

Jesus feeds 5000 people

This session can be done with an adult family member or independently. Answers to questions can be written in the spaces provided.

Have you ever felt that someone asked you to do something you couldn't do? How did you feel?

Have you ever felt it wasn't worth doing your best because you didn't think it would be good enough?

Bible story

The following story is from John 6:4-13.

Jesus saw a large crowd coming near to where he and his friends were. He said to Philip, "How shall we get enough food for all these people to eat?" Philip was really surprised. Why on earth was Jesus asking him this? How could Jesus and all his friends get enough food for so many people? Philip said, "If we spend half of the money somebody makes in a year from their job, we still wouldn't have nearly enough food." Another of Jesus' friends, Andrew, said, "There's a boy here with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, but that won't help us." Jesus said, "Bring me that food." He then told his friends to make sure everyone was sitting down ready. Then Jesus took the food and thanked God for it. Then he gave it to his friends who gave it to the people in the crowd. Everyone had enough food and there were even 12 baskets of leftovers! And when we include all the women and children who were there too, then that means Jesus fed over 15000 people!

Why do you think Jesus asked Philip about feeding these people?

What does this story show us about what Jesus is like?

Sometimes we can all feel like Philip and Andrew did at the start of this story because we think there's no point in trying, but Jesus just wants us to bring him what we have and he will use it. It's not about what we can do, it's about what Jesus can do.

Prayer time

Thank Jesus that he uses what we offer him. Ask him to show you what you can do for him this week to show his love to someone else.



Jesus took the 5 loaves and 2 fish and fed over 15000 people!