

Family Liturgy – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 2 August 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green, for ordinary time). Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and songs. Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet. Print out sheet if required

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today we hear that Jesus feeds more than five thousand people with only five small loaves of bread and two fish. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.



<https://ministryspark.com/52-bible-coloring-pages/>

Opening prayer: God of families and togetherness, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to us. Help us to hear Jesus' words to us and to understand and believe in them so we may love you more. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (14:13-21)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

After Jesus heard about John, he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus got out the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick.

That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This place is like a desert, and it is already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food."

Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish."

Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people.

After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers. There were about five thousand men who ate, not counting the women and children.

The gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the clips with the Gospel story of Jesus feeding more than 5000 people.

<https://youtu.be/uupg0V-17NU> Jesus Feeds 5000 Sharefaithkids.com (2.55 mins)

<https://youtu.be/S6rj9cAJrWE> Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (2.09 mins)

<https://youtu.be/4xuD0F7h01I> The Story of Two Fish and Five Loaves (7.07 mins)

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder how Jesus felt when he saw the large crowd which gathered around him, when all he wanted to do was to get away to be alone with the disciples...

I wonder how Jesus felt when he was healing all the sick people...

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus asked them to feed everyone...

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus fed everyone with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish...

I wonder how the disciples felt when they realised, they had left over food after feeding the big crowd

I wonder if I would have given my food to Jesus to feed everyone...

I wonder what Jesus is telling me with this story today...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Yes Lord I Believe by John Burland <https://youtu.be/7MR2iGDyUtE> (3 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to help us grow more loving like Jesus.

(We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for our Church, Pope Francis and especially for Archbishop Pat: may our Church through the intercession of St. Mary of the Cross become more loving like Jesus and feed the poor. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes: May all those who feel disconnected find someone who helps them come back to God's family. Lord, here us.

3 We pray for our world: May people everywhere work for justice, dignity, and love among all people. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments for the first time: may their lives be blessed with families and sponsors who help them become more loving like Jesus. Lord, hear us.

5 We pray for our families and friends: May people who have died recently and especially the people we know and love, find eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of families and togetherness, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us. Amen.

Closing songs: <https://youtu.be/fC3FLqDgWRE> What is your "5 loaves & 2 fishes"? (4.50 mins)

<https://youtu.be/D3X6OZRqUZI> Twos: Jesus Feeds 5000 (1.33 mins)

<https://youtu.be/0OnuwawrVnY> Five Loaves, Two Fish (1.14mins)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer or draw a picture thanking God for loving the world so much.
- Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5000
- Make a choice to do something loving today
- Draw a cartoon story of what happened in this story with captions
- Watch Godly Play of the story of Jesus Feeding the 5000 at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm1E382Had4>
- Go to the following links to find crosswords & other children activities on the topic:
- <https://ministriespark.com/wp-content/uploads/39-Jesus-Uses-a-Boys-Lunch-to-Feed-5000-People.pdf>
- <https://www.biblewise.com/kids/fun/whats-for-lunch.php>
- <http://clipart-library.com/clipart/2042217.htm>
- (For older children) watch the following YouTube clip: Storytellers: Jesus Feeds 5000 (5.25mins) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fGjybUn5bE> Can you retell the story?