

## Activities for "Feeding the 5000" - Matthew 14:13-21, (2<sup>nd</sup> August)

### Making sandwiches

Make some sandwiches using tuna, mackerel, sardines, or salmon. Pack them in a box or basket and pretend to go on a long journey to hear Jesus talking. There are lots of people there and they are all hungry. How would you feel about sharing your lunch with them all? How about if Jesus could make it enough for everyone?

### Play dough fish and loaves

Use the recipe in the resources section to make some play dough. Mould it with your hands into 5 loaves and 2 fish. Break the dough into pieces to share with members of your household or teddies. Do you think there would be enough for everyone? What if there were 5000 men plus women and children?

### Jesus knows what you need

Jesus knew that the people he was teaching were hungry and needed food. Is there anything you need right now? Talk to God about it. Cut out some pictures of food from magazines and stick them on a paper plate. Thank God for food.

### Bubbles

Blow some bubbles. Notice how you can blow lots of big bubbles from a very small amount of bubble liquid. Enjoy the bubbles. God can take something small and make it something big and wonderful.

### Paper bread and fishes

Print out lots of bread and fishes from the resources section or draw them. Colour and decorate them. In the story, Jesus only had five loaves and two fishes. Count these out. But he made enough for everyone to have plenty. Show all the other loaves and fishes. How did he do that? Jesus is amazing!

### Remembering

This story follows on nicely from the parables we have been looking at recently. Can you remember any other stories we've heard about God growing something big out of something small? God's kingdom or family is growing. God can multiply or grow something small into something big.

### Fishy prayers

Cut out two fish shapes and colour them in. Write your name on one and Jesus' name on the other. Put a paper clip on the fish and put them in a bowl. Tie a magnet to string and "catch" both fish. Clip them together. Jesus can help us.