

Jesus Feeds 5000

Card 13

Teacher Background

Review Card Set

Scripture: John 6:1-15,
Matthew 14:13-21 and
Mark 6:30-44

Theme: compassion

2 Read Aloud

John 6:1-5

1 Review Activity

3 Storytelling

Pass out Card 13. Share the story.

- One day, Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people. The Bible says Jesus “had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Compassion is when you care about someone and want to help them. It became late, and the crowd of over 5,000 people was hungry.
- The disciples asked Jesus to send the people away so they could find their own food.
- It would have taken a lot of money to buy food for everyone.
- Jesus did not want to send the people away hungry, and there was no place close by for them to buy food.
- A young boy in the crowd had five small bread loaves and two small fish. He gave them to Jesus.
- Looking up to heaven, Jesus took the food and gave thanks. Then he started giving bread to the disciples so they could feed the people.
- Everyone ate and was filled, and there were still 12 baskets of food left over. More than 5,000 people ate that evening.
- Jesus didn’t leave the crowd hungry but had compassion on them. Jesus also has compassion for us; he will provide for us when we are in need and will never leave us.

4 Discussion Questions

1. What was Jesus doing before the crowd got hungry? Why was he doing this? (teaching and healing the people, he had compassion on them)
2. What happened after Jesus prayed over the food? (there was enough food to feed everyone)
3. How does Jesus show his compassion to us? (never leaves us, always provides)

5 Memory Verse

Psalms 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

6 Activity: Toss The Bread

Take a soft object and throw it into the crowd. Have the children keep tossing the item around until you say, “Stop.” Whoever is holding the object must sit out. For small groups, children can sit in a circle and pass the object in one direction until you say, “Stop.” For a large crowd, use multiple objects to toss.

7 Learning Point

It is fun to imagine how excited the crowd was when Jesus fed them bread and fish. Similar to our game, the crowd passed the bread around with great excitement. They were excited because Jesus had compassion on them, and God provided more than they could have imagined. Like the crowd, we sometimes need something very important. In your life, it might be food or money. If you put your faith in God every day, you will see that he will have compassion on you and will provide what you need. Is there something in your life that you need? Pray like Jesus, simply thanking God for what he has already given you. Then, as you trust him every day, you will see how he provides for your needs.

8 Review Card Set

