

A small offering



Bible verses:
John 6:1-15



Aim:

To explore how a boy helped Jesus, to consider his faith and willingness, and to think about how we can reflect God's goodness



Today's fruit:
Goodness

Resource: *Five loaves and two fish*



Memory verse

**'Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.'**
(Psalm 3:5-6 NIV)



Start it

Today we are going to hear about a boy who helped Jesus.

Print a copy of the *Five loaves and two fish* handout or buy five bread rolls to use. Sit in a circle with the food in the middle. Have a discussion about how many people this could feed. You could try and tear or cut the loaves and fish to show how far it might stretch.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of John 6:1-15 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*) or watch the following clip.

The Story of Jesus Feeding 5,000 by Minno – Bible Stories for Kids (1:24)

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- Have you ever shared your snacks? How did it feel to share with others?
- Has someone ever shared their snacks with you? How did it feel?
- How did the little boy help Jesus?
- Why do you think he helped Jesus?
- How can we help Jesus?



Sing It

'I Might be Small' by Allstars Kids Club (2:07)

'Proverbs 3:5' (Topic) by Kids on the Move (1:07)

Song track only – why not make up your own actions as a group!

Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Create fish and loaves out of play-dough or air-dry clay. Send them home in a cupcake case.
- **Play:** Using play food, encourage the children to share and be kind with the food.
- **Pray:** Draw around their hands and think about what we can offer God. Inside the hand shape they can write or draw their ideas about what they can share with God or others.
- **Try:** 'Loaves and fishes' necklace by [busybeekidscrafts.com](https://www.busybeekidscrafts.com) (**Pinterest**)