



WEEK
TWO

SEPTEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP

K-1

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



1. FISH AND BREAD

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to make a fish face any way they choose.
 - Demonstrate a few examples, or ask a few kids to demonstrate for others to copy, as needed.
- Let them know you are going to review the Bible Story, and each time they hear the word 'fish', they should make a fish face.
- Practice by saying "fish!" so the kids can make their fish face.
- Invite the kids to pretend to take a big bite out of a sandwich.
- Explain that each time they hear the word "bread", they should mimic taking a big bite!
- Practice by saying "bread!" so the kids can mimic taking a bite.
- Read the Bible Story Review below, pausing for kids to respond each time you say "fish" or "bread."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

More Than Enough

Jesus Feeds 5,000
John 6:1-13

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to help others.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

BASIC TRUTH

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Bible Story Review:

Jesus went up onto a mountainside with His disciples. They were followed by a huge crowd of people who wanted to hear Jesus' teaching. It was time for a meal, and the big crowd was getting hungry. Finding food for all those people wouldn't be easy. Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy **bread** for these people to eat?" (John 6:5, NIV, emphasis added). Philip answered, "Even if we could buy enough **bread** for each person to have just one bite, it would take half of the money we make in a year! Then Andrew said: "Here is a boy with five small loaves of barley **bread**. He also has two small **fish**" (John 6:9, NIV, emphasis added). But the disciples knew that a small meal of **bread** and **fish** wouldn't be enough to feed such a huge crowd.

Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down. Jesus took the **bread** and gave thanks. Then Jesus and the disciples began passing out the **bread** and **fish** to the people. Amazingly, as the disciples passed out the **bread** and **fish**, they had more **bread** and **fish**. Everyone ate as much **fish** and **bread** as they wanted. In fact, there was so much **fish** and **bread** that the disciples filled up twelve whole baskets full of leftovers! The boy didn't have much, but he gave the **fish** and **bread** that he had, and Jesus used it to feed thousands and thousands of people!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Can you imagine one small meal of bread and fish feeding thousands of people? The boy who gave that small meal probably didn't think what he had would make that much of a difference. But he still gave what he had. And Jesus used that small meal to do something amazing! When we're willing to share what we have, Jesus can use that to do something bigger than we can imagine. That's why He wants us to **use what you have to help others.**"



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(1. FISH AND BREAD, CONTINUED)

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time when you saw a big need and chose to do something—even if it seemed like a small thing—to help. Maybe you made a meal for a grieving family, sent a card to someone who was sick, filled up someone’s car with gas, or ran an errand to help out. Talk about how your small act helped the person feel loved.)



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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



* 2. WHAT YOU HAVE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "What You Have Pictures" Activity Page, and brown paper bag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the cards from the "What You Have Pictures" Activity Page in the bag and shake it up.
- Set the bag on one side of your group area.
- Direct the kids to line up on the opposite side.
- Instruct the kids to take turns safely running to the bag, selecting a picture, and running back to the group with it.
- Direct the first kid in line to start the game.
- Once they return to the group, invite the kids to identify the item.
- Then, ask the kid who got the card to give an example of a way they could use that item to meet a need and show compassion.
 - See the ideas below for ways to show compassion with each item.
- Repeat with the next kid in line, and so on.
 - When a kid draws an item that's already been used, instruct them to come up with a new way they can show compassion with that item.
- Ideas for showing compassion:
 - Food: You can share your snack if a friend forgot to bring one.
 - Toy: You can let someone have a turn to play with the toy before you do.
 - Board game: You can invite someone who is all alone to play.
 - Flowers: You can bring flowers to someone who is sick.
 - Canned food: You can donate canned food to a food pantry.
 - Blanket: You can donate a blanket to a shelter.
 - Coat: You can donate coats you've outgrown to a clothes closet.
 - Smiley face: You can share a smile or tell a joke to cheer someone up.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You might not think you have much, but you can still use what you have to help. The key is to be willing to share what you have because what you have can make a big difference. And remember, it doesn't have to be something big or even something you hold in your hand. You can give your time to help someone. You can share a smile, a hug, or a high five to cheer someone up. You can use your words to build someone up and encourage them to keep going.

"Jesus showed compassion, and we can do the same by sharing what we have. When you choose to trust Jesus and offer what you have, He can use it to meet the needs of other people in a big way. Look to see the needs around you and then **use what you have to help others.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer Cards" Activity Page, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to gather in a closed circle for prayer.
- Give each kid a card from the "Prayer Cards" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Read the prayer on the card out loud to the group.
- Direct kids to write their name on the line—provide help as needed.
- Encourage the kids to pass their cards to the kid on their left and read the name—provide help as needed.
- Give the kids a few minutes to pray silently or aloud, repeating the prayer on the card as they ask God to help that kid remember to **use what you have to help others.**
- Close the group time in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are an awesome God! We know that You can take what we have and use it to help others. This week, when we see a need, help us to show compassion. Thanks for loving us and sending Jesus to show us how to love others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with their decorated fish and invite them to share with adults what the Bible Story had to do with fish.

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