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Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Loaves and Fishes

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss with students)

Lake Galilee- Israel's largest freshwater lake. Much of the ministry of Jesus happened on the shores of Lake Galilee (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Heal- to make well again

Miracle- something that happens that is hard to believe and totally amazing and is an act of God

Plan:

1. Read story "Loaves and Fishes" from your own story book. While reading the story do cut outs (Snip-And-Tell Bible Stories by Karyn Henley, page 83 - 85) as the story unfolds. Then ask questions from below.

1. Who did the people come to see and hear him talk? Jesus
2. How many men, women, and children were there? 5,000
3. What did Jesus do to the people who were ill? Healed them.
4. Jesus became worried because of what? The people were hungry.
5. Jesus asked a boy to share his food. What did he have? He only had 5 loaves and 2 fishes.
6. Jesus said a prayer, then what did he do with the food? He broke up the bread and fishes and handed them to the disciples to give to the people.
7. How much leftover food was there? Enough to fill 12 baskets.

2. Introduce game: What did Jesus feed the 5,000 people that came to hear him talk? Bread and fish.

Fish and Loaves Relay- http://www.christiancrafters.com/game_fishandloaves.html

The Really Big Book of Bible Games- Bread, Basket, Fish (page 211)

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Feeding Frenzy (Jesus Feeds Five Thousand)- As your students explore the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, your kids will discover how God provides for them, too. (The Encyclopedia of Bible of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 81).

3. Introduce craft: What did Jesus feed the 5,000 people? Fish and bread.

Fish and Bread- Five loaves of bread and two fish will easily fill the baskets that the children have made. Even though this comes from a preschool craft book, it is appropriate for older children to do. (Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 55 & 56).

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

Feeding the 5,000 (maze)- http://www.sermons4kids.com/feed_5000_maze.htm

Feeding of the 5,000 word search-
http://www.biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2005/october/feeding_5000.pdf

Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (word shape)-
http://www.sermons4kids.com/feed_5000_john_word_shape.htm

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Loaves and Fishes puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from October 21 - 26).

Jesus Feeds the 5,000 puzzles- <http://www.thewordpuzzles.com/childrens.html>

5. Introduce snack- What did Jesus feed the 5,000 people that came to hear him talk? Bread and fish.

1- Unleavened Bread and Tuna- http://www.dltk-bible.com/recipes/unleavened_bread.htm

2- Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers

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