

“FED BY FAITH”

The Feeding of the Multitude

Based on Mark 6: 30-44

Let There be Art

Supplies:

**Sheets of magnets to be cut by the children into fish shapes or any other shape they wish
**Beads, foil, sand paper, any other media **White glue **Scissors
**Coloured paper

Preparation:

1. Review the "Fed By Faith" background notes and concepts theme page.
2. Read and reflect on the story from Mark 6:30-44. Imagine yourself in a large crowd at a concert, parade, political rally, at a church conference. You find yourself caught up in the moment. Your attention is completely directed toward the theme speaker, the group performing on stage, the event itself. The day has gone longer than you had ever expected. You are getting hungry... Then someone says "Sit down here in this group. We're going to feed everyone. " How do you feel? What are your worries? What questions would you ask? How would you feel when the food begins to be shared?
3. Review the "Key Concepts ". Consider Jesus as a compassionate, problem-solving leader who works wonders and miracles.
4. Gather the required materials and supplies and test the craft at home. Try it out with children, family and friends. Try fish or bread-shaped magnets. Modify to make it an easy and effective example for our young artisans. Remember we hope that they may have fun making them. We also pray that this simple craft will help our young learners revisit the story of the feeding of the multitude and of Faith Quest when they see their creations.
5. Coordinator to precut and lay out supplies. Modify your preparations based on the age group you are teaching. Have Hymn 779 printed on a piece of Bristol board so everyone can read it.
6. Pray for God's presence and leadership in this creative discovery moment.

Greeting (in the Oasis)

1. Welcome the young artisans to today's lesson.
2. Pray together, sing and discuss Hymn 779.

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.*

3. Invite them to think about being hugged. How do they feel when someone hugs them? Ask them to think about times when they have hugged and care for a pet, a friend, a brother or sister, a favorite stuffed animal or doll. What was it like? Imagine being in a large crowd and being cared for by a loving parent, an older sibling, a grandparent, some one who cares.

Good News

1. Find and read Mark 6:30-44. Talk about what happened (background notes and number 2 of Preparation will help). How would they have felt if you had witnessed this miracle? then move to the studio.
2. Talk about what design they could put on their magnet and discuss ideas.
3. Following the craft design, create fridge magnets together. Remember *Let There Be Art* is about cooperatively crafting and encouraging creativity to help learn
4. Encourage everyone to have fun while making their magnets to keep for themselves and as a gift.

Blessing

1. Ask the artisans to look at what they have created. Invite them to think about caring for others, feeding them, hugging them, playing with them, loving them.
2. Celebrate the creations made by everyone. Give thanks for Jesus who feeds our hungers, holds us close and cares for us at all times.
3. Send them out in Christ Jesus' love. Say prayer, clean up and then dismiss.

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.