

The BIBLE STORY with Review

(Parents, we suggest you pull out your Bible too.)

Jesus Has Compassion to Provide

Mark 6:30-44

Jesus' disciples had been hard at work. They had been healing people and teaching them. So many people came and went that the disciples did not even have time to eat! **So Jesus said to them, "Come with me. Let's go to a quiet place where we can be alone and get some rest."**

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee, but many people saw them leaving. The people traveled by foot, and they ran ahead of Jesus. **When Jesus and His disciples got to the shore, the people were already there waiting for them.** Jesus saw the crowd and He cared about them because they were like sheep who needed a shepherd. **So Jesus taught the people many things about God's kingdom, and He healed people who were sick.**

By this time, it was late in the day. Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "We are out in the middle of nowhere, and it's getting late. Tell the people to go away so they can go to the farms and villages to buy themselves something to eat."

But Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Jesus' disciples were confused. "We can't feed this many people," they said. "It would cost a whole year's pay to buy enough bread for them to eat."

Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go look."

So Jesus' disciples counted the loaves of bread. They said, "A boy is here who has five loaves of bread and two fish, but we are going to need more than that."

Jesus told the disciples to instruct everyone to sit down. So all the people sat down in big groups on the grass.

Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up to heaven, and then He blessed the bread. He broke it into pieces and gave it to the disciples. He also divided up the fish. The disciples passed out the food to the people, and everyone ate until they were full.

Then Jesus told the disciples to collect any leftover food. The disciples collected 12 baskets full of pieces of bread and fish. Jesus fed about 5,000 men that day, plus women and children. The people saw the miracle Jesus had done, and they said, "This must really be the Prophet who was to come into the world!"

Christ Connection: By feeding the 5,000, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. 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.

Review Questions

1. Why did Jesus and His disciples go away?
(to be alone and rest; Matt. 14:13; Mark 6:31; Luke 9:10)
2. Who followed Jesus to the other side of the sea? *(a huge crowd; Matt. 14:13; Mark 6:34; Luke 9:11; John 6:2)*
3. What did the crowds need? *(food; Matt. 14:15; Mark 6:36; Luke 9:12; John 6:5)*
4. How much food did the disciples find? *(five loaves and two fish; Matt. 14:17; Mark 6:38; Luke 9:13; John 6:9)*
5. How many men were in the crowd? *(about 5,000; Matt. 14:21; Mark 6:44; Luke 9:14; John 6:10)*
6. How many baskets of food were left over? *(12 baskets; Matt. 14: 20; Mark 6:43; Luke 9:17; John 6:13)*
7. What did the people say about Jesus? *(“This really is the Prophet who was to come into the world!” John 6:14)*
8. ***Who will always take care of us? God can and will provide for our needs.***