



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSON: MATT. 14:13-21

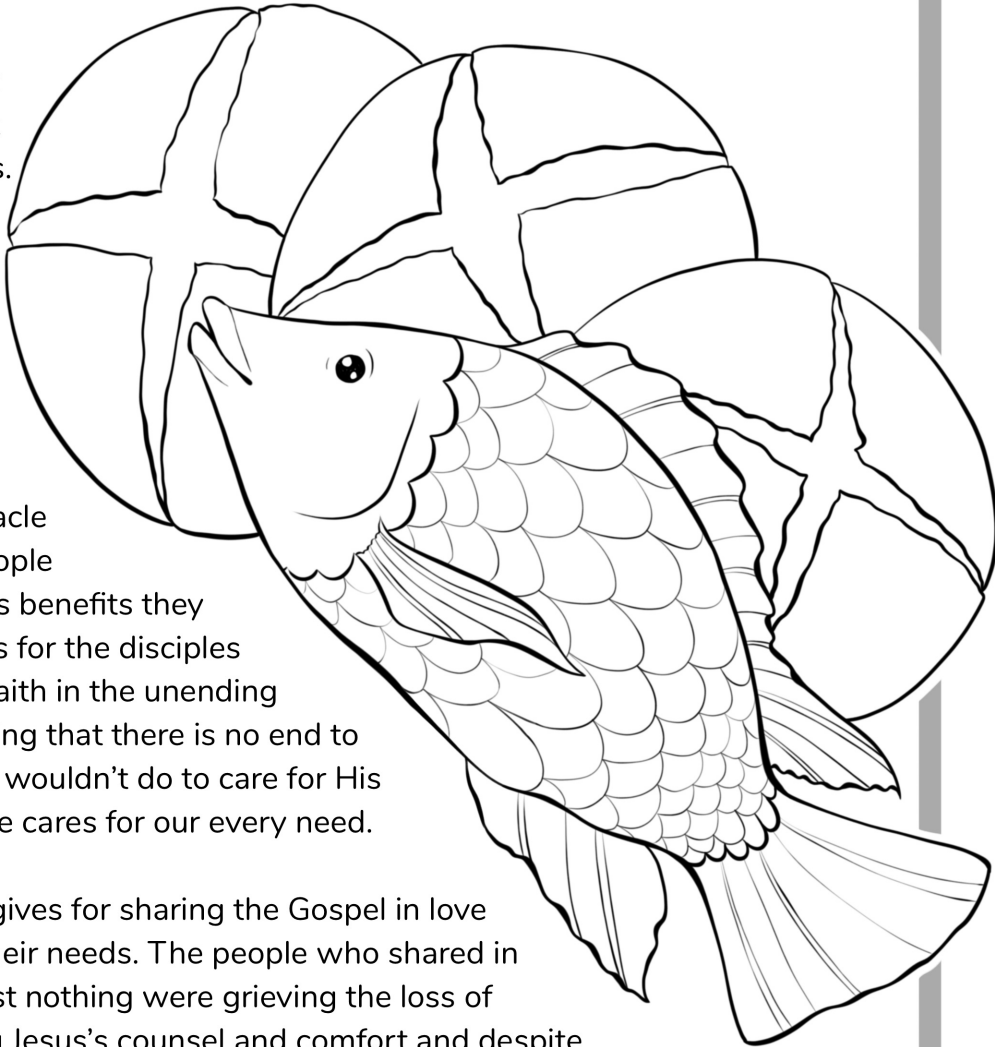
Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

This event is clearly a significant one in the lives of the disciples as it is recorded in all four of the gospels. The people who were present and took part in the eating, however, didn't seem to realize that a miracle had taken place or at least their reaction isn't reported on by any of the disciples.

The disciples witnessed the miracle and the miracle worker, and the people enjoyed the unending and generous benefits they received. Perhaps the message was for the disciples and for us, so that we might have faith in the unending supply of Jesus's gifts for us. Knowing that there is no end to what Jesus can do, and nothing He wouldn't do to care for His people, we can be confident that He cares for our every need.

We also see the example Jesus gives for sharing the Gospel in love with others and taking care of all their needs. The people who shared in this miracle of being fed with almost nothing were grieving the loss of John the Baptist, they were seeking Jesus's counsel and comfort and despite His desire to be alone, He remained with the people caring for them and then feeding them. When the masses of people finished eating Jesus didn't stand around and look for glory, or even thanks. The disciples remarked that there was still food remaining, and that everyone was satisfied.

In the Old Testament reading Isaiah shares the invitation from God to come and eat and be satisfied. He uses the sing-song style of the market call and announces that all the needs of the people will be met, for food, for comfort and for the message of salvation. Isaiah talks about how many people from many nations will come to Israel and will seek out the Messiah just as they did in the Gospel accounts. He speaks about the Gospel outreach that will begin with Christ and reach out in space and time. You and I are a part of this future and the message from Isaiah, what a gift to be part of the growing family of God and the message of the Gospel.





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Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven. Thank You for calling us to be part of Your family and for using the disciples to share the message of Jesus with us so that we can pass it on to others. Please use us to feed Your people with the comforting Word of salvation in Your Son Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

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