



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**More Than Enough**  
Jesus Feeds 5,000  
John 6:1-13

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What do you have that you can use to help others?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to help others.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Matthew 5:16, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

### BASIC TRUTH

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## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that kids will take turns saying, "I'm going on a picnic, and I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_ to share."
  - Kids should think of something they can share with friends that begins with the letter, "A" (For example: apple pie, almonds, etc.).
  - The kid sitting to their left will then say, "I'm going on a picnic, and I'm bringing apple pie/almonds and \_\_\_\_\_ to share." They should add something they can share with friends that begins with the letter, "B" (For example: blanket or banana bread).
- Choose one kid to go first.
- Continue going around the circle in a clockwise direction, each kid adding to the phrase.
- If time allows, you could play another round, but this time with a different twist, such as "I'm going on vacation, and I'm bringing..."

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"All this picnic talk is making me hungry! It seems like this group would put together the best picnic ever! **[Transition] In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a kid who had something to share with a whole bunch of hungry people! Let's go hear more."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE**      **SOCIAL**      **STORY**      **WORSHIP**      **GROUPS**      **HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
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### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- What do you have that you can use to help others?
- Do you know someone you can help? If so, how can you help them?
- Why should you help others?
- What can stand in the way of your ability to help others?
- Why is it sometimes hard to share?

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## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Prayer Share" Activity Page, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to sit in a circle, and make sure to include yourself.
- Tell the kids to think of a prayer request.
- Explain that it could be anything they want to talk to God about.
- Maybe they have a test coming up or they need to forgive a friend.
  - Encourage kids that we all can use prayer, even if everything seems to be going well.
  - Give some suggestions of other ideas of common prayer requests that might apply to them.
- Give each kid a "Prayer Share" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Ask kids to write their name on the top line then briefly write their prayer request in the space provided.
  - Explain they should not write something they wouldn't want to share with the group.
- Once everyone has finished, tell kids to pass their papers to the person sitting on their left.
- Ask kids to rewrite their name and prayer request on the second line of the page they received.
- Repeat until every page has made it completely around the circle.
- Explain that one way we can use what we have to help others is by praying for each other.
- Share with the kids now that they have everyone's prayer requests, they can take these home and use them to pray for each other throughout the week ahead.
- Say a prayer for the entire group.

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