

Sunday 2nd August 2020
The Miracle of the Loaves and the Fish



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Listen Together...

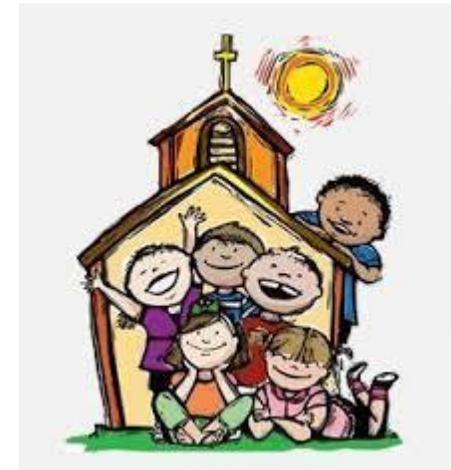
Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

A large crowd had followed Jesus to a hillside beside the Sea of Galilee to hear him teach. As the day grew late, the disciples asked Jesus to send the people away to find food for themselves. 'They do not need to leave,' said Jesus, 'we can share our food with them.'

'But all we have for ourselves are five loaves and two fish and there must be five thousand people here to feed!' exclaimed the disciples. 'Bring the food to me,' said Jesus and he told the crowds to sit down quietly.

Jesus took the loaves and the fish and gave thanks to God. He blessed the bread, broke it and handed it to the people. There was plenty for everyone to eat and when they had finished eating, they filled twelve baskets with leftovers.

The people were amazed and they went away telling everyone about the miracle they had seen that day.



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Respond Together...

- Why were the disciples surprised when Jesus told them to share their food? If you were a disciple there, do you think you would have believed the loaves and fishes could feed so many? Jesus shows us here that we must be ready to share whatever we have with others.
- Can you remember what Jesus did with the bread? The story says he 'blessed it and broke it' before sharing it with the crowds. At what part of Mass do we hear those words? Does it remind you of another story of Jesus?
- We hear each week at Mass how Jesus blesses bread and breaks it. Just as Jesus fed thousands that day, this story reminds us that today Jesus continues to feed millions through the power of God's spirit.
- How do you think the disciples felt as they gave out the loaves and fishes? What a sight it would have been to be there that day!

Pray Together...

Lord Jesus, help us to share whatever we have with others and not to be greedy. Remind us of the amazing power of your love for us and continue to feed us with your spirit. Amen.

