

MARCH



BIBLE STORY

Jesus Feeds Thousands Matthew 14:13-22; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

Read today's story from the Beginner's Bible

Jesus and his disciples were tired. **(Big Yawn)** They needed a quiet place to rest. So, they got into a boat and pushed off from shore. A crowd followed the boat. Over 5,000 people had come to see Jesus. Even though he was tired, Jesus wanted to help them. He climbed out of the boat, and he began to bless and heal many people. **(Lay hands on children as if blessing them)** Later that day, the disciples said to Jesus, "It is getting late. These people should go home and eat dinner." Jesus replied, "We can feed them. See if anyone has any food to share." **(Say loudly "Does anyone have food?")** The disciples found one boy. He had five loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus said, "Bring the boy to me." The disciples asked, "How will so little food feed this many people?" Jesus said, "You will see. Have the people sit down." Then Jesus took the bread and gave thanks to God. **(Give thanks to God)** His disciples gave bread and fish to everyone. To their surprise, twelve baskets were left over! **(Have kids praise God)**

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THIS MONTH'S CRAFTS

Week One: Fish and loaves basket

Week Two: Stretchy fish

Week Three: Fish and pasta necklace

Week Four: Feed 5000 Puzzle

TAKE HOME SHEET

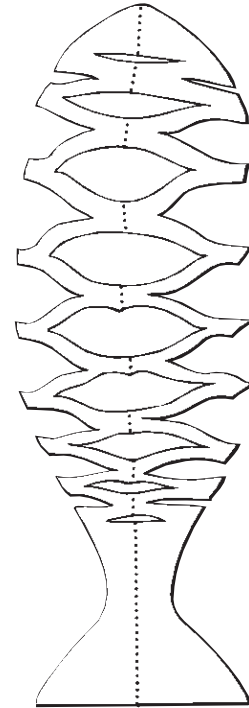
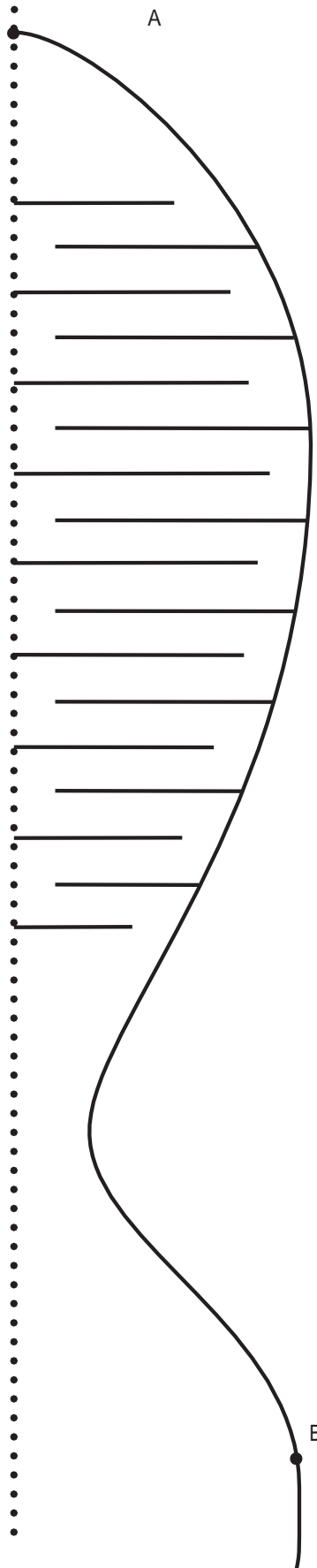
After class have the parents take the take home sheet with them to go over what the children have learned. They can practice their memory verse at home and do a fun family activity.

Print fish and loaves. Cut them out before class to have them ready for children to make their baskets out of paper plates. To make basket cut 1 paper plate in half and place rounded edges against each other and staple/glue just that edge together to leave straight edge open. Punch one hole on each side of the opening and attach a string/yarn to make a handle.



Miracle Fish

Make one photocopy of the fish pattern. Fold the paper along the dotted line, and cut along the solid line from A to B. Also cut shorter solid lines.



Fish and Loaves Necklace

Before class create individual bags or cups of

1 18in piece of string

2 fish cutouts

5 pasta noodles

If you do this prior to class, it will give you more time to assist the children with making their necklaces.

Have the children do their very best to string the pasta and fish with the string. This will help build their hand eye coordination.



Print one for each child and cut along black lines



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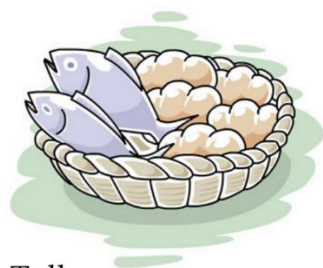
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