

Interactive story

Session Seven – Feeding the 5,000

Bold text – Narrator

(Bracketed Italics) – everyone to join in

This interactive story works best with big groups. Start by teaching the group the interactive bits in brackets. When you get to them in the script, repeat them 2 to 3 times.

Have fun and be creative; you may wish to teach some volunteers ahead of time to help you tell the story. It's up to you. You're in charge!

Jesus was teaching. Jesus was healing. And the crowds surrounding him were huge. Five thousand people and more!

(Everyone says "He tells the truth, he heals the sick. So right next to his side we'll stick!")

The day was coming to an end, they were in a deserted place, and everyone in that great big crowd was getting hungry.

*(Everyone rubs tummy and says
"Our tums are empty, that's no good
We wish that we could have some food.")*

So, Jesus' disciples went to him and told him to send the crowd away to find something to eat.

*(Everyone shields eyes and says
"Way off in that village far
We think that we can see a Spar!")*

But Jesus had another idea. "Why don't you feed them?" He said.



*(Everyone points and says
"Let them stay and rest their feet
You can give them food to eat.")*

The disciples were shocked. All they had between them were five fish and two loaves of bread.

*(Everyone shakes their head and says
"We could never feed them all
Our fish and bread are way too small!")*

"I have a plan," said Jesus to his disciples. "Sit the crowd down, fifty at a time."

*(Everyone makes a "sit down" motion with their hands and
says "Groups of fifty, take your ease
Sit down on your bottoms, please!")*

Then Jesus picked up the fish and bread, looked up to heaven, and thanked God for them.

*(Everyone pretends to hold fish and bread in hands, then
looking up says "Thank you for this fish and bread
Please use it so that all get fed.")*

Then Jesus started to break the fish and bread into pieces. And the more he broke, the more there was! Then he gave it to his disciples to give to the crowd.

*(Everyone pretends to hand to their neighbour and
says "Pass the fish and bread around
Enough for all to gobble down!")*



Everyone – five thousand men and more – had something to eat that day. And there were even twelve baskets full of left overs!

*(Everyone makes a burping sound then says
"We're all too amazed to speak
Tomorrow we get bubble and squeak!")*

Written by Bob Hartman

