LESSON 20

FEEDING THE PEOPLE

John 6:1-13

Jesus and the disciples were tired after being very busy doing God's work. They left the crowds and crossed to the other side of the lake by boat. The people found out where they were and followed them. Jesus felt sorry for them, because he knew that they had come a long way, so he taught them.

Even though the day was nearly over, the people still did not go home. So Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. He had five loaves of bread and two fish which a boy had brought with him. Jesus gave thanks to God for the food, broke the bread and fish into pieces and gave them to his disciples to give to the people.

Everyone had enough to eat, and twelve baskets of left-over food were gathered up. Through this wonderful miracle that God helped Jesus do, more than five thousand people were fed.

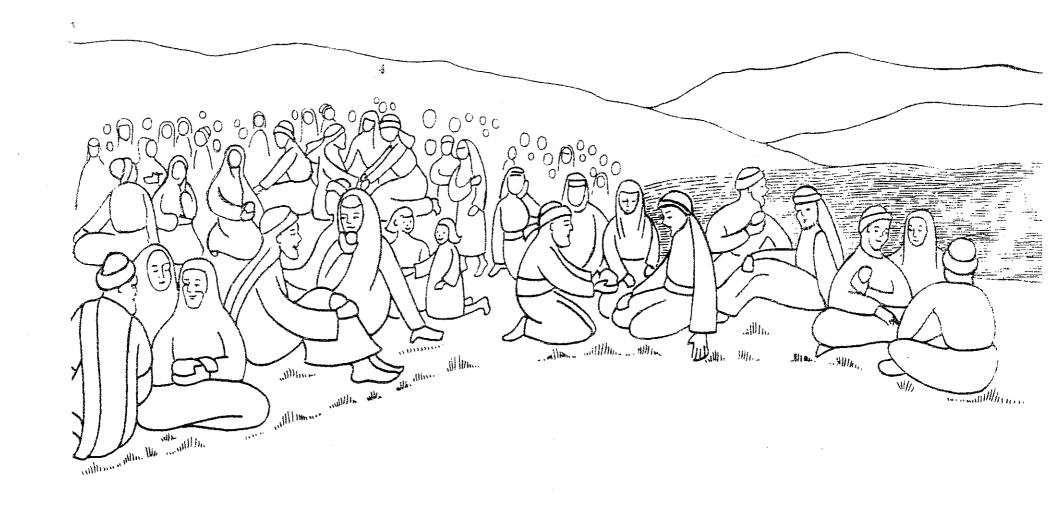
ACTIVITY

Cut two fish from aluminium foil and five loaves from textured paper. Glue onto the grass. Colour the illustration.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a basket from a covered margarine container. Staple on a cardboard or string handle. Make two fish (cardboard, paper, etc) and five loaves (foam, scones, cardboard, etc), and place in the basket.

Collect twelve containers and count them out with the class to show how many baskets of food were left over.



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Thank You for the food we eat.