

## **Talk About It:**

- What is your favorite food?
  - Do you have a favorite spot in your home? Where is it? Why do you enjoy it so much?
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## **Read About It:**

This story happens after Jesus' disciples had been out teaching about the kingdom of God. They had been working hard, and Jesus wanted them to have some time to rest. Read Mark 6:32-44.

So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."

But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"

"How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."

Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.

- Why do you think it was important to Jesus that the people had something to eat?
  - How would you have felt if you were in the crowd that day when Jesus provided a picnic?
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## **Sing About It:**

Sing your thanks for all God has given you. Find this song on YouTube:

[I Want to Say Thank You](#) (Orange Kids Music)

## Think About It:

- God provides all that we need. The food we eat and the home we live in are all gifts from God.
    - Who does the cooking for your family? Have you remembered to say “thank you”?
    - Think about all the food you see in the grocery store. How does it get there? Who grows the food, harvests it, and gets it to the store where you shop?
    - There are lots of different types of houses. What is special about your house? What is one thing your family likes to do together inside your house?
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## Make It:

Work with a grownup to prepare a family meal. Plan the menu, go shopping, and cook together. As you enjoy your meal, be sure to thank God for the food he provides and for your special home where your family eats together.

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## Do It:

Being thankful for our food and our home helps us to understand how God takes care of us. Here are some ideas for you to show your thanks for food and home this week:

- Say “thank you” when a grownup makes your dinner, even if it’s not your favorite food.
  - The next time you’re at the grocery store, say “thank you” to the people who work there.
  - Take a walk around your house. Stop in each room, pray for your family, and thank God for your home.
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## Pray About It:

Thank God for the wonderful food and home he has provided for you. Ask God how you can share food with others who might be hungry.

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## Memorize It:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1