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# “Jesus Feeds 5000” Craft Ideas

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The feeding of the multitude (really 5,000 plus, since women and children weren't even in the head count) is a fun story to teach as well as a great one for craft possibilities. We celebrate God's provision and power, as He takes care of us and uses our meager offerings to do great things. With these crafts, explore how we can take simple everyday items like plates and bags, and turn them into a new creative reminder of God's ability to transform us! Here are some ideas to re-create the story.

## Bible Verses or Captions to Consider...

*Then Jesus declared, “I am the **bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. -John 6:35*

*They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

*-Matthew 14:20-21*

*God takes the little bit you've got...and uses it to make a lot!*

*From just a little lunch, God made a whole bunch!*

*Give God what you have, and see what He can do!*

*God provides all we need and then some!*

## More Teaching Ideas on Jesus Feeding the Multitude

- See all the MTC [resources about Jesus Feeding the 5000](#)
- Watch this [craft demonstration](#) on our [YouTube Playlist](#)
- Compare the [children's sermon](#), [Sunday School lesson](#), [preschool lesson](#) and [kids church lessons](#) on this same Bible story for kids
- Don't miss [Jesus Feeding the 5000 coloring page](#)



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# Craft one: “Basket Case” Decoration

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## You will need:

- Paper plates
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Scissors
- Glue, tape or staples
- Paper, cut into small strips
- Pipe cleaners



## Procedure:

1. Cut the plate in half, and cut vertical slits in each half, about an inch apart.
2. Take one strip of paper at a time and weave it in and out of the slits in the plate.
3. Once the weaving is complete, staple the plates together to make a “basket.”
4. Add decorations as desired. Attach a pipe cleaner handle.
5. Cut the paper into shapes of fish and bread loaves.
6. Add captions and verses. Tuck the fish and loaves into the basket, and hang to admire!



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# Craft Two: “Big Fish, Multiplied”

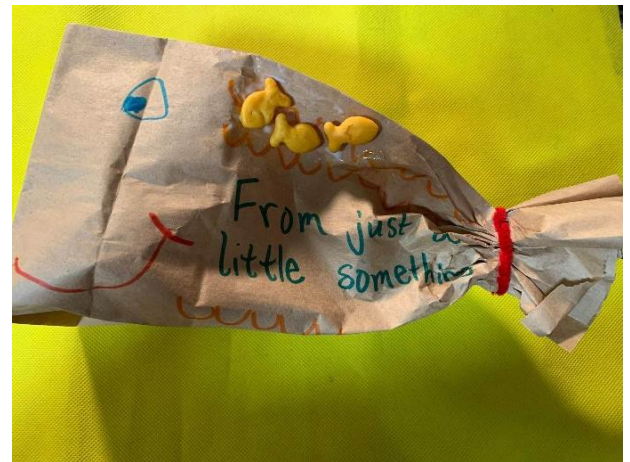
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## You will need:

- Paper bag
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Extra decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Caption or verse
- Markers or crayons
- (optional) Goldfish crackers
- Glue
- Pipe Cleaner

## Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper bag to look “fishy”, with scales, facial features, or color as desired.
2. Cut several fish shapes out of construction paper.
3. Add a verse or caption, outside of the bag as well as on the fish.
4. Provide additional decoration as preferred, including gluing fish crackers to the bag.
5. Tuck the small fish inside the bag. Attach a pipe cleaner to create a “tail” look for the fish.



### Extra Activities and Craft Ideas:

- Use a lunch bag to make a “blessing bag” to give to someone else. Decorate the outside of the bag, and place small items inside like snacks, band-aids, soap, or small trinkets.
- Use a small box or paper bag to create a “basket”, and inside place Goldfish crackers or Swedish fish and cracker “loaves.” Decorate the outside.
- Make jewelry by stringing dry pasta shell “loaves” and paper fish onto yarn or ribbon.





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