

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 26

**JESUS FEEDS
ANOTHER CROWD**

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Younger Verse

Remember his miracles and all his wonders. Psalm 105:5

Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus wanted to care for the people's needs
Recognize that the disciples seemed to forget what Jesus could do
Learn the importance of remembering the good things God does

Opener

Do you have a good memory? Is it easy for you to remember the good things that have happened in your life? It is important to remember what God has done for us. We can have courage to face any problem when we know God is with us!

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned about some friends that brought someone to see Jesus. That man could not speak or hear. Jesus helped him to be able to do both! Jesus stayed in that same area, called Ten Towns (or Decapolis).

A large crowd of people had come to see Jesus. Some of them had come from far away. They didn't want to leave Jesus, so they stayed with Him for several days. After three days, Jesus noticed that the people were out of food and were getting hungry.

Jesus called His disciples to come and see Him. He spoke to them and said, "I care for these people very much. I want them to be cared for. They have been with us for three days and have had nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they may collapse because many of them traveled a long way."

The disciples responded, "Jesus, we are too far from any town to get enough food. Where will anyone get enough food to feed all of them?"

Jesus asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" "We have seven" they replied. Jesus had the huge crowd of people sit down on the ground. He prayed and thanked God for the bread. Then He had the disciples pass out the bread to all the people. They also had three small fish. He prayed and thanked God for those as well. Then the disciples passed those out. Everyone ate until they were full. The disciples walked around and picked up the leftovers. This time they had seven large baskets of food not eaten. The Bible tells us there were about 4,000 people there with Jesus and the disciples.

One of the amazing things about this story is that those 4,000 people were probably completely different from the 5,000 he fed earlier. Jesus was in a totally different area. He

cared for the needs of the people. They were hungry, and He fed them.

It is hard to understand why the disciples did not know how they could get food for the large crowd. They had just seen Jesus feed a larger crowd earlier (5,000 people). And they had seen Him do other miracles, like walking on water and healing the sick. It seems that they had very short memories. Their faith in Jesus still needed to grow stronger.

But Jesus did not give up on them. And He does not give up on us either. We are a lot like the disciples, aren't we? Jesus has done amazing things in our lives, and we often forget. We get scared when we don't know how to handle a problem. We need to remember that Jesus can take care of it!

The most important thing we need to remember about Jesus is how He died on the cross for our sins. He did that for us because of his amazing love for us. He rose from the dead three days later to show that He has power over death. If He has that much power, He can definitely change our lives. He can help us become the people He wants us to be. All we have to do is let Him come into our heart. His Holy Spirit will guide us and help us to be more like Jesus.

Review Questions

1. How long had the large crowd been with Jesus? (three days)
2. How many people were in the crowd that day? (4,000)
3. How many loaves of bread and fish did the disciples have? (seven loaves of bread and three small fish)
4. How much food was left over? (seven large baskets full)

Prayer Time

Thank God for His power and ability to do amazing things. Pray that we will remember what He has done for us.

Life Application

It is so easy to forget the great things God has done for us. In the Old Testament, God's people would remember His great acts by setting up rocks or altars. Whenever they returned to that spot, they would remember the great thing that God had done there.

We can try to remember the good things God has done for us. Keeping a journal is a great way to remember. Whenever God does something amazing in your life, write it down! Then, when you feel like your faith is weak, go back and read the journal and remember how great God is. You will be encouraged, and your faith will be strengthened!

Planning for Lesson 27
The Yeast of the Pharisees
Mark 8:14-21

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Feeds Another Crowd

Hello boys and girls! Hello boys and girls! How are you? How are you? Oh, I am saying things twice. Have you ever done something more than once? Most of you have. Today we are going to hear a story that sounds like one we have talked about before, but I promise you it is different.

Jesus and His friends were all together when a HUGE crowd gathered around them. Jesus knew that many of them had come a long way to see Him. So Jesus spent time with them. He did many great things to help the people. Jesus had been with them for three days! If you had been there, you might have heard the sound of peoples' stomachs. They were grumbling! What does that mean? Yes, they were hungry. So what do you think Jesus did? Let's find out.

Jesus called His special friends, the disciples, to go with Him. He said, "I care for these people. They have been with us for three days and they are very hungry."

The disciples scratched their heads because they did not know what to do. They said to Jesus, "We are very far away from anything. Where will we get enough food?" The disciples must have forgotten about the time when Jesus fed another large crowd of people. So Jesus asked them, "How much bread do you have?"

"We have seven loaves of bread." Jesus had all the people sit down and then He took the bread. They also had three small fish. Jesus thanked God for both the bread and the fish. Then He broke them into pieces for the disciples to pass out to all the people.

Pretty soon, everyone there was patting their stomachs because they were full. They ate as much as they wanted to eat. The disciples went around and got all the food that was not eaten. They had seven large baskets of food left over. Wow, that is amazing! Jesus fed 4,000 people with only seven loaves of bread and three fish. This was the second time Jesus fed a large group of people with only a little bit of food.

Jesus knew that the people needed to be taken care of. Jesus takes care of us. He provides us with all the things we need. All we have to do is talk with Him and ask. He also wanted to teach His disciples how to take care of other people. We can also learn from this. We can take care of other people, too.

Hands-on Activities for Jesus Feeds Another Crowd

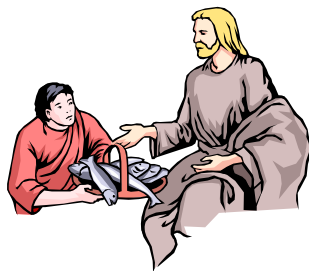
Bring notebooks or small journals. Let the kids decorate them. Have them write the Bible verse on the front. Tell them to begin to write down things God has done in their lives. Then they can look back and remember how good God is!

Bring a poster with seven pictures of bread and three fish. Let the children tear blue and brown construction paper into small pieces or strips and then glue them onto the poster of the bread and fish. (You can talk about how Jesus broke them into many pieces for the people.)

Create a Verse Mobile: Give each child seven bread-shaped cutouts and three fish-shaped cutouts. Let them write the verse out into ten different parts onto the cutouts. Attach a piece of string to each cutout and then tie them to a coat hanger.

We can be helpers like Jesus' friends were. Find a project at the church or around the property that the kids can do. Make it fun and challenging. It could be things like picking up trash, planting flowers, sweeping the floor, organizing things, etc.

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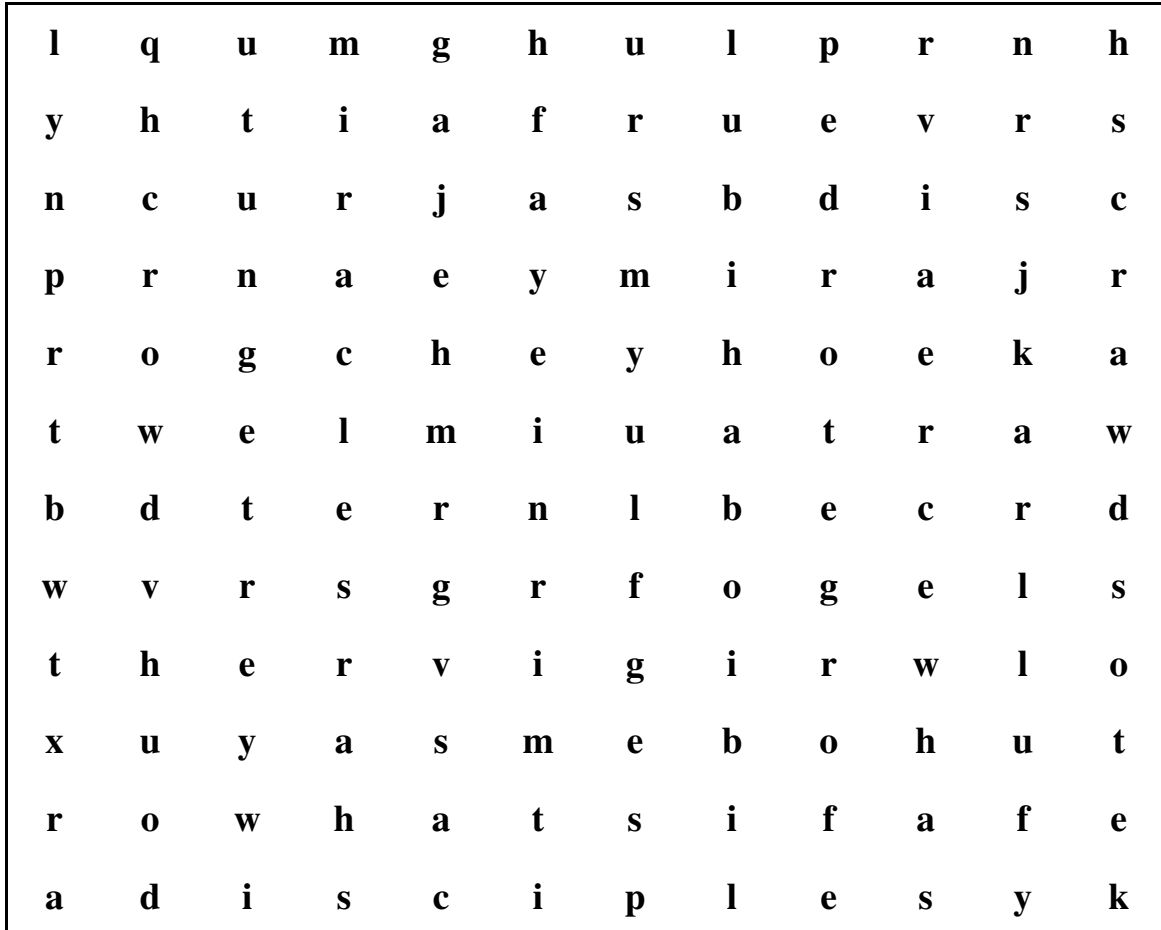


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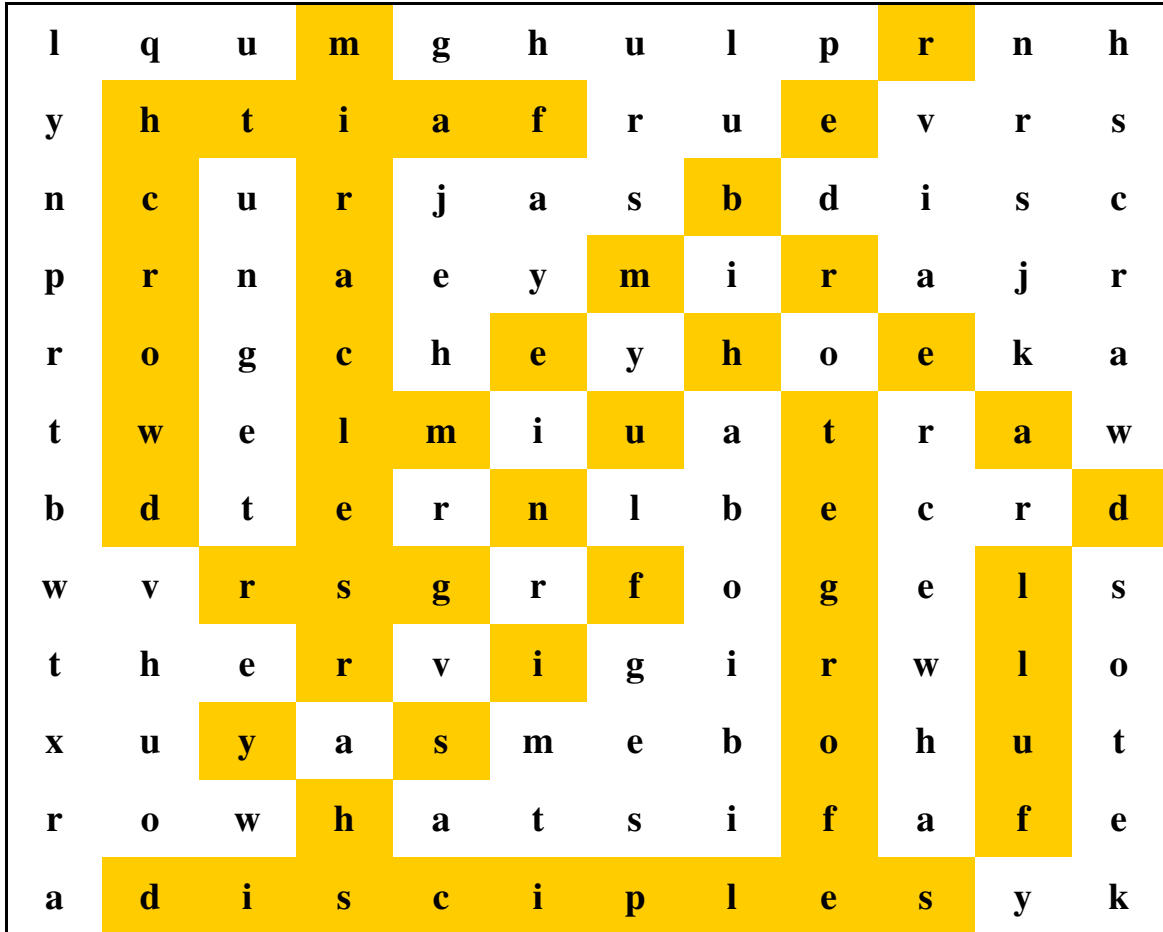
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