

PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE

Jesus Feeds 5,000+ People

Matthew 14:13-21

- Read Matthew 14:13-21 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
 - Jesus cares about the needs of his followers AND he is able to meet those needs!
 - Many times we don't know how Jesus will provide, especially when it looks hopeless, but He is able to help even when things are desperate.
 - When we share what we have with others, Jesus can use even a little bit to go a long way!
 - Jesus has power over the physical world and everything in it.
- **Questions:**
 - Why were all the people hungry? Why didn't they have food to eat?
 - Why did Jesus tell his disciples to feed the people? Did he think they could make the food for everyone? Was he trying to help them learn something? If so, what was he teaching them?
 - What do you think all of the people thought about Jesus after he fed them?
- **Activity:**
 - Replay the video and sing along with Sarah
 - For Older kids –
 - Think about what you have, do you have extra food that you could share with those in need? Can you and your family put together some food items for your neighbors or your community food pantry?
 - Act out the story with your family members, use the Bible verses as your script using a narrator or speaking the parts.
 - For Younger kids –
 - Print off the attached coloring sheet and/or draw a picture of something from the story.
 - Name some things that you need to stay alive and healthy, how can Jesus provide those things for you?
 - Take time right now to thank God for the important things he has given you.