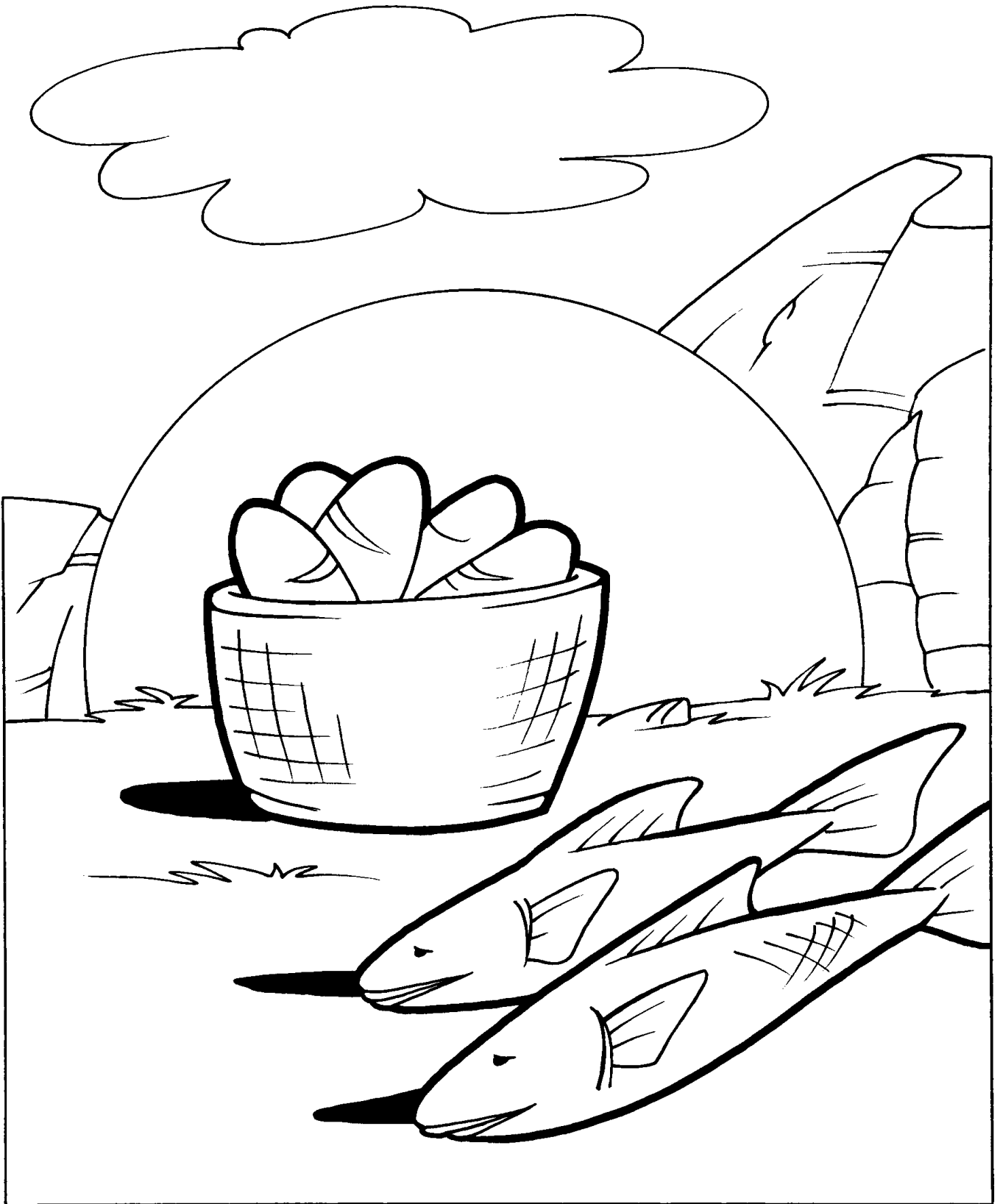


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 197: FEEDING THE 5,000
JOHN 6:1-14

Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias. A large crowd had seen Him work miracles to heal the sick, and those people went with Him. It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover, and Jesus went up on a mountain with His disciples and sat down. When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward Him, He asked Philip, "Where will we buy enough food to feed all these people?" He said this to test Philip, since He already knew what He was going to do. Philip answered, "Don't you know that even 200 denarii, which is almost a year's wages, would only buy only enough bread for each of these people to have just a tiny bit?" Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of Jesus' disciples. He spoke up and said, "There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?" The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told His disciples to have everyone sit down. About five thousand men were in the crowd. Jesus took the bread in His hands and gave thanks to God. Then He passed the bread to the people, and He did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat. The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told His disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted. The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve LARGE baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves. After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle, they began saying, "This is truly the Prophet - the One who is to come into the world!"

197. FEEDING THE 5,000

JOHN 6:1-14



"Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of Jesus' disciples. He spoke up and said, "There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?" **JOHN 6:8-9**

197. FEEDING THE 5,000

JOHN 6:1-14

MEMORY VERSE:

"..This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." JOHN 6:14

Review Questions

True or False

1. A great crowd followed Jesus because they saw His miracles that he performed on those who were sick.
2. Jesus went up on a mountain with His enemies, and sat down.
3. There were about 10 people who were there with Him.
4. Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we go and buy some bread so these men can eat?"
5. Jesus was only testing Philip, because He already knew what He was going to do.

Questions

1. What did Philip tell Jesus when Jesus asked him where they could buy bread to feed the men?
2. About how many men were there?
3. How many loaves of bread, and how many fishes did Andrew say a young boy had with him?
4. What did Jesus do with the loaves of bread, and then with the fishes?
5. Was there enough food from the five loaves of bread, and the two fishes to feed the 5,000 men?
6. After everyone ate until they were full, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do with the leftover pieces of bread?
7. What did the 5,000 men say about Jesus when they saw this miracle?

Lesson 197 Activity

The "Guess Who" Game

Tell your class that you are going to reenact some prayers from different characters in the Bible that faced impossible situations.

Pretend to pray to God as Sarah who was very old and waiting for the promise of a child, Daniel in the lions' den, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo, Mary, Noah, Moses, etc...

Have your children raise their hands when they think they know who you are and pick one to tell after a little while. If the child is right, go on to the next character. If the answer is wrong, keep going until someone gets it or you feel the need to tell the class.

Explain to your class that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. If He could help all of those people in the Bible with their impossible situations, He is certainly able to help us with ours!

This miracle began when the disciples realized that they couldn't meet the needs of the people on their own and gave what little they had to Jesus.

We too need to realize that Jesus is with us and desires that we place our faith in Him, allowing Him to control our life. Just like He helped feed 5,000 men with what seemed to be an impossible little amount of food, He can also help us with any situation in our lives that may also seem impossible! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! Jesus makes the impossible, POSSIBLE!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that [Jesus makes possible the impossible](#). If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.