



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

I Story Script

A retelling of the Bible Story 'Jesus Feeds 5000 People'

Encourage the children to act out parts of the story as you tell it.

Jesus was tired. Really tired.

Ask the children to yawn and stretch.

He'd been talking to people and teaching them for days. People wanted to know what he thought and lots of people were even arguing with him. People saw the amazing things he was doing and followed him everywhere. Jesus was tired and he wanted some peace and quiet.

So he went as far away from everyone as possible. To the other side of the lake. He climbed a hill and sat with his friends.

Pretend to walk and climb the hill.

Awww, relax.

More yawning and stretching.

But the peace and quiet didn't last for long. Soon he saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him.

Pretend to look and see the crowd coming

Jesus didn't try and hide from them. And he didn't ignore them. He had compassion on them. He knew they were looking for answers about God and they needed his help. So, right on that hillside he started teaching them all about God. Some of them were sick and Jesus made them better. There were so many people there, 5000 men plus the women and children!

You could ask the children – what do you think Jesus told them about God?

Later in the afternoon he realised they would all be hungry.

Ask the children to rub their tummies and pretend to be hungry.

There were no shops near by. Jesus said to one of his friends called Philip, 'Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?'

Everyone look puzzled.

Enough bread for 5000 people? Philip was amazed, how could they possibly buy bread for all these people! He said to Jesus 'We don't have enough money!'

Look more puzzled!

Then another of Jesus' friends Andrew said 'here's a small boy with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish'. A tiny amount for all those people! 'That's all we have' said Andrew, 'that will never feed so many people!'

Especially with younger ones count to five and then count to two.

Jesus said 'tell everyone to sit down.' So they all sat down.

Then Jesus said thank you to God for the bread and for the fish.

The disciples started handing it out and there just seemed to be more and more. Everyone had enough. Everyone was stuffed! No-one was hungry any more.

Pretend to hand out the food.

Then pretend to look full!

Then Jesus said to his friends 'gather up the leftovers'. To their amazement there were 12 big baskets of leftovers, enough for one each for them!

Pretend to gather up the leftovers.

When everyone saw what Jesus had done they knew it was a miracle. They said 'surely he is a prophet' 'surely he can be our king'.

They were going to force him to be their king but Jesus slipped away into the hills before they could.