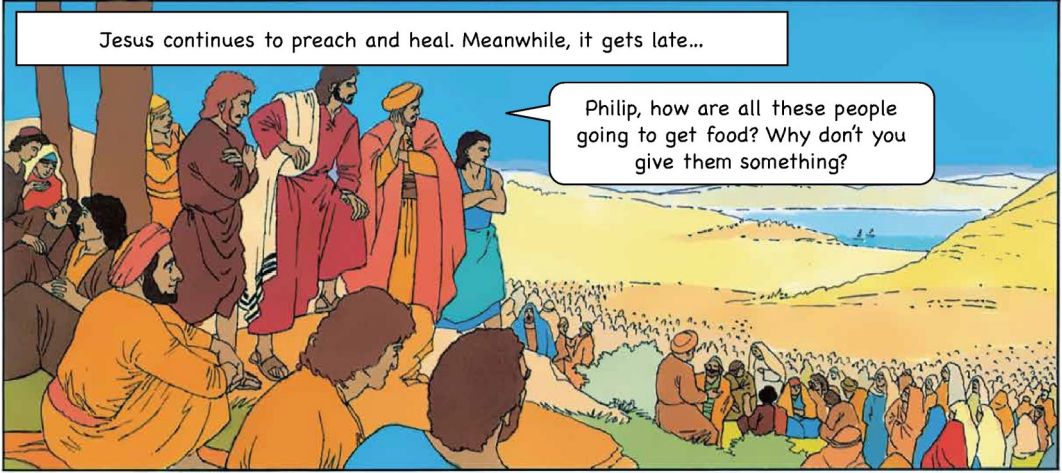


# JEZUS GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH

READ FOR YOURSELF: John 6:1-15

Jesus continues to preach and heal. Meanwhile, it gets late...

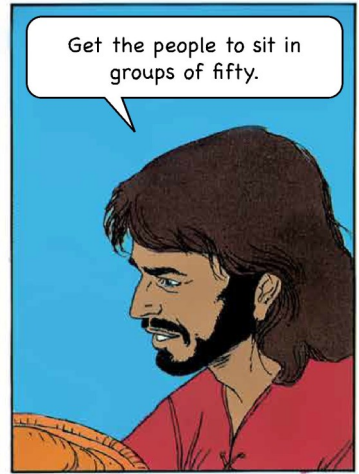
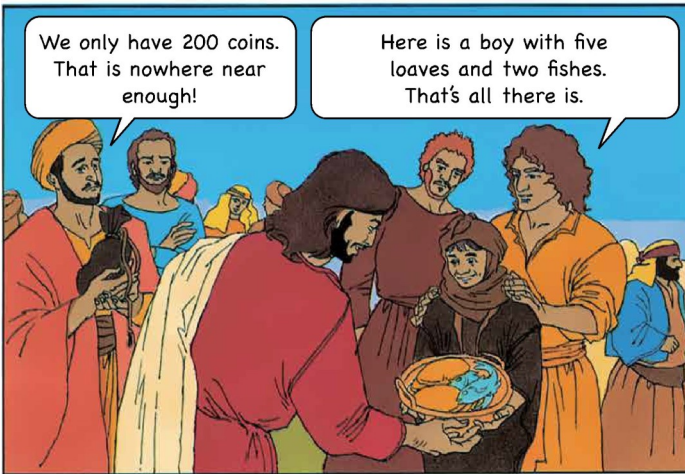
Philip, how are all these people going to get food? Why don't you give them something?



We only have 200 coins. That is nowhere near enough!

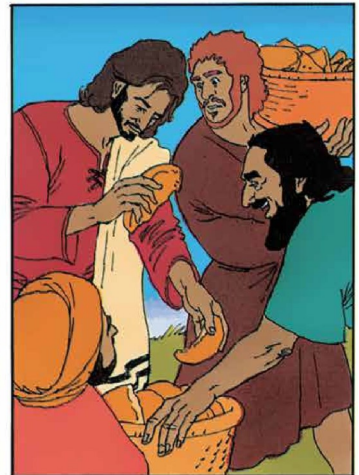
Here is a boy with five loaves and two fishes. That's all there is.

Get the people to sit in groups of fifty.

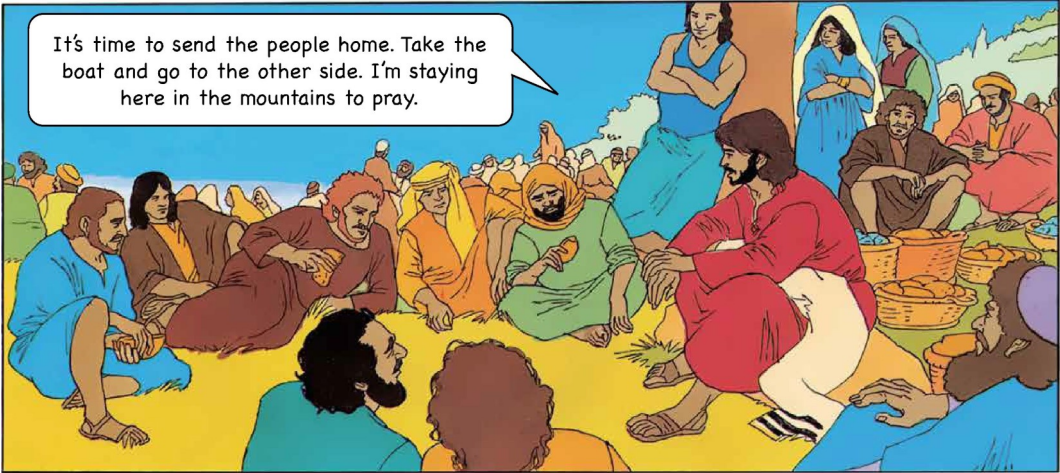
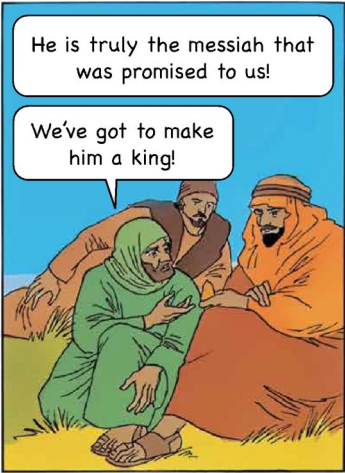
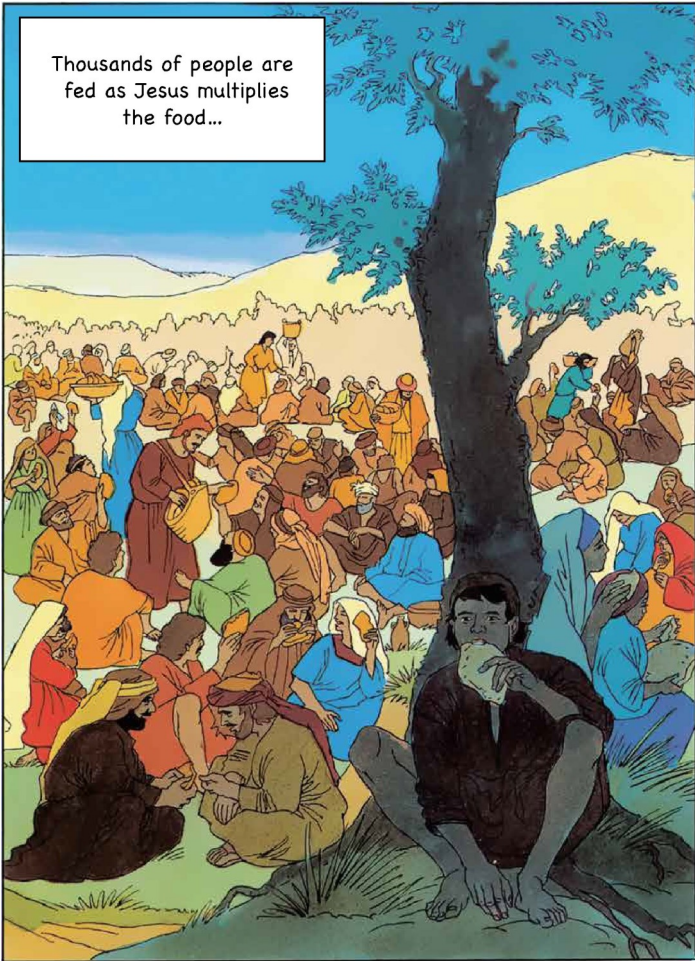


Jesus thanks God...

He breaks the bread and the fishes...







## **JEZUS GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH**

It is amazing what a packet of lunch can do! It begins like this. A crowd of people are following the Lord Jesus towards the mountains. In order to listen to Him Jesus is concerned that they have become hungry. He wants to do something about that. But the disciples do not have much faith in the Lord Jesus' being able to provide for the needs of these people.

Philip figures out how much money is needed to get food for everyone. Not nearly enough. Andrew finds out how much food there is available among the people. It is not very much. Only a small boy is willing to give to the Lord Jesus the food He has taken with Him.

But take note well! When five loaves and two small fish pass through Jesus' hands, a whole crowd of people can eat from it. There are even lots leftovers. Imagine how happy that boy must have been that his lunch could mean so much for others!

Did you know that you too can mean much for other people? That which you give into Jesus' hands can be multiplied. Then it becomes a blessing for other people. That is just how God wants it. Because God is a God of more than enough!

## **MEMORY VERSE**

*"I have come in order that you might have life; life in all its fullness."  
(John 10:10)*

## **WHO IS JESUS?**

### **Good shepherd**

*"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep."  
(John 10:11).*

No one takes so good care of His sheep as Jesus does:

*"I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me."  
(John 10:28).*

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## OLD TREASURES

*The Lord said to Moses, "Now I am going to cause food to rain down from the sky for all of you. The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day." (Exodus 16:4).*

God is delighted to provide for our needs. He is full of grace. About 1300 years before the Lord Jesus handed out bread, God also performed a miracle with bread. That was in the wilderness. The people of Israel were wandering through the wilderness under Moses' leading, on the way to the Promised Land. But there was no food. Then God made it rain manna, it was like white flour kernels.



## EXTRA INFORMATION

### Shepherds

In many places in the Bible you read about shepherds. Abel, the first person in history to be murdered, was a shepherd. Abraham, the ancestor of the people Israel, was a shepherd also. Moses was for a long time a shepherd too, before he led the people Israel out of Egypt. David was a shepherd, before he became king of Israel. And it was shepherds who were the first to get the message of the birth of the Messiah. Shepherds in the Middle East do not walk behind their flock like they do in the West. They walk out in front of the flock, to lead the sheep to grazing places and to protect them from wild animals. The leaders of the church of Jesus are also sometimes called 'shepherds'. They make sure that their flock is protected and gets the best food.

## GIVE TO JESUS!

The boy gave what he had to the Lord Jesus: Five loaves and two small fish. It didn't seem like much. But Jesus could do very much with it. Never say: I don't have anything important to give to the Lord Jesus. Everything you give to Him can change in His hands to a blessing: to something what make others happy.

## TIP

Because you can't see the Lord Jesus, maybe you think you can't give anything to Him. But that is surely not so. You can give something to Jesus by giving it to someone near you. Do it with joy and in love.



**DO YOU KNOW...?**

- 1. How do Philip and Andrew want to help Jesus find food?

Philip:

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Andrew:

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- 2. How many people (!) have to be fed (John 6:10):

- a) 5,000
- b) More than 5,000
- c) Less than 5,000

- 3. What does Jesus do before He hands out the food (John 6:11)?

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- 4. What does Jesus do at the end of this busy day?

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- 5. Make a check mark by the right description of a good shepherd:

- a) He knows His sheep by name - protects His sheep - leads his sheep to good pastures.
- b) He knows His sheep by name - protects His sheep - lets them seek for food themselves.
- c) He does not really know His sheep - forgets His sheep - thinks only of how He can be happy.

- 6. A shepherd provides protection and food for his sheep. What might the sheep be able to give to the shepherd?

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- 7. Why do you think that the leaders of the churches of Jesus today also get called 'shepherds'?

answer:

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**BIBLE READING**

Sun	John 6:1-15
Mon	Exodus 16:1-12
Tue	Ezekiel 34:6-16
Wed	John 10:6-15
Thu	Psalms 23:1-6
Fri	2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Sat	Philippians 4:12-20



**ACTION POINT!**

This week give something away every other day. Pray that the Lord Jesus will make what you give a blessing for the one who gets it. And thank Him that He gives you more than you need for yourself. Then discover how good it is to give things away. That is something you will want to do often!

Monday I give

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to \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday I give

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to \_\_\_\_\_

Friday I give

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to \_\_\_\_\_