

Jesus Feeds the Hungry: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: God always has a good plan.

SuperVerse: Jesus replied, "All who love Me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and We will come and make Our home with each of them." John 14:23 (NLT)

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

Game Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Water Jar Page
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1A beach ball for each team of four children

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Signpost Cards
 - Three sheets of cardstock
 - Optional: tape
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Water Jar Page
 - Sample craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

God always has a good plan. He knew how He would feed the crowd and make the wine. His best plan was to provide a way for us to be forgiven of our sins and to live with Him forever in heaven. All we need to do is believe in Him as our Savior and invite Him to be Lord of your lives!

- 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.
- Let's watch our Signposts Video to learn more about how Jesus' miracles established His authority and mission from God.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Game: Just Do It! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play together and follow the game plan.

- Refreshing is compared to giving a cup of water. In this game, you will refresh and be refreshed. To illustrate this, you will give a cup and receive a cup back!

Game Instructions:

- Players will balance their cups on their plates as they walk toward the center to meet their teammate. Teammates then exchange cups at the center line or mark. Continue until all players have exchanged cups and returned to their starting line or mark. The first team to do this wins.

Teaching: Jesus Was Sent by God. (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how Jesus' miracles demonstrated that His power came from God.

- Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding at Cana to reveal His glory. The Bible tells us that when His disciples saw it, they believed in Him.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Read the challenge verse every day and look for opportunities to give to others in need—without calling attention to yourself or expecting to be praised.

SuperVerse: Superbook Substitution (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- We are to be kind and generous because God is kind and generous to us! The Bible says when refresh others, we will be refreshed!
- Read the SuperVerse on the board with the children. They will then close their eyes or turn around as you erase a key word. Children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word you erased. Write the word where it belongs. Continue, erasing more words each time.

Prayer: Abiding Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- The reason God wants to prosper us is not so we accumulate more and selfishly keep it to ourselves. He blesses us so that we may always be generous; so that we share with others and provide for their needs!
- Silently sit in God's presence for a few moments and ask Him to prosper you in some way that you might help someone. Pray for God's heart and compassion, and the opportunity to generously bless and help someone with whatever you have to give!

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

Review Game: Play a game to recall important facts in the Bible story. | **Grades 1-6** | 15 min

Activity Page: Locate the bread, fish, and bonus items in the crowd. | **Grades 1-3** | 10 min

Diorama Craft: Make a diorama of Jesus' miracle to feed the crowd. | **Grades 1-6** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Race to find verses about God's good plans for us. | **Grades 4-6** | 15 min