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Fish for Dinner?

Read John 6:1-13

This is such a cool story about Jesus feeding over 5,000 unexpected dinner guests! What's even cooler is that it's a true story!!! Let's get started....

People had been hearing about this Jesus person's teachings, and the miracles he did healing sick people. Word got around pretty quickly even though this was long before cell phones and social media!

Jesus saw the large crowd approaching, and even though he knew what he was about to do, he asked Philip where they could buy bread to feed everyone. Can you imagine how worried Philip might have felt at that moment?

COULDA, SHOULDA, WOULDA - let's pause for a minute here.. Jesus **coulda** just said the word, and food for all appeared or made the people's hunger go away. Maybe some people thought he **shoulda** done it that way, it **woulda** certainly have been a lot faster. But instead, Jesus let the people feel hungry, let the disciples learn how badly they needed Jesus to help them solve the problem! And to top it all off, Jesus used a young boy's small offer of what he had in his dinner basket as part of this awesomely huge miracle!!

This just blows my mind! Jesus took the little bit the boy had in his basket and not only fed **over** 5,000 people but had left overs!! Let that sink in a bit...think about how that is the same for us today....how when we trust Jesus & give him the little bit we have, even when we can't image how he is going to help us, even when we are afraid...how much he wants to give us what we need and MORE!

One other cool thing, the next day Jesus uses that experience to teach the disciples even more! That story starts in John 6:25-35, but I'm gonna focus on John 6:35 when Jesus says, "**I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes in me shall never thirst**". So amazing! Everytime you see or eat bread, think about this. I so love how the Bible gives us these stories to help us learn! Remember to ask questions! Ask your family who might be doing this with you, your Pastor or Kids church teacher...you could even contact the church! Questions are a great way to keep filling your basket with truth that you understand !

What are some things you can pray to and trust Jesus with this week?

John 6:1-13 King James Version (KJV)

6 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.