

## Faith At Home

Welcome to the third “Faith at Home” resource. Each week we will be sending your family a PDF like this one with a theme word, memory verse, Bible story, family devotion, and family activities.

The word of the week is **Provide!**

### Overview

**Message:** God provides what we need.

**Memory Verse:** “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.” Luke 12:31 (NLT)

### Bible Story

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand  
Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus heard what had happened to John. He wanted to be alone. So he went in a boat to a quiet place. The crowds heard about this. They followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus came ashore, he saw a large crowd. He felt deep concern for them. He healed their sick people.

When it was almost evening, the disciples came to him. “There is nothing here,” they said. “It’s already getting late. Send the crowds away. They can go and buy some food in the villages.”

Jesus replied, “They don’t need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“We have only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. Then Jesus directed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke the loaves into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples. And the disciples gave them to the people. All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces. The number of men who ate was about 5,000. Women and children also ate.

## Family Devotional

In this week's God story, we discovered that Jesus provided for people's needs. The people were hungry. They had been listening to Jesus all day without eating. The followers of Jesus had five loaves of bread and two fish, that would not be enough to feed everyone.

Imagine your family was there on the hillside listening to Jesus. Imagine you were really hungry, and you were given some of the miracle bread and fish. What would you have been thinking about? What do you think you would have seen and heard? What do you think your family would have talked about as you walked back to your home afterward?

After Jesus fed the crowd, the people went searching for him, wanting more to eat. Here's what the Bible says:

"Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day." Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me."

– John 6:34-36

What does Jesus mean when he says he is the bread of life? What did he want the people in the crowd (and us) to know about him?

## **Make Bread – Family Activity**

Look up a bread recipe in a cookbook or on the internet.

As a family follow the directions and make bread together.

## **Make 5000? – Family Challenge**

Materials:

- One Tissue per child
- One bowl per child

Have each child (or participant) taken their tissue and tear it into small bits in their bowl. Who can make the most pieces of tissue. Can anyone make more than 100? More than 5000?

## **Playdough Time – Preschool Fun**

Materials:

- Playdough
- Cookie cutters
- Any playdough tools you have

Give each child a handful of playdough and let them create some fish and bread. Give them freedom to make their bread and loaves however they want even if it doesn't look like fish and bread to you. While you have this play time talk about the story.