

Church at Home for Abridge

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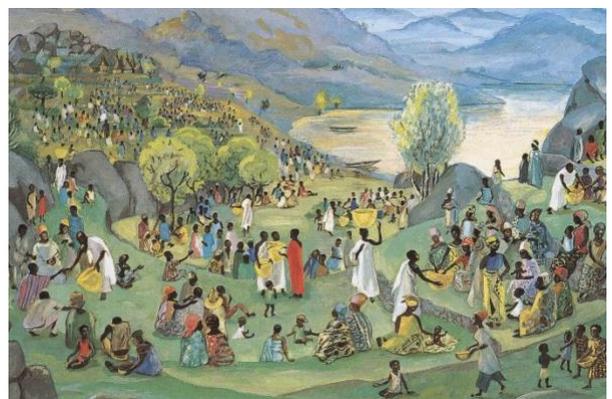
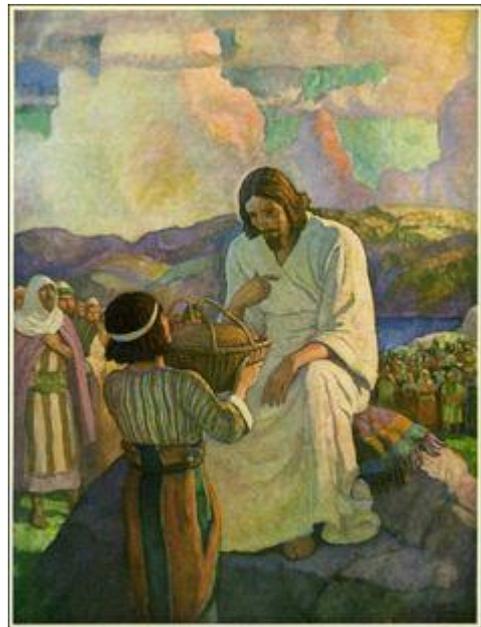
Activities for the whole family

Matthew 14: 13-21

1. [Here is a reflective story](#) version of today's Gospel to wonder about together
2. [Here is a song about the story](#) with pictures which turns into a prayer
3. [Here's the story](#) told with pictures
4. [One more catchy song](#) about this story from the child's point of view
5. **Some big thinking questions** about the story to talk about together
 - It's always sad when a relative dies and Jesus was very close to his cousin John, who had done so much to prepare the way for his ministry. How can we best support someone who is grieving like this?
 - Jesus's reaction to the presence of the crowd in that desert place is amazing. How would you have felt if this had happened to you?
 - I wonder what sort of things the disciples said to Jesus to try and persuade him to send the crowd away.
 - Jesus saw what the five loaves and two fish could become. Can you think of any ways in which God has used just a little in your experience to become a big blessing to a large number?
 - I wonder if the crowd ever knew how great a miracle had just taken place.
6. **Here is an activity** linked to the story

Using a few bread rolls or slices of bread share them round your household so that everyone can have a go at breaking one up into small, bite-size chunks. How many pieces do you have now, and so how many people would have just a taste? Even including the fish, it would hardly feed many people. But, according to the story, there was more than this left behind at the end! What Jesus blesses and breaks is always enough for all.

Collect all the pieces you have broken up onto a plate and pass this around as you pray, each taking a piece to eat after each prayer for: those who don't have enough to eat today; those who are sad because someone has died recently; those needing healing today; those who feel far from home today. As you eat the pieces, pray that Jesus, who once described himself as the bread of life, will give them strength, healing, inspiration and comfort.



7. Here is a picture of the story to decorate and colour

