

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?”
John 6:9

Little Becomes More Than Enough With God

Jesus had been teaching the people for hours. Can you imagine thousands of people crowded as close as possible to hear the Master teacher? They clung to every word, hardly daring to move so as not to lose their position or miss a word.

The day grew long and yet the people stayed. Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them a question, “How will we buy bread to feed all these people?” Although Jesus asked the disciples this question, He already knew the answer. But he wanted to see how the disciples would respond.

They were incredulous! Did Jesus mean for them to come up with enough money to buy bread for all these people? Philip exclaimed, “It would take a fortune to feed all these people!” But in the meantime, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, must have been searching the crowd for an answer. He stepped closer to Jesus, “There is a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish” he told Jesus hesitantly. Though his faith had located the food, doubt made him say, “But what is that among so many?”


That little bit of faith was all that Jesus needed. He gave instructions to his disciples on how to organize the group and before the day was over, 5,000 men plus women and children were fed- with just five barley loaves and two small fish! Not only that, but there were twelve basketfuls left over. Amazing!

How many blessings have been missed because we hesitate to offer what seems insignificant to us? Think about this: a nail is a very small part of a building, and yet without it, the walls can't hold together. Remember that God has given you an important part in the building of His kingdom. Just place yourself in the hands of Jesus and see what He will do!

Family Prayer: “Lord, sometimes what I have to give seems so little that I hesitate to offer it to You. Help me to understand that even a small offering on my part can bring wonderful results when I place it in Your hands. After all, it's not about me, but what You want to do through me. In Jesus' Name!”



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Family
Activities



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Looking



Inward

Relay game

Place a large basket of "fish and loaves" at the center of the playing area (use fish-shaped crackers and pretzel logs). Give each team a serving spoon and a basket. Divide into 2 teams. Have teams line up in the playing area with players on each team standing one behind the other. At the word "go" the first players from each team must walk fast with their spoon to the "fish and loaves" basket, scoop the "fish and loaves" into their spoon and return to their team to dump the "fish and loaves" into their team's basket. Players then hand the spoon to the next player in line. Play continues until the large "fish and loaves basket" is emptied. The team with the most "fish and loaves" wins. However, the winning team must share their extra bounty with the other teams so that all teams have an equal amount. Then have the teams sit down and eat.

Let's talk

Why do you think Jesus chose this particular boy? Have you ever put yourself in a position for God to do something big in your life? Discuss how each person is used differently by God. How can you encourage each other as a family to step out by faith to fulfill the plan God has for your lives?

S.A.F.E. HOMES Scrapbook Update

What miracles has God worked in your family? In your church family? Devote a page to writing down brief testimonies that you have witnessed lately.



Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

In John 6:5-14, Jesus already knew how He was going to feed the people. Why did He ask Philip where to buy bread?

Did Jesus answer Andrew's doubt?

Just like the young boy in John 6, we all have something we can offer in service to the Kingdom of God. Let's take a look at the parable of the talents.

Read Matthew 25:14 - 30

According to verse 15, how were the talents given out?

What did each man do with their talents?

Why did the man with the 1 talent say he was afraid?

Read Luke 19:12 - 27

Ten men were given a pound each. For every pound the servants gained, what did the nobleman give them in return?

What did the nobleman do with the servant's pound that was hidden in a napkin?

Why was the hidden pound given to the servant that already had 10 pounds?

Hidden Message

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BASKETFULS

BREAD

CHILDREN

CROWD

DISCIPLES

FISH

FORTUNE

GROUP

INCREDULOUS

JESUS

MASTER

PEOPLE

TEACHING

THOUSANDS

WOMEN

From 5 loaves and 2 fish, Jesus fed them all!

