

# Hey Tiny Town Parents!

This week, you will have the opportunity to read with your kids about Jesus feeding the five thousand. Just like Jesus cared for all those people, we are reminded that Jesus cares for each one of us!

Below are some great activities for the whole family to participate in.

## Activity: Let's Go on a Picnic

Before we hear today's story, let's pretend to go on a picnic together! Parents - help your kids gather supplies for a pretend picnic together such as ... a basket, food, plates, cups, and a picnic blanket. Work together to set up the picnic.

Today we are going to hear about a time where Jesus gave a lot of people food because He wanted to take care of them. Let's sit down and pretend we're having a picnic!

Take a picture together and share on social media (tag Fairview Village Church and use #TinyTownAtHome) of your family going on a picnic together!

#### Bible Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Bible Passages: Matthew 14:13-21

Years ago, when Jesus was out teaching people about God, Jesus and His disciples were having a long day, so they were going to take a rest and eat some food together on a boat. But, while Jesus and His disciples were sailing in the water, Jesus saw a lot of people walking along the shore.

Soon there were thousands of people! Jesus knew these people wanted to hear more about God. Jesus and His disciples stopped and talked with all the people because He cared about them. Some of the people were sick, so He healed them and made them feel better. Jesus cares so much for the people that He wanted to give them what they needed.

It started to get dark and the people were getting hungry. The disciples didn't know what to do. They only had 5 loaves of bread and two fish. There were a lot of people, but there was not a lot of food. Jesus' friends brought Him the food because they didn't know how to feed all these people. What do you think Jesus did?

Jesus cared so much for the people, and He wanted them to eat. So He held the food up to heaven. Then He asked God to bless the food. Jesus started to break up the food and put it into baskets. The baskets kept filling up. Everyone got to eat! There was even food left in the basket after everyone had eaten. Jesus did a miracle! Jesus cared for the people by giving them food when they needed it. And Jesus cares for us too! He gives us what we need all the time. It makes me so happy that Jesus cares about the people in the Bible, and that He cares about me and that He cares about you too!

#### Activity: Coloring Sheet

Below is a coloring sheet your child can work on! Help them find Jesus, the 5 loaves of bread, and the 2 fish!

## **Pray together!**

Guide your little ones in prayer ...

Dear God, Just as you care for your people in the Bible, we thank you that you care for us today too. Help us care for each other as you care for us. We love you, Amen.



I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations. Psalm 89:1