

The Feeding of the 5,000

Wherever Jesus went, a large crowd of people would follow Him and listen to His teachings. One day, it was starting to get late and the crowd began to get very hungry. One of the disciples turned to Jesus and said, **"What are we going to do? There are 5000 men here, plus women and children. We don't have enough money to feed them all!"**

So Jesus asked, **"What do we have?"**

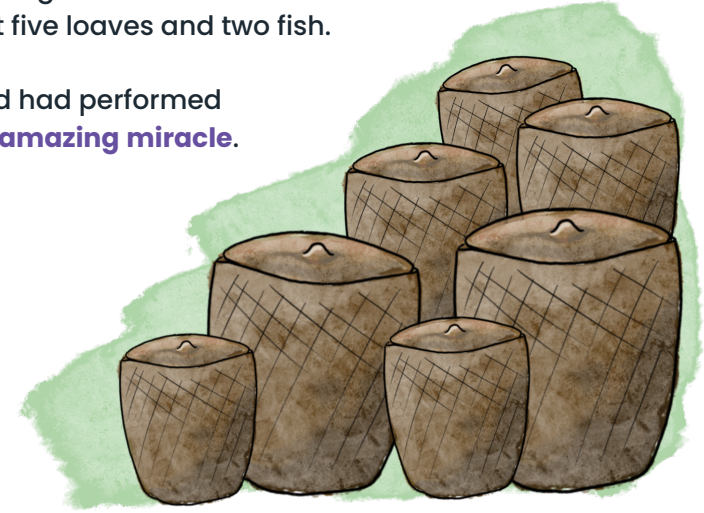
Just then, Andrew spoke, **"Jesus, this boy has five loaves of bread and two fish."**

Jesus smiled, took the fish and the loaves from the boy and then prayed, **"Father God, I thank You for these five loaves and two fish."**



After He had given thanks, the food was passed round and there was plenty to go around, enough to fill everyone's bellies. There was so much food the disciples started to collect the leftovers. They managed to fill **12 baskets** of leftovers from just five loaves and two fish.

God had performed an **amazing miracle**.



Jesus gave thanks for what little they had, and God multiplied the small gift in this great miracle.