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MATTHEW 14

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: : 2x4 cut into squares 2x2 with cuts on opposite sides to hold the mirror and acrylic, cheap thin mirrors often used for lockers, 4x6 acrylic picture “glass” replacements, window tint cut to size of the 4x6 acrylic pieces, tea lights or candles. All can be found on Amazon or at a dollar store

Ask:

Tell me about a time you were really hungry.

What did you do?

Today, we’re going to talk about a time when a crowd was very hungry, and Jesus fed them. Maybe you’ve heard this story before, but I want you to listen because we can always learn something from God’s Word.

Read: Matthew 14:13-21

Explain:

Can you believe that? Jesus, even though he was broken hearted from the death of his cousin John the Baptist, took the time to heal and teach the people. Then the disciples wanted to send the people away to find their own food, but Jesus responded by telling them to feed the people. This is similar to a story the Israelites would have known well. In Numbers 11, the Israelites were grumbling against Moses that they didn’t have enough food. God responded by giving them Manna and Quail each day. The difference was that the bread and meat that God provided through Moses would spoil overnight. The food that Jesus provided was more than enough to fully satisfy the 5,000, with leftovers to spare. The Israelites would have recognized that this was another way Jesus was showing that he was even greater than their greatest hero Moses. And guess what? Jesus is still enough to satisfy us today—not just our physical needs, but our spiritual needs. When we have him we lack nothing. This story is also told in the Gospel of John. Through John’s story, we learn that the five loaves of bread and two fish came from a boy. Can you imagine how that boy would have felt to see Jesus multiply what he freely offered? He didn’t offer a lot, but he offered what he had, and Jesus multiplied it beyond his wildest dreams. The same is true of us today; when we offer Jesus what we have, he can multiply it in ways we can’t imagine!

Experiment:

Cut the window tint to the size of the 4x6 acrylic rectangles, peel and stick. On opposing sides, place the mirror and the acrylic facing each other with the tea light in between. The tea light's reflection should bounce off each mirror, creating an illusion of unending candles. If you need greater detail on how to create one of these, search "simple infinity mirror" on YouTube.

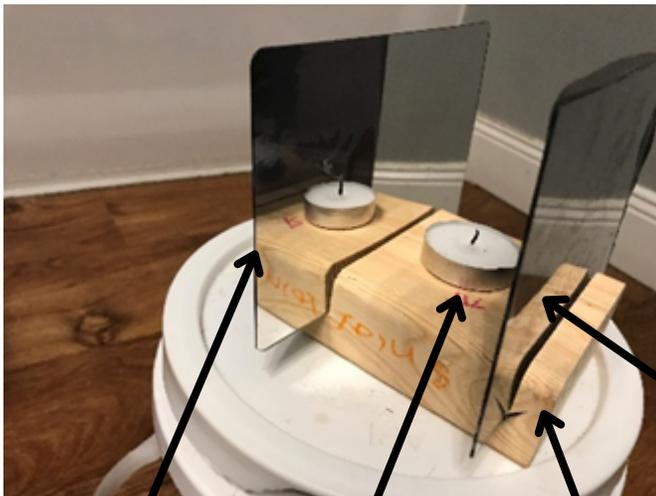
Apply:

We cannot take five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 men (there were likely 10,000-12,000 including women and children), but God is in the business of multiplying. He can take anything we have and extend and expand it beyond our wildest imaginations, we just need to entrust to him our gifts, talents, treasure, and time.

·What "five loaves and two fish" can you offer to Jesus this week?

·Jesus is all you need. If you feel unsatisfied or discontent this week, try counting your blessings and thinking of all that God has done for you.

Memorize: Matthew 14:19



Dollar Store mirror

Dollar Store tea light
(electric also available)

2x2 wood block with
parallel cuts

Clear, acrylic 4x6
"glass" picture
replacement from
Amazon with window
tint cut to size and
stuck on