

The Feeding of the five thousand
A Godly play script based on John 6: 1-14

For this story you will need the following items:

12 Disciples	Green Underlay
Figure of Jesus	Blue strip of fabric (water)
Small Child	3 Stones
*2 Crowd scenes	a paper boat
12 food baskets	fish
Bread	

Place all the above items into a box.

*As you say the following words spread out the *green* underlay:*

I wonder what this could be?

*Then lay the strip of blue fabric across the bottom of the *green* underlay furthest away from you.*

I wonder what this could be ?.

*Then place the boat on to the strip of blue fabric
Add the 3 stones randomly on to the *green* underlay*

Once there was a man.....etc (add to)

One day they followed him to this lonely and bleak place.

Place Jesus and the Disciples in a semi circle in front, on the dry land facing the storyteller:

Jesus and the Disciples had crossed Lake Galilee and a large crowd had gathered to meet him, because they had heard about his miracles of healing those who were ill.

Place crowd scenes on underlay near to the rocks. The crowds should be turned to face Jesus.

The large crowd listened all day to his teaching and to his stories. They listened until it was near the end of the day, and they were getting hungry.

Pick up a Disciple figure:

Philip said "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people and *there aren't any shops*

Pick up a Disciple figure (Andrew)

Andrew saw a small boy with 5 loaves of Barley bread and 2 fish.

Place the figure of the Child next to Andrew, then add the bread and fish .

Andrew said "Here is a child with some food, but this is not enough to feed this large crowd !"

Pick up the figure of Jesus:

Jesus said "Tell everyone to sit down "
Then Jesus took the bread.

Lift up the bread in palm of your hand
He thanked God

Bless bread with other hand and place it back on the underlay.

Then Jesus took the fish

Pick up fish and place in palm of your hand

He thanked God

Bless with other hand and place it back on the underlay .

Then Jesus took the food and broke it into pieces ...and more piecesand even more pieces !.

Place the fish around the underlay and break bread into pieces .

And there was more than enough for everyone.

They all had as much as they wanted, and when they were so full, Jesus asked the Disciples to gather up all the left over pieces, and they filled 12 baskets.

I wonder if you would like to help the disciples gather up all the left over pieces.

Give out 12 baskets to the children to collect the fish and crumbs, and then place all the baskets by the storyteller.

Sweep hand across the crowds:

Look at the crowd; they were amazed to see this miracle that Jesus had performed.

I Wonder ?

- *If you have ever been to a bleak and lonely place?*
- *Where that place could have been?*
- *How would it feel to be a child in such a big crowd?*
- *How the boy with the loaves and fish felt when Andrew the Disciple saw him?*
- *How the crowd felt when they saw Jesus "Thanking God" for the loaves and fishes?*
- *What the child said later to his friends?*
- *How the Disciples felt when they collected up the leftovers?*
- *What you like best about this story?*
- *What do you think is the most important part of this story?*

Follow with an art response to the story.

Questions for Jane /Sue to consider about script

- Should the underlay be beige , instead of green as its supposed to be a "bleak place " ?
- Add couple of green bushes instead of using the green underlay ?
- Have added 2 crowd scenes instead of one
- Have put asterix * against wording that sounds a bit strange?
- Need more I wonder questions based on "modern day church"

4TH October Listen to a child day brain storming ideas .

1. Godly play script for use with all ages
2. Godly play script (young version) picnic rug script
3. Story book with a message PC4 children idea
4. photo or picture of a church PC4 children idea (older version)
5. Head /Heart/Bag/Bin exercise (all ages)
6. Blob tree exercise ?(see pack)
7. Ideas for use in church
 - Use same bible story (placing child at the centre of church life , children able to feed adults , adults do not have all the answers ,

"Church is a lonely, bleak place for some children"

But we can make it special because of what happens there.

Lonely/bleak/beautiful

I wonder where is beautiful in your church ?

Look for a storybook with a message .