

LESSON DISCUSSION GUIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD

3 & 4 Year Olds

February 3 & 4, 2024 Weekend

MAIN POINT:

Jesus Cares

BIBLE VERSE:

"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power." Psalm 147:5

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people. Toward the end of the day, they were getting hungry, but there was nowhere for them to get food. Jesus told His disciples to feed the people, but they didn't know how they could. A young boy had brought his lunch of five small loaves of bread and two fish. The disciples brought it to Jesus. He blessed the food, and then gave it to the disciples to hand out to the people. There was enough food for everyone! All of the people ate until they were full, and then the disciples were even able to collect twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus fed the people because Jesus cares.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: https://cschurch.ca/childrens-online

DO IT → LOAVES AND FISH

Supplies:

- Small paper plate (white works best, but any colour can work)
- Penne pasta (5 per child)
- Fish template (2 fish per child) (see last page, or cut your own from coloured paper)
- White glue
- Crayons
- Scissors

Activity Instructions:

• Show your child how to use crayons to draw crisscross lines on the plate, to make it look like a basket.

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- Cut out two of the fish from the template page, or cut your own fish out of coloured paper.
- Have your child colour the fish.
- Place dots of white glue on the plate, and have your child place the pasta and the fish on the glue.
- Write the words "Jesus Cares" on the edge of the plate.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- 1. When we get hungry, what happens to our body? (Our tummy might hurt, or it might get rumbly, we might start to feel a little bit cranky, our arms and legs might feel weak, we might feel tired or like we don't have any energy).
- 2. Jesus knew that the people needed to eat, and because Jesus cares, He wanted to provide food for them. He fed lots and lots of people with just five small loaves of bread, and two fish! Jesus cares for us, and He wants us to care for others too. What are some ways we can care for the people around us? (Share our toys, let others go first, give hugs, call to talk to those we love who live far away.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, Thank You that You care for us so much. Please help us to be like You, and care for others. We love You. In Your name, Amen.

