

2-3 Year Olds

Bible Story: Jesus Uses a Boy's Lunch, pp. 310-313

Topic: The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

Memory Verse: "Jesus . . . went about doing good," Acts 10:38

Group Activity: Children pass a "bread slice" around a circle until the music stops. That child places the "bread" in the basket.

Children help the Leader place the pictures of the story in order

Songs:

Special Snack Idea: NONE

Art: Brown construction paper basket 5 loaves and 2 fish (1 set per child)	Children color fish and bread and then glue the 5 loaves and 2 fish into their basket
Blocks: 5 small plastic bags stuffed with paper and closed with rubberbands 1 bucket or bin	Children play a toss game called "Let's Catch Fish for Lunch"
Home Living: Orange or Pumpkin colored play dough Rolling Pin Mini Loaf Pan	Children pretend to make bread by "kneading play dough, rolling it out, and placing it in the mini loaf pans "Bake" it in the play oven
Puzzles/Games: Sequencing Game: place pictures in story order Bread and Fish for Everyone Puzzle Wooden Boy or Girl Puzzle	Teachers help children play with puzzles and games
Nature/Science: Heavy Cream Loaf of Bread Baby Food Jars with lids 5 Plastic Knives	Children make homemade butter by shaking cream in the jars. They spread it on the bread and eat it for their snack
Books: <u>The Rainbow Fish</u> <u>Just a Bad Day</u> <u>Bread, Bread, Bread</u> <u>What Mommies Do Best</u> *Mother's Day <u>Don't Wake Up Mommy</u> *Mother's Day	Teacher and children read the story books

Jesus Uses a Boy's Lunch

Children's Discovery Bible

pp. 310-313

Jesus wanted to talk to His helpers alone. So He took them up a hill, but soon many other people followed them. These people came from towns all around. They had seen Jesus make people well. They wanted to hear Him talk about God. Jesus loved the people and wanted to help them. So He began to teach them about God.

After a while, it was time for supper, but there was no town close to them. The people began to get hungry. Jesus talked to one of His helpers, "Philip, where can we buy food for all of these people?" Philip said, "It would take too much money. We can't buy food for all these people. We should send them home."

Then Andrew came to Jesus. He was also one of Jesus' helpers. Andrew said, "Here is a boy with a lunch he is willing to share. But he only has five small rolls of bread and two small fish. That won't be enough food for everyone. There are more than five thousand people here!" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down on the grass." Then He thanked God for the food and broke the bread and fish into pieces.

Jesus' helpers passed out the pieces of bread and fish, and there was enough food for everyone. When everyone was finished, Jesus told His helpers "Gather the leftover food." So the helpers picked up the leftovers. They filled twelve baskets!

The people knew that Jesus was special. Now they saw more of His special power. With one little boy's lunch, Jesus fed more than five thousand people!

Bible story from John 6:1-14