

# Jesus Feeds the Hungry: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** Jesus blesses what I give Him.

**SuperVerse:** *God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need.* 2 Corinthians 9:10 (CEV)

**Bible Story:** John 2:1-12; Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-13

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Today, we will learn about what amazing thing happens when we are willing to give what we have to God to use for His purpose. Through God's power and provision, we can overcome anything!

- Superbook takes the kids back to the wedding of Cana. The wedding feast is nearly ruined when they run out of wine, but Jesus intervenes and through a miracle, changes water into wine. Superbook then takes the kids to witness Jesus feeding a crowd of over five thousand people by multiplying a few fish and five loaves of bread into a feast.
- In the Bible Background video, we'll learn more about the time and places that Jesus performed His miracles.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

**Game:** On the Increase (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Give freely and receive more to give.

- No matter how generously we give, God gives us more. He is the source of all good things and will return more back to us in more ways than we could ever imagine; His supplies are endless!

**Game Instructions:**

- The first players take a marble and put it on their plates. The players then roll the marble from the plate to the next players' plates and so on down the entire line. The last player carefully carries the marble on his/her plate to the beginning of the line and all players move down one position.

**Teaching:** Things are Looking Up! (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss Jesus' miracle to feed the crowd.

- The word blessed is used a lot in many different circumstances. And, it can be confusing to understand. To be blessed means to be fully satisfied and to live in God's favor.

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- For our second challenge, read the verse and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with God's love to give you the strength to forgive others—especially those who you don't get along with or have possibly mistreated or offended you. By forgiving, you are doing what Jesus asks and God will delight in forgiving you. Strive to continually do this instead of holding on to an offense.

**SuperVerse:** Before or After (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God multiplies what we give to provide for and bless others. It was impossible for the young boy to feed the crowd with his bread and fish without Jesus performing a miracle.
- Select a word and erase the word that comes before and after it. Children will open their eyes and raise their hands to answer. Select someone to say what word comes before the selected word. Do the same with the word that comes after. Do this for several words in the verse.

**Prayer:** Giving Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- The young boy didn't have much; five small loaves and two fish. Yet, he gave all he had to Jesus to do whatever He wanted.
- I would like you to offer to God something that you have so He can use to bless someone who has a need. This could be possessions, but it can also be things like your time, ability, and talents. In God's hands, anything can be useful!

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Action Game:** Gather the remaining fish and bread. | Grades 1-6 | 15 min

**Drama Activity:** Act out Jesus' miracles. | Grades 1-6 | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a page from the Bible story. | Grades 1-3 | 10 min

**Bible Activity:** Discuss verses about Jesus' miracles. | Grades 4-6 | 15 min

### Game Materials

#### Needed:

- Marbles—5 per team of 6 children plus extras (for lost marbles during the game)
- Paper plates—one per child plus extras
- Small containers to hold the marbles—one per team

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Optional: Bread Basket Picture
- Five dinner rolls
- Two small plastic, rubber, or stuffed fish
- One small basket
- A wrapped loaf of sliced bread familiar to children
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Water Jar Page
- Cardstock; one per child plus extras
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

### SuperVerse Materials

#### Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App