

THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT BEING UNSELFISH



A BOY SHARES HIS LUNCH From John Chapter 6

Jesus got in a boat and crossed the Sea of Galilee to the shore on the other side, and a big crowd followed him because they saw all the miracles he had performed on the sick people. When Jesus got to the other side, He went up on the mountainside and sat down with his disciples. It was about the time for the Jewish Passover Feast.

When Jesus looked up and saw the crowd coming toward him, He said to Philip, one of His disciples. "Where will we buy bread for all these people to eat?" He asked this only to test Philip, because He already knew what He was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for everyone to have even one bite!" Another one of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish. But how far will all that go with so many people?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down. There were about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and had his disciples distribute the food to all the people. He did the same with the fish.

When they all had enough to eat, he said to His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they wanted to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.

POINTS TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE LESSON:

1. How the little boy willingly gave all He had for Jesus to use. We too should be willing to give Jesus all we have for Him to use.
2. How Jesus gave back to the little boy much more than he gave to Jesus. Jesus blesses our lives and gives back to us so much more than we give.
3. Jesus is a GIVER....not a TAKER.
4. What does it mean to be unselfish? What does it mean to be selfish?

Draw a picture of the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus and show how you think he felt about what happened when he did this.

What do you think was the most exciting part of the story about the little boy who gave his food to Jesus?



A large crowd that followed Jesus had had nothing to eat all day.
A small boy gave his lunch to Jesus.