus' friends had not eaten anything. Jesus told them to go to a quiet place and get something to eat. So they all got into a boat and started sailing, looking for a quiet spot where they could rest. But the people saw them leaving and ran to the other side of the sea and got there before Jesus and His friends did.

They saw the huge crowd of people. Jesus felt sorry for them. Jesus knew these people just wanted to know about Him. They had heard about His miracles and teachings and wanted to know more. He told them to sit on the grassy hill and Jesus spoke to them.

As it got later in the day Jesus' friends were worried about what all these people would eat for dinner. His friends wanted to send them away to find food. Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." Jesus' friends really did not understand. They had no food. They thought they were going to have to go into the town and buy food. But Jesus asked them how much food they had. Andrew, one of Jesus' friends, told Him that there was a young boy who had five loaves of bread and two fishes.

There were many, many people on that hill. The Bible tells us 5000. I know you cannot even count that high. And if you could it would probably take all day. Usually five loaves of bread and two fishes would not feed many people. Maybe it would feed thirty or so.

But Jesus had all the people sit in groups of 50-100. Then He took the bread and blessed it or gave thanks for it and broke it. He did the same with the fish. He gave the pieces to His friends or

disciples and they passed it out to all the people. The Bible says, “And they all ate and were satisfied.” Mark 6:42. They ate until they were full.

When all the people had finished eating the leftover food was collected. They had twelve baskets full of bread and fish pieces. They had more left over than they had started with! This was a miracle.

**Application:**

This story shows us how the Lord can really take care of us. He took very little food and more than satisfied the people. Jesus takes care of us today as well. We need to thank God for our food and everything that He has given us.

When teaching this lesson you might want to show how twelve is greater than five plus two. Either draw a diagram or actually bring in small item to represent the bread, fish and baskets. You might also want to teach the children the song about the five barley loaves and two fishes.