

Family Connect:

May 3

John 6:1-71

Pray as you begin . . .

READ the passage in several sittings taking a look at two of Christ's famous miracles. Read with expression and if you have a children's story bible, show pictures to illustrate the stories.

John 6:1-15 Jesus feeds the 5000

John 6:16-24 Jesus walks on water

For each story consider acting them out and asking questions about how your family would have felt being there. Have fun and use whatever props you have laying around the house.

Do any of the other gospels record these miracles?

SHARE with each other the answers to these questions:

- When have you seen God stretch your limited resources (physically or emotionally)
- What was your greatest childhood fear (bugs? High places? Darkness? Water?)

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Talk about why Jesus came to earth and did what he did while here—his love for his father and for us. This is not just a kid's song!

MEMORIZE: John 6:29

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Pick one or do all of them!

BREAD PASS... Sit in a circle and take turns passing a loaf/piece of bread around the circle and each one tearing a piece off to eat it and passing the remainder to the next person. See how many times you can pass it around the circle before the bread is gone. Explain that no matter how many times the bread was passed in this miracle of the feeding of the 5000, the baskets were full when the disciples collected them.

DON'T BE AFRAID... Make two signs, one that says *scary* and the other reading *not scary*. Place them at opposite ends of the room. Tell scenarios where they can choose if it is scary or not scary situation. They will run and stand near the sign of the one they choose. Come up with as many that will hold their interest. Discuss ways we can trust Jesus through the scary situations. (get separated from parents in a store, swimming at the beach and see a shark fin, while camping a marshmallow falls in the fire, walk into class and remember there is a test, threw a ball and accidentally broke the neighbors window, etc...) A lot of situations can make us worry. Fear is a normal feeling, and God gave us the ability to feel fear to protect us from things that can hurt us. However, when we let fear control our hearts, we are not trusting Jesus.

Pray as you end . . .