

**BLAST FAITH5
FAMILY DEVOTION
Week of August 2, 2020**

**There were about 5000 men there who ate.
There were also women and children who ate.**



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How to do the FAITH5

Gather the gang up in one place and do the following.

1. *Share your highs and lows for the day (or week).* This helps you understand one another's lives better than asking, "How was school today?" or "What did you do today?" Parents, don't forget to share YOUR highs and lows, too.
2. *Pray about your highs and lows*
3. *Read the Bible story or verse together.* Choose one story or verse from the readings on the next page. I will use Bible translations or paraphrases because they are easier to understand. You also might want to find the verses in a children's story Bible or in the Bible itself (an easy translation like the New Living Translation or the Common English Bible might be useful). Switch things up. Have fun with it.
4. *Talk about the readings (also see the questions below each reading)*
 - a. What did you hear?
 - b. What would you have done or said if you were in the story?
 - c. What did you hear, see, taste, smell or feel in the story?
 - d. What do you think the verse means?
 - e. What has this got to do with your highs or lows? With our lives?
5. Bless each other. You make this as simple or as complex as you want. Trace the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or on the back of your hands. Say, "God bless you" or make up a blessing based on one of the readings.

OPTIONAL: If you have time or interest, activities, such as coloring, projects, and so on, are attached.

The Whole Story in One Place

Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Matthew 14: 13b-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what happened to John, he left in a boat. went alone to a place where no one lived. But the people heard that Jesus had left. So they left their towns and followed him. They went by land to the same place he went. ¹⁴ When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd of people. He felt sorry for them, and he healed the ones who were sick.

¹⁵ Late that afternoon, the followers came to Jesus and said, “No one lives in this place. And it is already late. Send the people away so they can go to the towns and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶ Jesus said, “The people don’t need to go away. You give them some food to eat.”

¹⁷ The followers answered, “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish.”

¹⁸ Jesus said, “Bring the bread and the fish to me.” ¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked into the sky and thanked God for the food. Then he broke the bread into pieces, which he gave to the followers, and they gave the food to the people. ²⁰ Everyone ate until they were full. When they finished eating, the followers filled twelve baskets with the pieces of food that were not eaten. ²¹ There were about 5000 men there who ate. There were also women and children who ate.

Daily Readings
Matthew 14:13-21
Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Sunday, August 2

Matthew 14: 13

¹³ When Jesus heard what happened to John, he left in a boat. went alone to a place where no one lived.

Jesus' has just learned that his friend John the Baptist was dead. He was sad and needed to be alone. Why do you think he wanted to be alone? Do you think Jesus cried? Why or why not? What do you do when you're sad?

Monday, August 3

Matthew 14:14

¹⁴ When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd of people. He felt sorry for them, and he healed the ones who were sick.

Even though Jesus was sad about the death of his friend, John, when he saw the crowd of people, he felt sorry for them and helped them. Talk about a time that you felt sad or angry or in a bad mood and were asked to do something. What did you do? Why did you do it? How did you feel?

Tuesday, August 4

Matthew 14:15

¹⁵ Late that afternoon, the followers came to Jesus and said, "No one lives in this place. And it is already late. Send the people away so they can go to the towns and buy food for themselves."

When were you somewhere, became hungry, and had no food? What was it like? How did you solve your problem? Why you think Jesus' followers suggested that Jesus send the people away so they could buy food?

Wednesday, August 5

Matthew 14:16-17

¹⁶ Jesus said, "The people don't need to go away. You give them some food to eat." *Hmm! If you were one of the followers who suggested that Jesus send the people away to find their own food and Jesus said this to you, what would you say? What would you do? Have you ever been asked to do something that you thought you couldn't do? If so, what happened?*

Thursday, August 6

Matthew 14:17

¹⁷ The followers answered, "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish." *What does your family like to eat for dinner? What if you didn't have enough of it to go around? What would you do?*

Friday, August 7

Matthew 14:18-19

¹⁸ Jesus said, "Bring the bread and the fish to me." ¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked into the sky and thanked God for the food. Then he broke the bread into pieces, which he gave to the followers, and they gave the food to the people.

What do you think Jesus was praying for or about? He must have given small pieces to the disciples. What would you have been thinking if you were a disciple?

Saturday, August 8

Matthew 14:20-21

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This is called a "miracle story" because somehow five loaves of bread and two fish fed all those people. What do you think happened? Was Jesus able to make that little bit of food feed 5000 people? Did the people see what he was doing and decided to share what little they had? How can sharing what you have miraculously become a lot?

Activities Adapted from Sermons4Kids.com

BREAD AND FISH

Supplies: bread, canned tuna, mayo (or whatever dressing and food your family uses to make tuna salad)

Activity: If your children eat canned tuna, make a tuna sandwich snack or lunch. As you work together, talk about how Jesus took 5 loaves of bread and blessed it. Then as you put the tuna salad mixture on the bread, talk about how Jesus blessed two fish. And then what? Then 5,000 people had lunch!

BUBBLES PLAY TIME:

Supplies: small bottle of bubble blowing liquid

Activity: Everyone gets a small bottle. The challenge is to see how many bubbles you can make from the small bottle. Talk about how something small can become big. Like how bringing a can of food to the church for our outdoor food pantry can add to the food already there and feed a hungry person.

TIE DYE SHIRTS:

Supplies: white t-shirts, buckets, rubber bands, tie-dye kit, water, fabric markers, large pieces of cardboard

Activity: If you don't know how to tie-dye, watched this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abjpy72Sf6U>

It's best to do this outside because it's messy. Once the t-shirts have been dyed and are dry, put cardboard between the shirt's 2 layers and use fabric markers to write "GOD TURNS LITTLE THINGS INTO BIG MIRACLES" on the front of the shirt

BREAD AND FISH DRAWING:

Supplies: paper, markers

Activity: Use the markers on the paper to draw a large piece of bread and some fish and write "Everyone ate until they were full" below the bread and fish.

WATCH A VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE> (for young kids)

From Stories of the Bible: Feeding of the 5000

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fGjybUn5bE> (for older kids)

From Storytellers: Jesus Feeds 5000 (this guy made me laugh!)

Both stories are taken from another Gospel so there are some differences in the details.

SUNDAY SUNDAES:

Supplies: Small bowl, ice cream, sundae fixings

Activity: Give everyone a small bowl and supplies to build a sundae! Tell everyone that they will start with a little and watch their ice cream sundae grow.

Then talk about the story of the loaves and fishes as you work. Wonder at how a little donation (like a can of food, a t-shirt for Bare Necessities, or a pack of diapers) can grow miraculously into a big thing, like our church's diaper drive a couple years ago. Use the attached photos to drive the point home.

(See next page for photos!)

Say your family brought in a pack or two of diapers when we had our diaper drive for The Maker's Place in Trenton.



And you added them to the packs of diapers that other people brought to our church.



Then our church's collection got added to collections from other churches and...



Wow! It's the miracle of the diapers!

During the diaper drive, God's Holy Spirit encouraged a lot of us to donate. And parents living in Trenton, who did not have the money to buy diapers, now had some to keep their babies clean and dry.

**Feeding 5,000
Coloring Page**



Jesus Feeds the Multitude

Coloring Page



Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



Q W L O A V E S P L T H J E B
 R Y T G B V G S B X O A H T A
 F I S H L A N D E D W U S Q S
 B X E E J T B Q A P N I A J K
 J B W I F K H O O I S A T W E
 F T L W T Z N A A Q L G I C T
 O U A L B K Z O N T S S S T F
 L P T Q F I P K X K P B F M U
 L F E J H E A L E D S E I Z L
 O O C Q T T M L S C L F E C S
 W O G R J E S U S C L B D W C
 E T M F O Q S F O O D D J T A
 D Q G B J W E I Y M H E H P V
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| LEFT | BASKETFULS | LANDED | FOLLOWED | LOAVES |
| THANKS | CROWDS | TWELVE | HEALED | FISH |
| ATE | FOOD | SATISFIED | JESUS | SICK |
| FOOT | PEOPLE | LATE | TOWNS | BOAT |

Jacob Wrestles with God

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. Genesis 32:24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 32:22-31



L S T R E A M C U N N R H T G
 V E N S X K D L V T A W W I I
 Z G E E W J S M I S M R Z K I
 D J R R O S F O S M E L L O G
 A V V V H I P E N W P G E E C
 Y T H A D W L Q J S A I O S F
 B L M N L B I U T V D L N X Z
 R N Y T A M A V P P E I X G P
 E D H S Q K Y F E J X F D O N
 A V I D S V A A I S O E G D F
 K I J Q Z S C C F N I G H T D
 V C I A O W R E S T L E R R M
 S J Z L C M K I P S X O R J T
 W M Y H Q O F S T R U G G L E
 Y V Q T U Y B P J V J T N R C

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| NIGHT | HIP | FACE | LIMPING | STREAM |
| WRESTLE | BLESS | JACOB | STRUGGLE | WIVES |
| SONS | LIFE | DAYBREAK | SERVANTS | NAME |