



Wildlife – *The New Testament*

Session 7: Filled Full

Teaching Point: In Wildlife, the Monkeys have been working their way through the New Testament of the 'Jesus Storybook Bible'. They are currently up to learning about Jesus' miracles, and this week is all about how Jesus fed 5,000 people!

Introduction

Do you remember what story you did last week in Monkeys? Did it have something to do with the sea? And maybe a storm? And a boat? Who was on the boat do you think? Jesus and his disciples! And when the waves got biiiiiig, and being in the boat got scary in the storm, can you remember what happened? [Jesus calmed the storm! Wasn't that so cool! God is so powerful that He can control even the seas!]

The story this week is all about another amazing thing that Jesus did! The name we give to these cool things that Jesus did is 'miracle'. And today's miracle is all about food! Mmmm, who likes food? What's your favourite food? Is it chocolate? Or sweets? Or maybe chicken nuggets?

Story

Read the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 in **The Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 244 – 249**. Or, if you don't have it then here's a video that summarises the story!

[Saddleback Video of Jesus Feeding the 5,000! \[Link at the bottom!\]](#)

So, the miracle in this story was that God took a little boy's lunch – which was only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, and somehow it fed all the 5,000+ people!? Crazy isn't it! I wish my food did that! The key step here, as in all of Jesus' miracles, is that Jesus prayed to God. Just like last week when Jesus prayed and the storm stopped, so this week Jesus prayed and there was loads more food!

This means that if God can do miracles like making more food for people listening to Jesus to eat, he can do anything! God is the creator of the world! He is the one in control! And it also shows us how important praying to Jesus is! Talking to God and giving him all of our worries (like everything being different at the moment due to Coronavirus), telling him we're sorry and thanking God for everything he has given us. It's so important to talk to God! And whenever or wherever we pray, God is always listening!



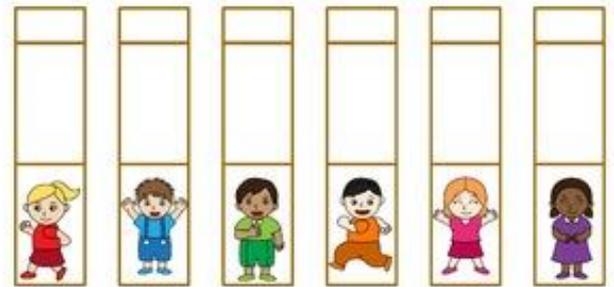
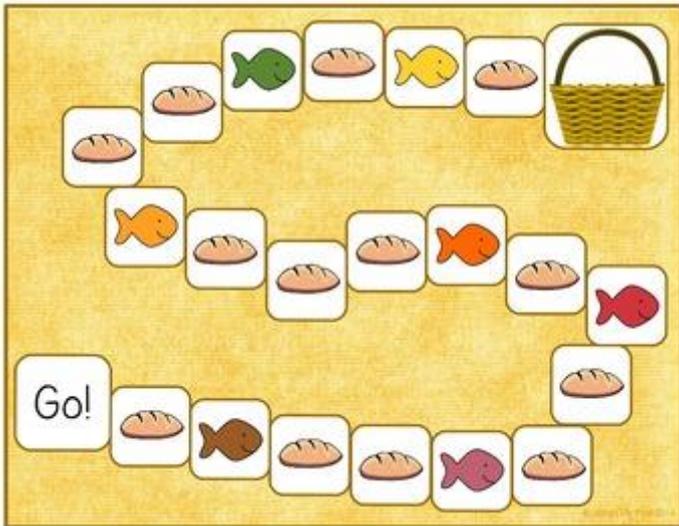
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Game – Loaves and Fish

Teaching Point: This is a board game that you can play with your Monkeys! You will need to draw some loaves and fish cards, before then printing out the game tokens to use (or you could make your own!)

This is a board game all about counting and collecting food. Use the counters to mark where everyone is on the board! They must roll the dice and then move themselves that many spaces along the path of loaves and fish. Whatever they land on they collect and keep.

The aim of the game is to have the most food when reaching the basket (the finish)!



Game tokens: Cut out, fold along lines, and tape or glue to make standing tokens for game.
You can also use other small manipulative objects as tokens.

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Activity:

Use the activity sheet below to guide you in this activity! Why don't you have a go at making the loaves and fish talked about in the story. You could make them out of playdough, or lego, or even just draw/paint them!

Do you remember how many of each there were? 3 loaves of bread and 2 fish! What kind of fish do you think they were? Maybe a shiny Mackerel, or a pink Salmon?

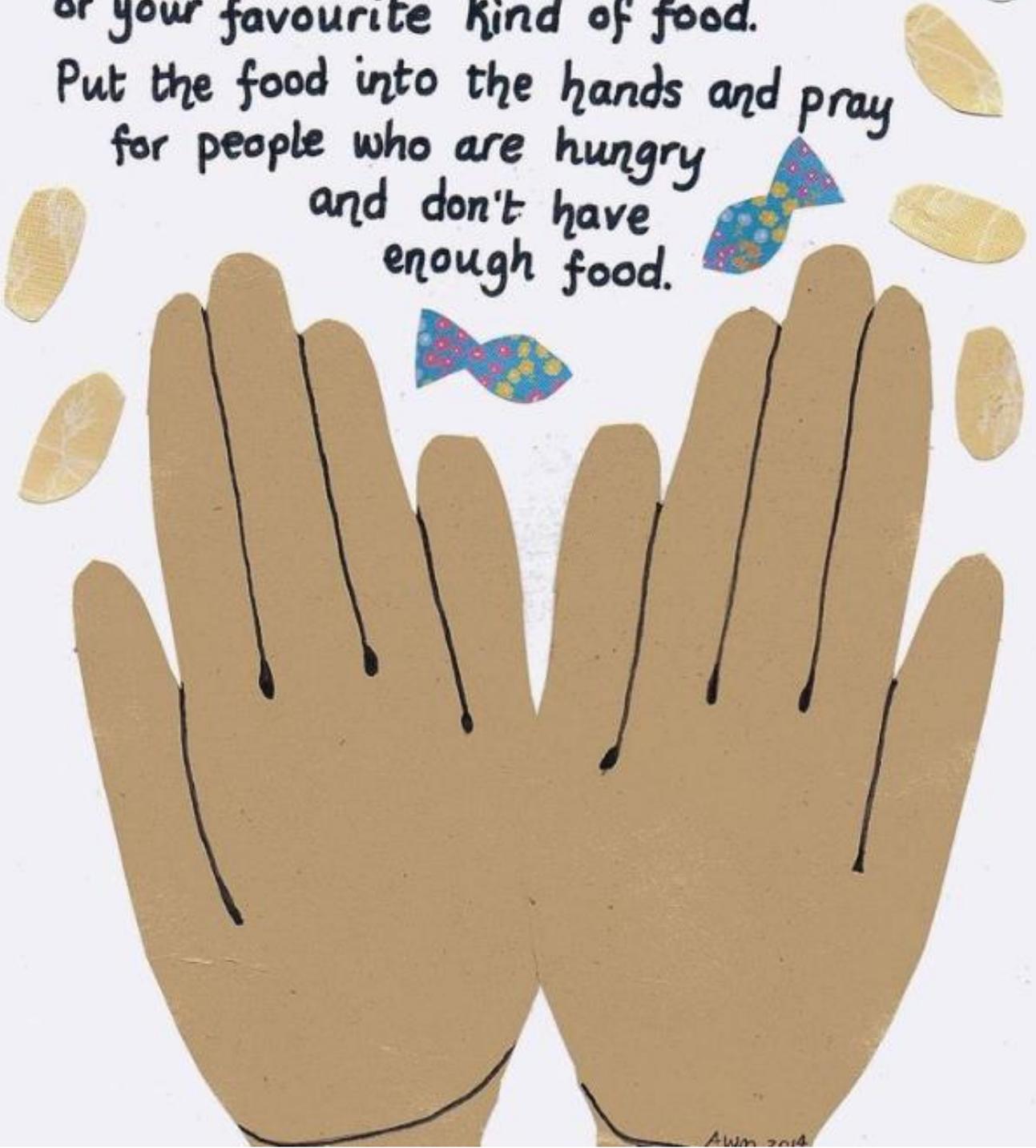
Or you could make/draw/paint your favourite food! What would that be? Maybe fish fingers? Or chicken nuggets? Oooh what about cake? Or chocolate? So many tasty foods!!



Feeding the 500

Use play dough to make loaves, fish or your favourite kind of food.

Put the food into the hands and pray for people who are hungry and don't have enough food.





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Links:

Video of Jesus Feeding the 5,000 -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>



Extra Activity Sheet: Have a go at colouring in this worksheet of the little boy giving his lunch to Jesus to share!

