

Rhythms of Grace Worship • January Year 2

Theme: Feeding of the 5,000-God
provides for all

Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

Date: _____

Location: _____

Volunteer Role:

Facilitator _____

Storyteller _____

Celebrant _____

Center Leader _____

Guide _____

Items needed for this Session

Gathering- bread dough, rolling pins, cookie sheet, parchment paper, plastic wrap, plastic coffee can lids or another object with similar shape.

Storytelling: Jesus doll, crate, green felt (used in Psalm 23), storytelling cards, two baskets, bread, fish (either plastic, wooden, or felt from response time)

Response Activities:

Fishing for colored fish- fishing pole (stick with magnets attached), magnetic fish (colored construction paper-laminated if possible-and metal brads attached), fishbowl or bucket

Hard Roll Toss- bag of hard rolls, basket

Match food pictures- variety of clip art foods (2 of each)

Drying Fish- felt fish (different sizes and shapes and colors), clothesline, basket, clothespins

Regathering: *Jesu, Jesu*, elements for the Eucharistic table (see Eucharist-Book 1)

Eucharist: altar table and elements (pita bread/rice crackers, juice, chalice, paten, purificator, corporal, altar cloth), Eucharistic Prayer (see Book 1 p. 100), *Gather our Hearts* song lyrics (see Book 1 p. 99)

Dismissal: *Jesus Loves Me* song lyrics (see Book 1 p.99)

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Gathering: Participants will be making the bread to use for our Eucharist. Dough can be made ahead or purchased. Participants will roll out the dough, cut out small circles using coffee can lids, and put a cross on the top.

Storytelling: Tell the story of the Miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 using the Bible, the Jesus doll next to the “mount” (crate and green felt), picture cards, and basket of hard rolls and basket of fish.

Response Activities:

Fishing for colored fish- Using fishing pole and magnetic fish have the participants “catch” the fish and match color/size/shape.

Match Food Pictures-Have a conversation about the pictures while matching them.

Hard Roll Toss: Using the hard rolls from storytelling, participant tosses the items into the baskets.

Drying Fish- Participants will take felt fish from basket and hang on clothesline. If able, make pattern with size, color, shape, etc. When finished take fish off the line and put in basket for someone else to use.

Regathering: Play- “Going on a picnic with Jesus and I’m bringing” game. Singing *Jesu, Jesu* participants bring Eucharistic elements to the Celebrant then sit in a circle around the Eucharistic table.

Eucharist: Sing: *Gather our Hearts*

Gather our hearts, oh God
Gather our thoughts, oh God
Bring us together around you

Celebration of the Eucharist

Dismissal: All sing and sign *Jesus Loves Me*
Celebrant provides the blessing:
Celebrant: “*Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.*”
Participants: “*Thanks be to God!*”

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Place the Bible and Jesus doll by the Storyteller with the “mount” (crate and green felt), picture cards, and basket of hard rolls and basket of fish.

Today’s storytelling uses the five story cards for this session found in the resource section.

- 1. Jesus going in boat.*
- 2. Jesus talking to the people*
- 3. Jesus blessing the bread and fish*
- 4. Disciples distributing the food*
- 5. Baskets of food left over*

Our story today is from the Bible, (*show the Bible*) our book that tells the stories of God and God’s people, of Jesus, (*show Jesus doll*). God’s son, and of how much God loves us. (*place hands over heart.*)

One time after Jesus and his friends (the disciples) had returned from trips to nearby villages telling of God and God’s love for us, Jesus told his friends to get a boat and they would go to the large hills and mountains on the other side of the lake to rest. (story card #1) Word got out to those who were following them and when they arrived at the mountain, the hillside was covered with people. Jesus went to the top of a hill and began to talk to those who had come. (story card #2) He talked to them all day long about God and his love for them. As the sun began to set, his friends who had come with him, the disciples, said, “We must send the people down into the towns to find food as it is late and they must eat.” Jesus said, “You feed them!” His friends said, “There are too many people-5,000 or more!” Then Andrew, the brother of Simon (one of Jesus’ disciples) said, “There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two small fish, but this is so little divided among so many!” *Show bread and fish (wooden, plastic or felt made for the response time in two baskets before you)*

Jesus told everyone to sit down in the grass. The boy gave him the bread and fish. Jesus blessed them (story card #3) and told his disciples to give food to every man, woman and child present. (story card #4) The disciples did what Jesus asked and to their amazement there was plenty for all. There were even twelve baskets of food leftover. (story card #5)

Amen!

(After an appropriate pause, the Storyteller goes on to explain the activities of the day.)