

## A little boy's lunch grows big

## Matthew Chapter 14: 13-21

One day Jesus was tired and he said he wanted to rest in a quiet place. So Jesus and the disciples rowed across the lake in their boat. The people wanted to hear Jesus talk again so they followed around the edge of the lake. When the boat came ashore all the people were waiting for Him.

So Jesus healed the sick and told them about God's love. It grew late and Jesus knew the people would need food. He asked his disciple where they could get food but they did not have enough money to buy food for such a big crowd.

Just then a little boy ran up and held his basket up to the disciples.

"I have some food. It isn't much but you can have it," he said.

The disciples smiled when they saw it was only five loaves and two fish but they took it to Jesus who thanked the boy. He thanked God for it too and began to break the bread and fish into pieces. The disciples gave it to all the people and there was enough for everyone to be fed. There was even food left over and they collected it in 12 baskets. Jesus had made the little boy's lunch grow big.

*This story shows what can happen if we share generously. God can make something small into something big. No one is too young to share.*

You can watch the story "Feeding the 5000 - No gift too small" on

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak\\_zipTFvVk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak_zipTFvVk)

This is a challenge!

Have you got something you can share from your garden? Perhaps you grow vegetables or fruit. Ask your parents if you could give some food to someone in your street or to family or friends. If you don't have a garden you could bake some cake or biscuits to share. Have a go!

Here's a craft to do to remind you that even though you are small you can still help God by sharing, just like the little boy who shared his lunch.

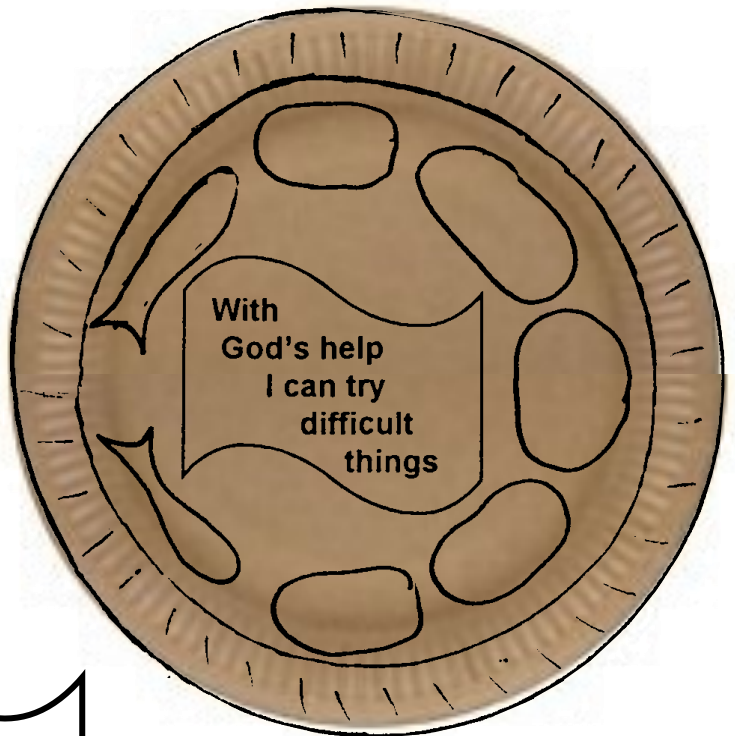


# Loaves and Fish Paper Plate

## Materials:

### *Each child will need:*

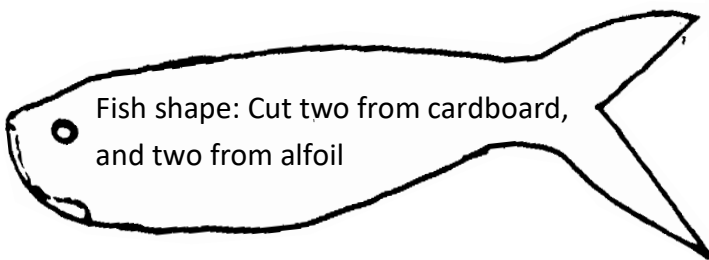
- a small paper plate
- 10 loaf shapes cut out of brown paper
- cotton wool, shredded paper or tissue paper for stuffing loaves
- *OR:* loaves printed onto cardboard
- 2 cardboard fish shapes (use recycled cereal or biscuit packets)
- 2 alfoil fish shapes
- *Optional:* Use hologram or silver glitter on the fish instead of alfoil
- scissors
- stapler
- glue
- printed slogan:



With  
God's help  
I can be a  
helper too

With  
God's help  
I can try  
difficult  
things

Big  
things  
can happen  
when you  
share



Loaf shape: Cut 10  
from brown paper

## Method:

**Slogan:** Choose your slogan. Colour it in if desired. Cut around the flag and glue it into the centre of the paper plate.

**Loaves:** For each loaf, staple 2 brown paper shapes together around the edges, leaving a gap at one end to stuff the loaf. Gently push enough cotton wool, shredded paper or tissue paper into the hole to give the loaf some shape, then staple the end.

**Simple alternative:** Print the small loaves on the next page onto cardboard and use them instead.

**Fish:** Glue the alfoil fish shapes onto the cardboard fish shapes (one side only). Fold excess alfoil over to the back to finish the edges neatly. You may find you don't need to glue the alfoil on.

**Alternative:** Spread glue over the fish and sprinkle hologram or silver glitter on for scales.

## **Assemble:**

Position loaves and fish around slogan on paper plate, then glue in place with a dab of craft glue. Write: "From little things big things grow" around the rim.

