

Jesus Is The Bread of Life

KEY THEME

• Jesus is God.

KEY PASSAGES

• John 6:1–11, 6:26–27,
6:33–35

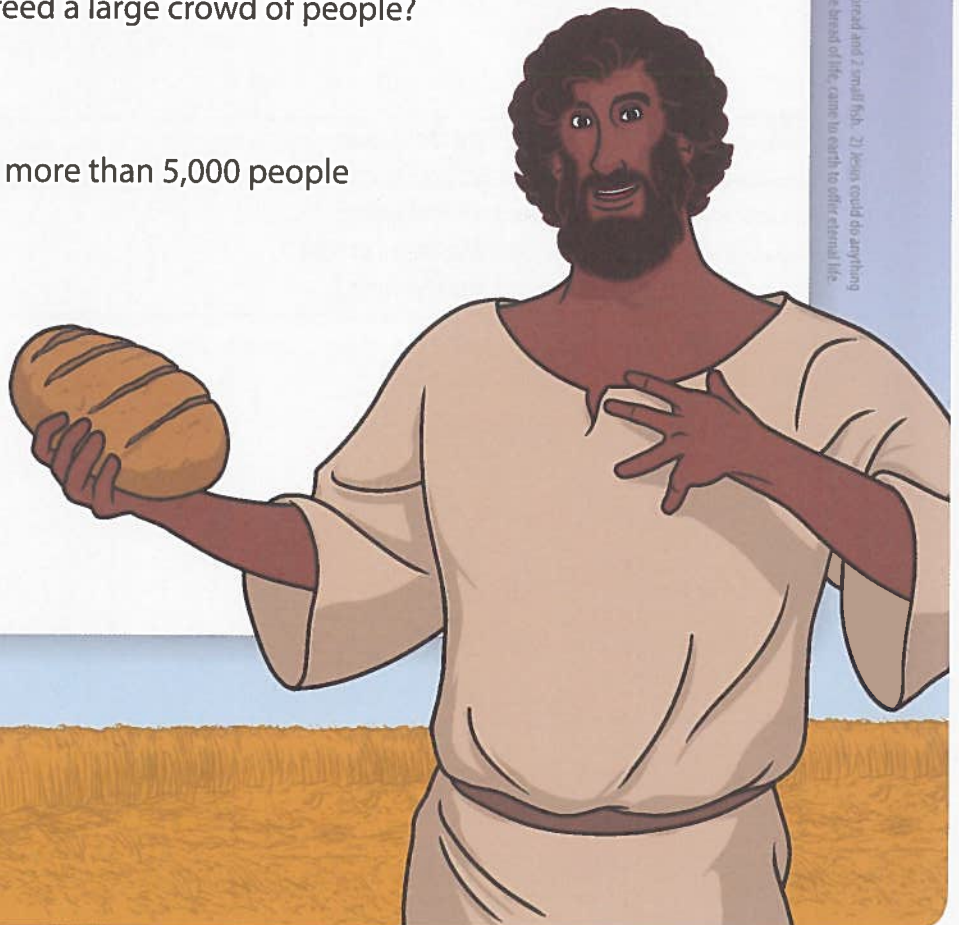


What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- Jesus miraculously multiplied a few loaves of bread and some fish to feed more than 5,000 people.
- Jesus is the bread of life because He brings eternal life. He is the true bread from heaven, and He is necessary for life.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 What did Jesus multiply to feed a large crowd of people?
- 2 How was Jesus able to feed more than 5,000 people with so little?
- 3 What kind of bread came down from heaven to offer eternal life for people?



1) A small bunch of 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish. 2) Jesus could do anything because He is God. 3) Jesus, the bread of life, came to earth to offer eternal life.

Read the Word

Monday {John 6:2}

Why was a great multitude following Jesus?

Tuesday {John 6:13}

How many baskets full of leftovers did the disciples gather up?

Wednesday {John 6:27}

Jesus said to seek the food that endures. Who gives us that food?

Thursday {John 6:35}

Who is the bread of eternal life?

Friday {John 6:47-48}

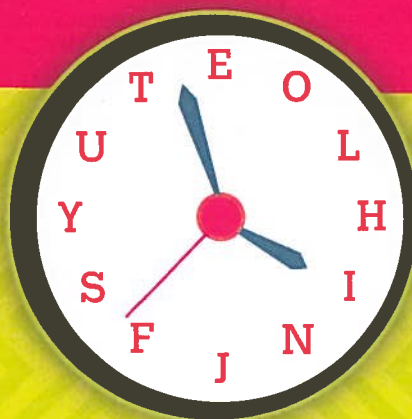
What kind of life does Jesus offer?

Saturday {John 17:3}

Who must we know to gain eternal life? Do you have this verse memorized?

Learn the Word

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.



And $\frac{\quad}{11} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{8}$ is

eternal $\frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{12}$,

that $\frac{\quad}{11} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{\quad}{12} \frac{\quad}{9}$ may

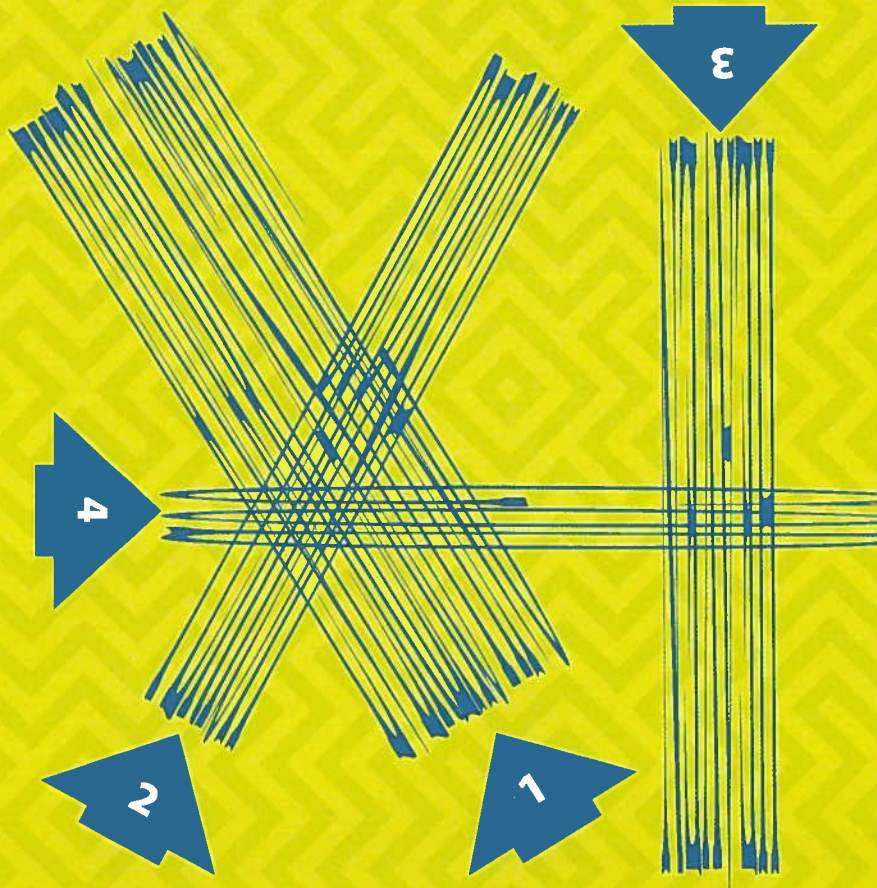
know You, the $\frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{9}$ true God, and

$\frac{\quad}{6} \frac{\quad}{12} \frac{\quad}{8} \frac{\quad}{10} \frac{\quad}{8}$ Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3

HE WHO GIVES LIFE Use the puzzle to find the answers to the questions below. (Hint: Hold the puzzle about chin level and tilt it slightly downward. Let your eyes follow the direction that the arrows are pointing. See the verses listed for help.)

1. Jesus said the people should work for _____ food. (John 6:27)
2. Jesus said not to work for food which will _____. (John 6:27)
3. Jesus is the bread of life who came down from _____. (John 6:33)
4. Jesus could multiply the loaves and fish because He is _____.



FEEDING FIVE THOUSAND

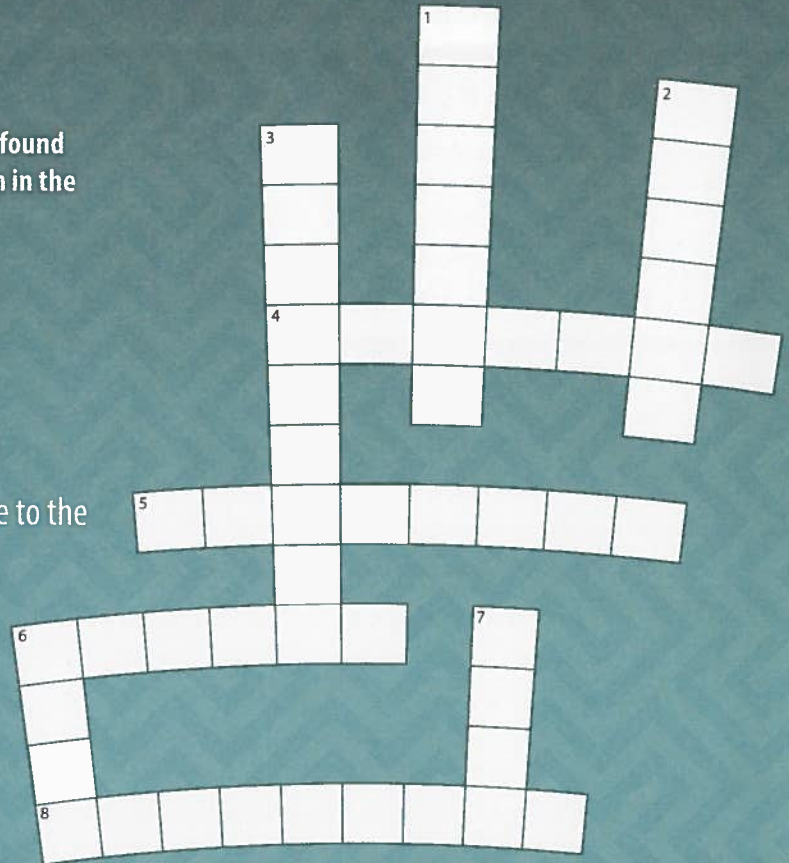
Fill in the missing words from today's lesson. Answers can be found in John 6:3–11. Or use the Word Bank for help. Then put them in the crossword puzzle in the right location.

Across

4. Jesus _____ God for the loaves and fish.
5. Jesus went up on the _____ to sit with His disciples.
6. Everyone ate until they were _____.
8. He gave the bread and fish to the _____ to distribute to the crowd.

Down

1. Jesus alone offers _____ life.
2. Andrew brought Him a young boy's lunch with five _____ loaves and two small fish.
3. When He looked up, Jesus saw a great _____ coming.
6. Jesus wanted to _____ all the people.
7. Jesus said He is the bread of _____.



WORD BANK: Disciples, Feed, Filled, Eternal, Barley, Mountain, Thanked, Life, Multitude



LIVE the Word

Suppose your friend thinks everyone will go to heaven since Jesus died on the Cross for the whole world. **What could you say?**

Jesus came to earth in order to give His own flesh to be sacrificed on the Cross, to give life to the world. He gave His precious, sinless life for the lives of sinners everywhere. But not everyone has accepted or believed His offer of eternal life. Many people rejected Jesus when He was living on this earth. They refused to believe He was who He said He was—the Messiah, the bread of life sent by the Father. And still today, many reject Jesus as Lord, as God, as the way, the truth, and the life. He said that no one comes to the Father except through Him. He gave His life for those who would come to Him in humility, repentance, and faith for the forgiveness of their sins. Only those who have done that can have eternal life, be saved from the punishment of sin, and go to heaven.

SNEAK PEEK

Are you ready for a fun review of what you've been learning? Come next week, ready to take part!

HomeWord

For Parents

Jesus's life was characterized by miracles, service, compassion, teaching, and truth. One event that demonstrated all these characteristics was when Jesus fed the 5,000. Jesus had been teaching, and a great multitude followed Him. Upon seeing the crowd, Jesus had compassion on them and wanted to feed them. There was no money, but Jesus had a plan. He knew what was to happen. A boy had five barley loaves and two small fish. Jesus took this food, gave thanks to God, and fed the entire crowd! Not only that, but 12 baskets were filled with the leftovers (John 6:1–14).

The crowds continued to follow Jesus (John 6:24). But Jesus knew that they were captivated, not by Him, but by His miracles. They must have been puzzled when He said, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him" (John 6:27).

What food would be available that would provide eternal life? Where would they get that bread? What bread would come down from heaven? And what bread can give life to the world? And again, Jesus startled them when He said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:34–35).

Jesus was not referring to physical life or to bread that perishes, He was referring to eternal life and spiritual bread that will never perish. Jesus is the living bread of life which has come down from heaven. He gives spiritual life; that is why He came. He is the only source of life. He gave His sinless life for the life of sinners everywhere—sinners who would one day come to Him in humility, repentance, and faith for the forgiveness of their sins.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord

For Family Discussion

Suppose a friend told you that he thought Jesus feeding the 5,000 wasn't really a miracle, but that it probably happened because the people just started sharing what they had brought. **What could you say?**

The Bible is God's Word. It's true. God doesn't lie. There is no mention in the Bible of anyone sharing food except the little boy who provided the five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus fed the 5,000 beginning with only that. He thanked God and distributed the food to the disciples who distributed it to the people. The people ate until they were full, and there were 12 baskets of leftovers! Jesus taught a lesson here. There is food that perishes—like bread and fish. We eat, but we get hungry again. But there is food that leads to everlasting life. This is food that brings spiritual life to souls. Jesus is the bread of life. His bread is His words, His life, His truth. Everyone who feasts on these things will never "hunger" again but will have everlasting life.

inWord

For Family Study

"Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight" (Psalm 119:77).
God wants His Law to be the delight of your family. Teach it to them. Memorize it together.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

