

Jesus Feeds the Crowd

based on Matthew 14:13-21

People were everywhere, hundreds and hundreds of people who wanted to see Jesus. More than 5,000 people came this day.

The people stayed all afternoon and into the evening. Soon it would be dark.

The disciples came to Jesus. "It's getting late," they said. "We're out in the country. Send the people away so they can go into the villages and get supper."

"There is no need to send anyone away," said Jesus. "You feed them."

The disciples looked around in dismay. "All we have are five loaves of bread and two small fish," they exclaimed. "That can't possibly feed all these people."

But Jesus smiled and said, "Bring the gifts of food to me, and ask the people to sit down on the grass."

The disciples did as Jesus told them. When everyone was seated, Jesus took the five loaves and two fish. He thanked God for the food, and gave it to the disciples to pass out to the people.

Five thousand people ate until they were full. There was more than enough food for everyone. And, the leftovers filled twelve baskets.

The disciples were amazed. "How did that happen?" they asked.

What gifts could you offer?

