

“FED BY FAITH”

The Feeding of the Multitude

Based on Mark 6: 30-44

King’s Theatre

Preparation

1. Review the Theme Page for the "Fed By Faith" workshop series.
2. Read the Key Lesson from Mark 6.30 - 44.
3. Imagine the scene described in the lesson. What were the sights you would see and the sounds you would hear? Close your eyes and put yourself in the middle of the story. Who are you? Do you relate more to the disciples and their experience or are you more like a member of the crowd?
Imagine listening to Jesus teach as the crowd gathered, as the day passed. Imagine feeling hungry; wonder what you might eat for supper. Think about leaving to go and find food but being drawn back by Jesus' words, his presence.
Picture your response as the disciples begin to follow Jesus' instructions and divide the crowd into smaller groups. Try to capture your feelings as the food appears, is shared, fills you up, and leaves lots left over.
4. After you have imagined the story, reflect on how you would teach it and the Key Concepts to your young actors.
5. Preview the "Feed the World" Game. Play it with family and friends and adapt it for the age groups of learners you will be working with in the King’s Theatre.
6. Coordinator - set up the drama space for the young actors. Have all the props and game pieces ready to begin.
7. Pray for God's guidance as you prepare to share the Good News of believing in being fed by faith

Greetings (in the Oasis)

1. Welcome the young actors to today’s lesson.
2. Share with them the Key Verses from Mark 6:39-42 having everyone use their Bibles.
3. Invite them to think about the blessings of having food to eat and nourish our bodies.
4. Pray together and sing Hymn 779 (see below)

Dear Lord, thank you for food for people everywhere. Thank you for spiritual food we find in the Bible, in prayer, in worship, in Faith Quest, and in your people. Amen.

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.*

Good News

1. Tell the story of Jesus Feeding the Multitude to the young actors using your own words and drawing on your personal reflections. * Highlight the main themes and the Key Concepts as you tell the story of this great event. (Move to King's Theatre)
2. Invite the actors to tell the story in their own way... Storytelling can be fun! Ask them to tell in their own words and share what they remember of the story. The actors can go on stage, do it with someone else, use props, involve everyone to be the crowd, disciples, etc. Don't force anyone to do this. Give them time to think and rehearse. It is important for the leader to model how one could do storytelling, give an example only. If they prefer, children might have a hand puppet or write a letter received from a friend who was at the miracle.

* The leader will try to answer the questions in No. 3 listed under "Preparation", above, and recreate the scene as the children, perhaps with eyes closed, listen.

Blessing

1. Pray together that the whole world will come to know God's compassion and love.
 2. Go in peace and seek to share Jesus' vision that all the people can be fed.
- Gracious Lord, when we are the most hungry or feel lost in the crowd, bring order to our lives and share your compassion with us. In Jesus' named we pray, Amen.*