

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of January 29, 2023



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5th grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging activities, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week.

Contact Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director, for more information. kschmucker@faithumchurch.org

Welcome to Wonder

Wonder Table - Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.

Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story – Mark 2:13-17.

Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout.

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you to access 1000's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to

make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

This week's video is Celebrate Wonder Winter 2022/2023 Session 8 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand.

SAY: This month we are learning about important people who believed in Jesus. In this week's Bible story, Jesus will feed a huge number of people.

WONDER: What is the most people you have ever eaten with? Can you count to five thousand?

PRAY: Dear God, help us know we can count on you and to know you are always enough. Amen.

Bread and Fish

Supplies: Page 8A, crayons, scissors

- Invite everyone to count and color the bread and fish.
- Cut out the pieces.

Use the loaves of bread and fish to help you retell the Bible story.

I Can Help

Supplies: Page 8B, crayons or colored pencils

- Hand a copy of "I Can Help" to each child.

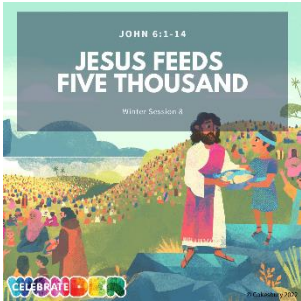
SAY: In the Bible story, a young boy helps Jesus perform a miracle. On your page, write or draw pictures of ways you can help others.

A Snack to Share

Supplies: snack-sized plastic bags, goldfish crackers, stick pretzels, label/stickers, bowls, scoops or tongs, markers Stick a label or sticker on a plastic bag for each child. Place the goldfish and pretzels in separate bowls with a scoop or tongs for serving.

SAY: In the Bible story, the young boy shared what he had. Let's make a special snack that we can share with someone to remind them of God's love.

- Begin by washing hands or using hand sanitizer.
- Invite the children use markers to write a special message like "God Loves You" on the sticker on their bag.
- Encourage the children to scoop out goldfish and pretzels into their bags.
- Close the bags and encourage the children to share their snack with someone else.
- Pray and enjoy a snack together.



Believe

To know in your heart what is true about God and faith.



SHARE the Faith Word: BELIEVE

Our faith word is BELIEVE: To know in your heart what is true about God and faith. What do you think the word believe means? What is something you know about God?

WONDER together:

- Did the disciples believe in Jesus in the Bible story? Who believed?
- What food would you share with five thousand people?
- How did Jesus feed that many people?
- How do you think the young boy felt after sharing his lunch?
- Where do you see yourself in this story?

Examine the Bible Verse

Our February Bible verse is John 6:14b. Let's find it in our Bibles.

ASK: Is the Book of John in the Old or New Testament? (New).

Where is the Book of John located in the New Testament? (fourth book)

In what chapter of John is our verse located? (16)

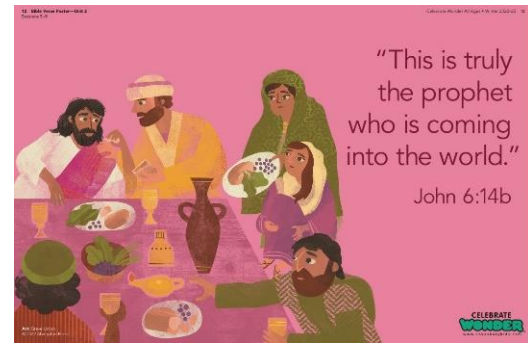
What is the verse number? (4)

SAY: The Bible story is found in the Book of John, which is one of the Gospels.

• Read the Bible Verse together.

SAY: Jesus' baptism is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus is a prophet for God.

ASK: What is a prophet? Why do we believe in Jesus?



Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- Bread and Fish, I Can Help, A Crowd of 5000 Coloring Page, Believe Coloring Page

Spiritual Practice – Exploring Belief Through Connection

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us be present with God. This month, we are going to practice encouraging one another in our beliefs.

ASK: Are you a helper? What are ways you help others?

SAY: We can all help in different ways. In the Bible story a young boy helps by sharing his lunch.

- Go around and have each child say, "I can help by..."
- After each child shares, the other children can respond with, "Thank you for helping."
- Let each child have a turn.

PRAY: God, show us ways we can help teach others about you. Amen.

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 2:13-17

Read the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 together. Every time you hear the number "5,000," shout it!

Wonder: Who do you relate to in this story? What does this story teach us about Jesus?

Do: Pack lunches for people who might be experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. Include things that will keep like canned tuna, peanut butter crackers, nuts, and veggie chips or straws. Pack the food in brown paper bags and write encouraging messages of God's love on the bags. Share the lunches with anyone you see that is in need.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for using people like us to share your love and greatness with the world. Help us to always share what we have. Amen.

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Liturgical Calendar Prayer Beads

A Liturgical Calendar is a calendar focused on special worship experiences.

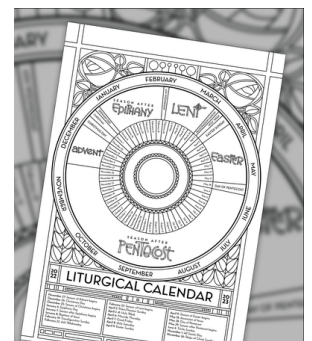
The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Christian Year.

The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and lasts for 12 days.

The Day of Epiphany is January 6. The Baptism of Jesus is remembered on January 8.

Stop by the church on Sunday or Wednesday to add your beads to your liturgical prayer beads!

Contact Kathy Schmucker or Kristin Krach for more information!



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Jesus Feeds Five Thousand – John 6:1-14

What do you pack in your lunch? What do you eat for dinner? Have you ever shared your food with someone else? Could you share your meal with a crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*)?

There was a time when Jesus was teaching. A crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) gathered to hear Jesus' words. But the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) were very hungry. They were grumbling for food to hold them over. Unfortunately, there was no food to be found. The disciples and Jesus wondered what to do.

One disciple spotted a kid in the crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*). The boy came forward with his lunch, but when the disciples looked at his food, he only had five loaves and two fish. How would this feed the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*)?

Jesus told the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) not to worry. There was plenty of food for each person in the crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*). After all 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) had eaten, there was even extra food. This meal was a miracle, and all 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) were amazed and believed in Jesus.

Family Spiritual Practice

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A Crowd of 5,000 – Coloring Page

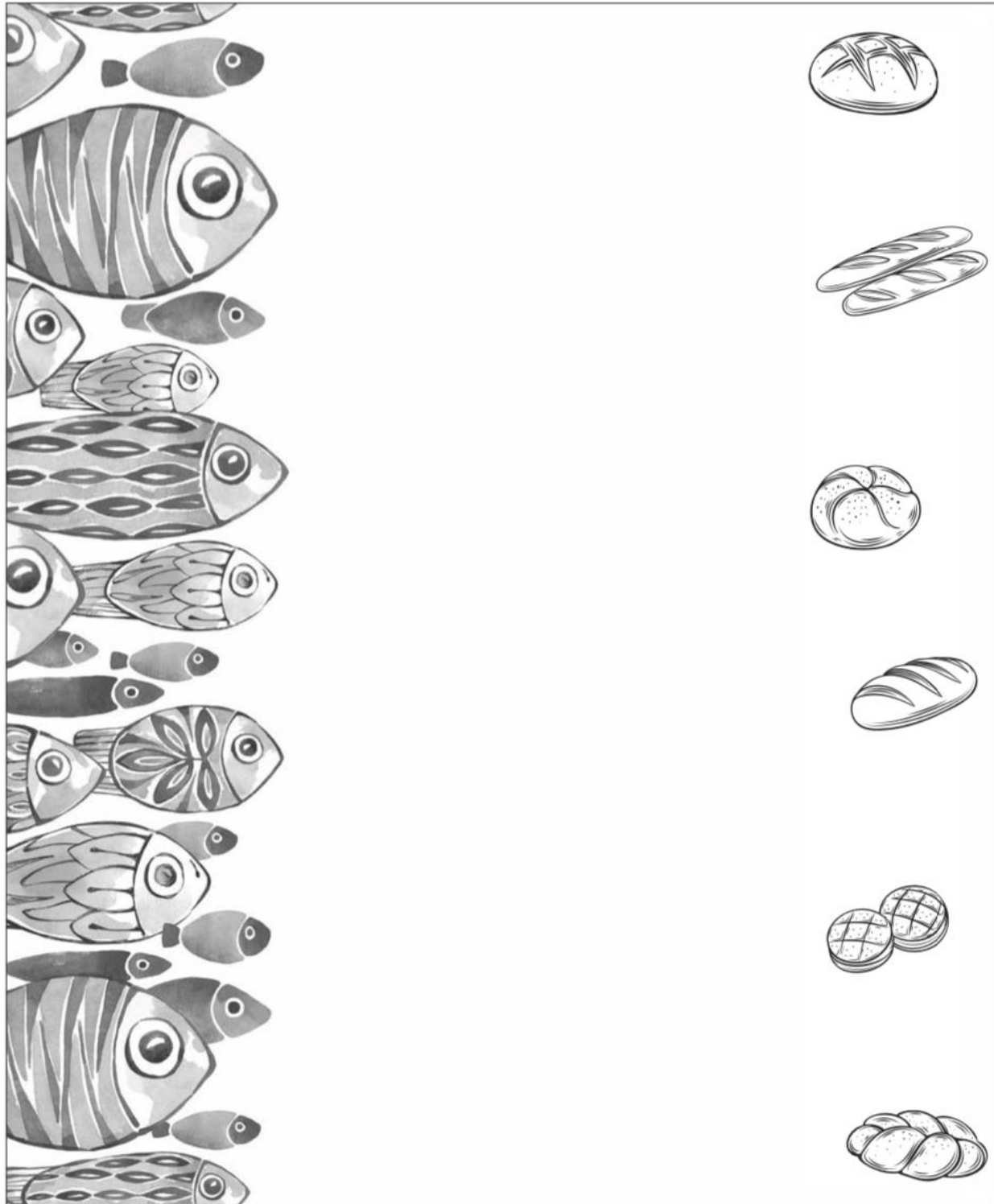
In the Bible story, there were 5,000 people in the crowd. What do you think the people looked like? Draw the people on the page, and color the picture.



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I Can Help – Journaling

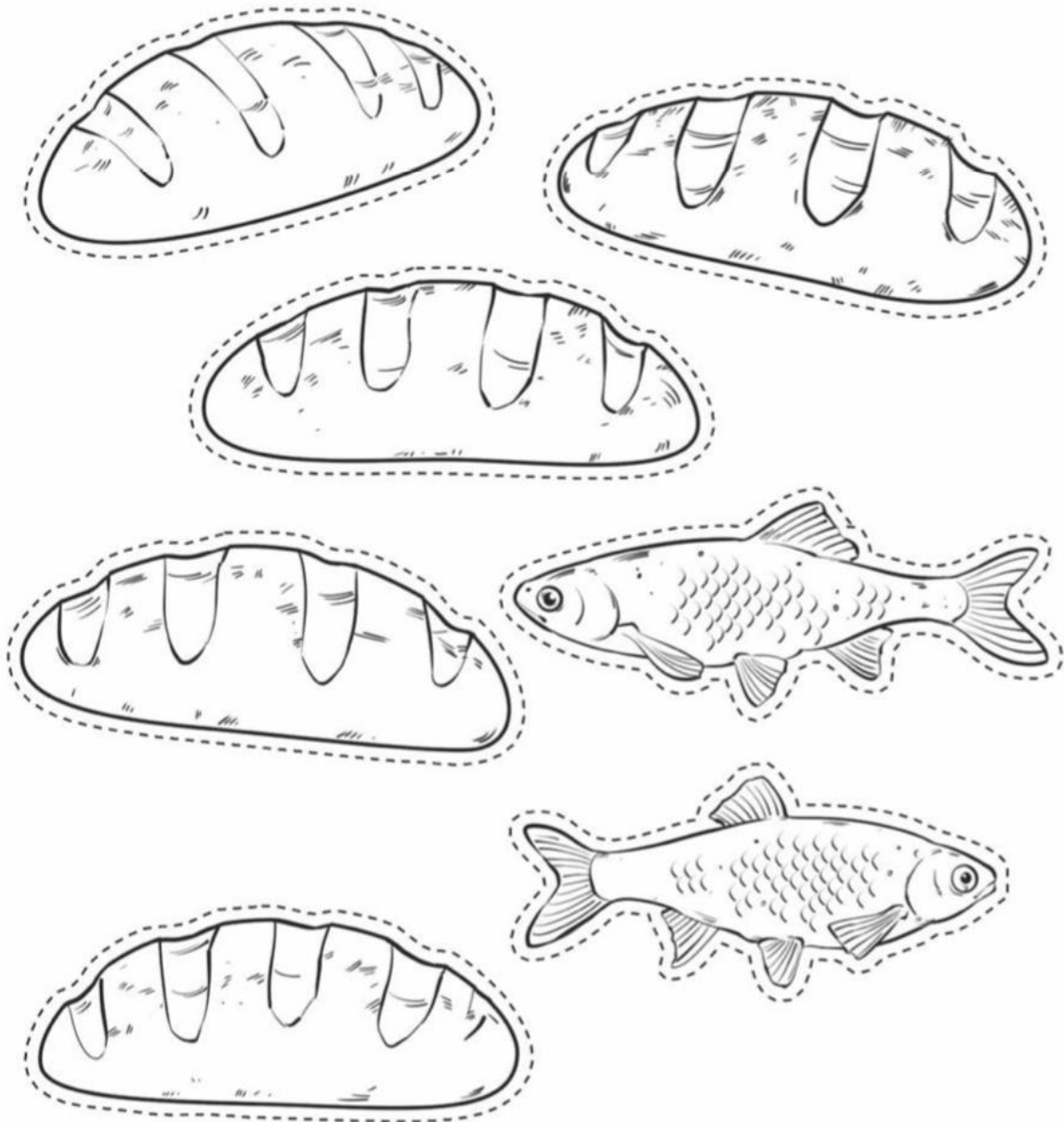
The young boy in the story helped Jesus and the disciples by sharing his lunch. Write or draw ways you can help others.



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Bread and Fish – Counting

Color the fish and loaves. Count the fish. Count the loaves. Cut out the fishes and loaves to help you tell the Bible story.



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Believe – Faith Word Coloring Page

Our faith word for this month is *believe*. Believe means to know in your heart what is true about God and faith. What do you know in your heart about God? Think about the word *believe* as you color the page.

