

# SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

*Week 8 • August 13 • Jesus' Power to Provide (Mark 6:30-34)*

*Theme: God can and will provide for our needs.*

By feeding the 5,000, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. Only God's Son could do that! He gave them food when they were hungry. But the people needed something even more important than food. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls by providing forgiveness, friendship with God, and eternal life.

## *Family Devotional*

**Materials:** frozen or refrigerated bread dough

**Do:** Bake the bread ahead of time so it is ready to eat at devotion time. Guide your kids to sit on the floor and eat the bread as you begin your family time.

**Read:** Matthew 6:30-34.

**Ask:** "How did the disciples respond to the situation of trying to find food for all the people? How did Jesus respond?" Recall how the disciples looked around and saw people—lots of people. They noticed they were in the middle of nowhere, and it was getting dark. When Jesus instructed them, "You give them something to eat," they were confused. Jesus, however, saw the people and had compassion on them. He took the two fish and five loaves of bread and thanked God. Remark how Jesus did not look at the problem but looked to God. After He blessed the bread and broke it, all 5,000 men—plus women and children—ate until they were satisfied, and they had 12 baskets left over. Jesus cared about the physical needs of the people. He called Himself the "Bread of life," showing us that Jesus provides not only for our physical needs but also the needs of forgiveness, friendship with God, and eternal life.

**Ask:** "What are some needs of our family?"

**Big Question:** *Who will always take care of us? God can and will provide for our needs.*

**Pray,** asking God to meet your needs. Thank Him for showing you that He is the Bread of life and can meet all your needs.