



MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Jesus Feeds 5,000

**MATTHEW 14:14-21;
PHILIPPIANS 2:4**

BIBLE WORDS

"Think and act as Jesus did."

PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus shows you how to love others.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and washable markers

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Jesus and His friends, the disciples. (*Draw a simple stick figure of Jesus and stick figures of the disciples.*) Jesus had been helping a lot of people all day. It had been a long day, and it was time to eat.

"Jesus told His disciples they could help the people by giving them food to eat, but the disciples only had five loaves of bread and two fish. (*Draw a picture of five loaves of bread and two fish.*) That wasn't enough food to feed 5,000 people! (*Draw lots and lots of people, either stick people or just faces.*) Jesus thanked God for the food, (*draw a picture of stick figure Jesus with the five loaves of bread and two fish*) then gave it to the disciples to give to the people. Everyone ate until their tummies were full. Jesus helped the people because He loved them. Jesus showed the disciples how to love others by helping. You can love others by helping too. **Jesus shows you how to love others."**