

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 13A

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MAIN POINT

Feeding people

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."
"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. (Matthew 14:27)

AIDS

5 bread rolls (have hidden in a bag and only pull one out at first)

ADDRESS

Pull out one bread roll.

I have this bread roll with me today and I thought I would make lunch for everyone here. Do you think I will have enough?

What would I need to do if I wanted to make lunch for everyone?

e.g. buy/have more bread

Pull out the other 4 bread rolls.

Ok, now I have more bread rolls like you suggested. I am going to go to a big concert and feed all the people there. Do you think I will have enough?

Can you imagine 5000 people? That is a lot of people. Do you think these five bread rolls would feed that many people? Jesus told his disciples to feed all the people that had come to see him. Just like we might go to a concert to see someone perform, Jesus had 5000 people come to hear him speak. They didn't have canteens or food vans or takeaway places for them to get food like we could if we went to a concert. So the disciples thought it would be best if they all went home. But Jesus performed a miracle with five loaves of bread and two fish and fed all of those people.

There are people in our community and country that don't have enough food and Jesus wants us to feed them with real bread but he also wants us to tell them about him. Jesus is the bread of life. Not like this bread roll here but with words of faith to help people believe in him.

PRAYER

Help us to find ways to feed people who need food and to also share with them the words of Jesus and the hope we have in him. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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