

## **MIRACLES OF JESUS – THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND**

**Teaching point:** God provides for us

**Games: Flap the fish:** Divide the children into teams and have a relay race. Using cut-out fish, each child takes turns to flap a fish along the floor, to the end of the hall using just a newspaper or piece of card. They are not allowed to touch the fish but have to waft it.

**Bread:** Give the children the following instructions and see how quickly they can complete the actions: *French stick* – Stretch up straight; *Toast* - Jump up (out of toaster); *Roll* – Curl up into a ball; *Bagel* – Spin round and round; *Crumbs* – Fall down on the floor; *Loaf* – Get into groups of 3 with hands on shoulders.

**Introduction:** Play a game of hangman using the words “God provides for us.”

**Story:** Matthew 14 verses 13 – 21: The feeding of the five thousand.  
Act out the story using simple props or use the powerplay in resources.

**Application:** In our story, the disciples wanted to send everyone home to get some food but Jesus knew that God could and would provide. Just as Jesus was able to feed 5000 people with only a small amount of food, so God loves to provide for all our needs – we just need to ask Him. Give a short testimony.

**Memory verse:** “God generously gives us everything for our enjoyment.”

1 Timothy 6 verse 17b: Have a sack of fun items eg giant sunglasses, hats etc with a word of the memory verse stuck on each one. Sit in a circle and as in “pass the parcel” when the music stops, the person holding the sack takes an item and wears it, having said the word on it out loud. Once the sack is empty, give the children 20 seconds to get up and sort the words of the verse into the correct order, reading from left to right!

**Prayer:** Use the prayer circle and pass round something like a small cross or a teddy. If the children choose to pray out loud they only do so when holding the item. Encourage them to thank God for something He’s given them.

**Song:** “Great Big God” track 1 from Great Big God CD by Vineyard Music

**Final Game:** Pick a favourite Kingsquad game from this year.

**Resources:** There is a powerplay and a fun sheet in the resources section