Feeding the Five Thousand

John 6:5-13

Wherever Jesus went great crowds of people followed Him. They wanted to be close to Him. They wanted to hear Him teach. If you knew Jesus was going to be somewhere teaching, wouldn't you go to see Him? I would.

One day Jesus was on a mountain and looked at the big crowd of people that came to Him. Jesus asked one of His disciples whose name was Philip where they could buy bread for all the people.

Philip told Jesus that even two hundred days wages wasn't enough money to buy bread so that everybody could have just a little.

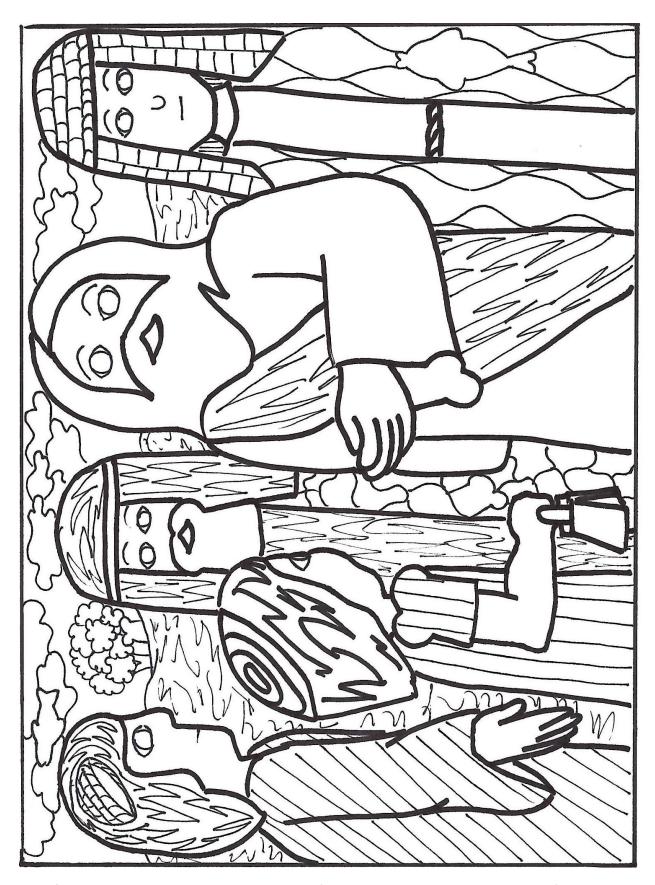
Another one of Jesus' disciples named Andrew spoke up. He said there was a lad there who had five barley loaves and two small fish, but what's that among so many. Do you think you could feed a great big crowd with just two small fish and five loaves?

Jesus told the disciples to make everyone have a seat. There were about five thousand men there, plus the women and children.

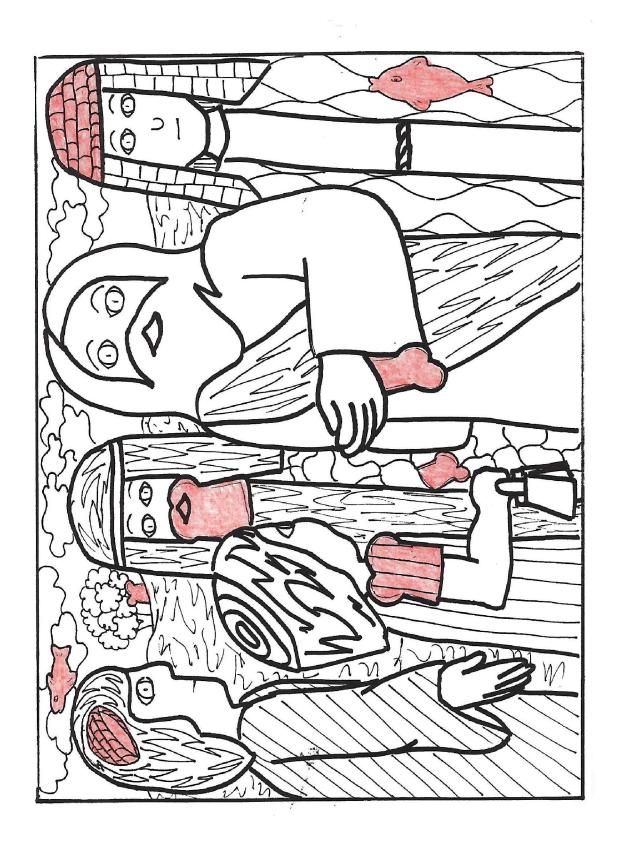
Jesus took the loaves and fish and gave thanks. Then he passed it out to his disciples. He told them to give everyone as much as they wanted to eat. After everyone had eaten until they were full, the disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. That's more food than they started with!

Jesus cared about the people and took care of them. He wants to take care of us too. Jesus took that young man's lunch and fed the whole crowd. Aren't you glad that young man wasn't selfish and was willing to share what he had? Jesus wants us to be kind and share with others too. Most of all Jesus wants us to know we can trust Him with everything we have.

<u>Search:</u> The young man shared his lunch with Jesus, and Jesus fed a crowd of more than five thousand with five loaves and two fish. There were even twelve baskets of leftovers. Find 2 fish, 5 slices of bread, and 2 baskets in the picture.



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