

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 12B

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

God performed a miracle through Jesus in feeding 5000 people

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' John 6:14

AIDS

A school lunch box packed with two small tins of tuna (single serve size) and small bread rolls or cracker biscuits.

ADDRESS

Without opening the lunch box, show it to the children and ask: **Do you think I can feed everybody here today with what I have in this lunch box?**

Probably not. It isn't very big so it can't hold very much. (*Open the box*) Look what's inside. Do you think I could feed everyone with this?

I certainly could not, but one day Jesus fed more than 5000 people with no more than this. Everyone was hungry, but only one boy had his lunch with him. He brought it to Jesus. Jesus took the bread from the boy's lunch and thanked God for it, and then told his disciples to start handing it out to the people. Then he did the same thing with the fish. The disciples handed out the bread and the fish until all the people had had so much that they couldn't eat anymore. Jesus told the disciples to pick up all the leftover pieces and when they had finished, the disciples had 12 baskets full of bread.

Everybody there saw that Jesus had performed a miracle. How amazing that must have been.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for the stories in the Bible telling us about your miracles. Help us to see your miracles in our lives today. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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