

**Story:** Jesus Feeds 5,000- The Big Picnic: Mark 6:30 - 44

**Lesson Intro:** Dividing Bread

1. Explain to the children that they brought a snack to share. Show them a loaf of bread. (Can be real or a paper cut out of a loaf of bread).
2. Tell the children that there will be two people eating the bread.
3. Have the children divide or cut the bread or paper into equal parts for each person.
4. Now tell the children that there are 6 people going to eat. Have them divide the bread so everyone can eat. Remember that things must be equal so everyone can eat.
5. Now tell the children that there are 10 people going to eat. Have them divide the bread so everyone can eat. What do they notice about the amount of bread that everyone gets? Will that be enough food for everyone to eat and be full?
6. Now tell the children that there are 100 people going to eat. Have them divide the bread so everyone can eat.  
Can they do it?

Say: Today we are going to talk about miracle that Jesus performed. He took 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread and fed not 5 people, not 100 people, not 1,000 people but over 5,000 people! And no one was hungry!!!

**Lesson**

*Active Listening:* In the story we are going to read from the Bible, Jesus tells a story about people having to trust God. There are many people there to hear Jesus talk. In this story, the people pass out some food to others. Listen carefully to see what happens.

1. Read "The Big Picnic" on page 374- 379 of The Beginners Bible.
  - As you read, ask children about each page.

After reading- discuss what happened in the story and how Jesus was able to perform a miracle by feeding so many with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

**Prayer:**

Dear God,  
Please help us to always trust you to take care of us. Amen

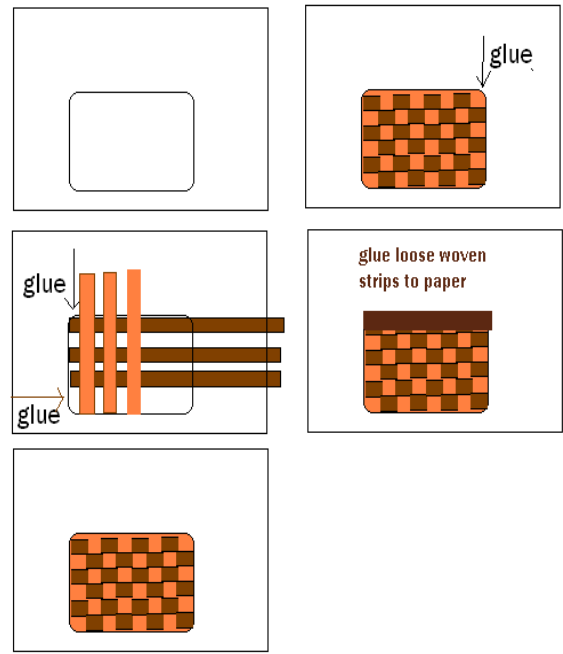
## **Craft:** Making a basket

### **Materials:**

- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons
- Copy of fish and bread

### **Directions:**

1. Draw an outline of a basket on the paper.
2. Cut brown construction paper into strips.
3. Glue the strips to one edge of the basket.
4. Glue strips to the bottom of the basket.
5. Have children weave the strips of paper.
6. Glue the side of the basket down.
7. Glue a strip of paper along the top of the basket.
8. Cut and color bread and fish to add into the basket.



## **Activity:** Fish and Bread necklace

### **Materials:**

- Pieces of pasta or straws (Bread)
- Construction fish cut outs
- string

### **Directions:**

1. Children will add 5 loaves of bread and two fish to their string.
2. Please remind the children how Jesus performed a miracle by feeding 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and two fish.



## **Activity:** Finding Miracles

### Materials:

- Container of rice or beans
- Letters
- Paper with words from lesson

### Directions:

1. Review the words on the paper from today's lesson. (Miracle, Jesus, fish, bread)
2. Have the children take turns finding the letters in the rice to spell each of today's words.  
\*Note – you may have to return the letters after each word to the rice box.

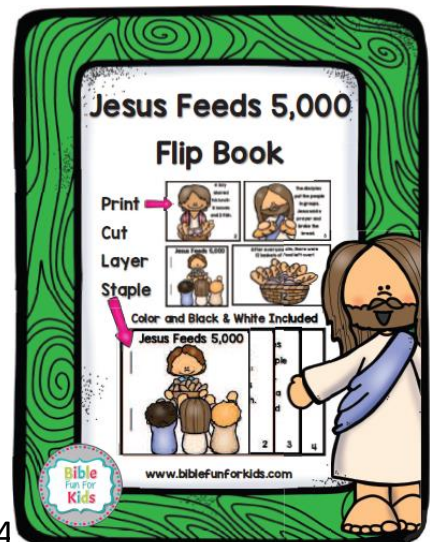
## **Activity:** Jesus Feeds 5,000 Flip book

### Materials:

- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Flip Book
- Stapler

### Directions:

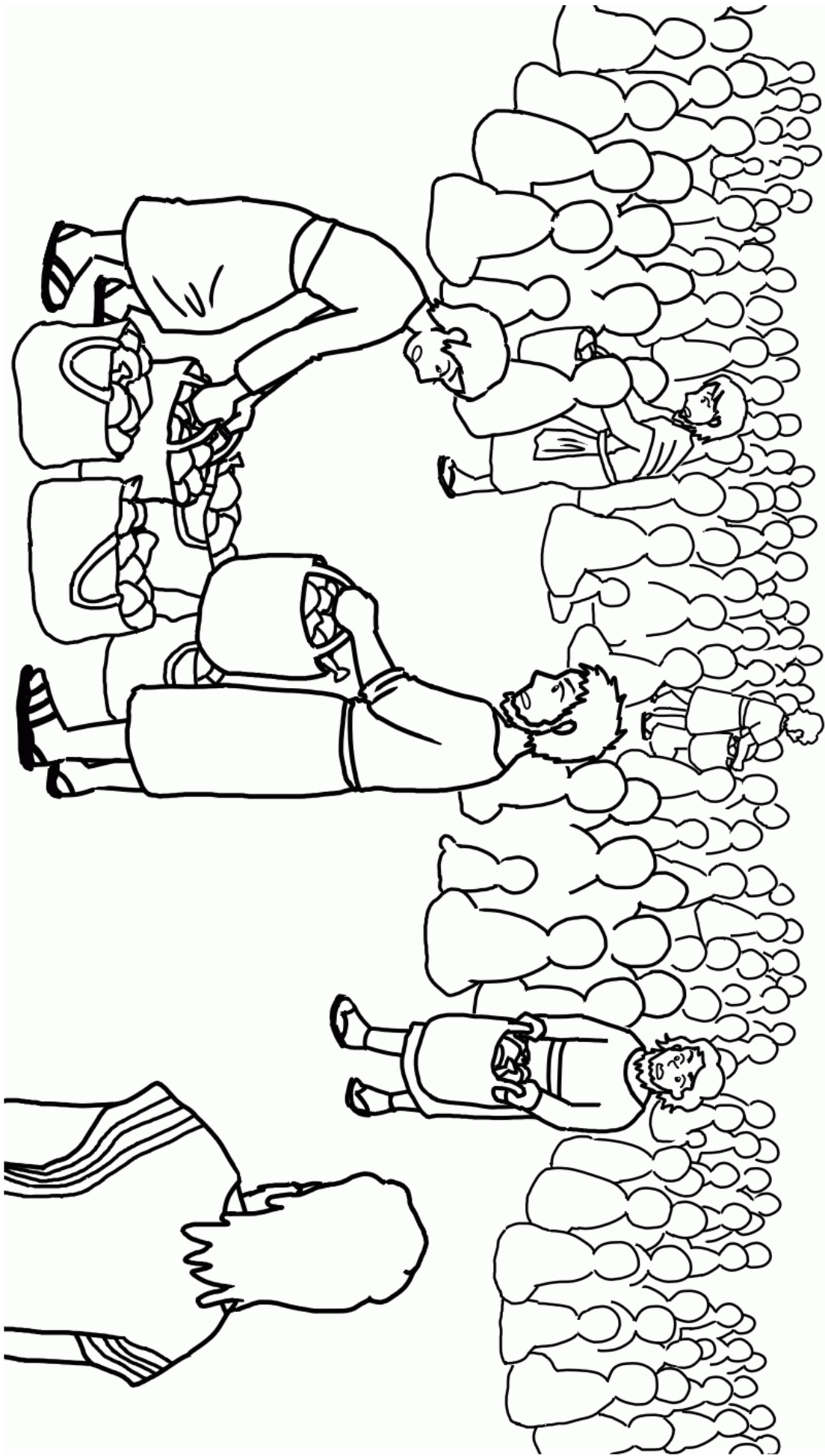
1. Children can color the flip book page.
2. Children can cut out the flip book pages.
3. Assemble the flip book. Page 1 on top, then 2, 3 and 4
4. Staple the book along the left side of the book.

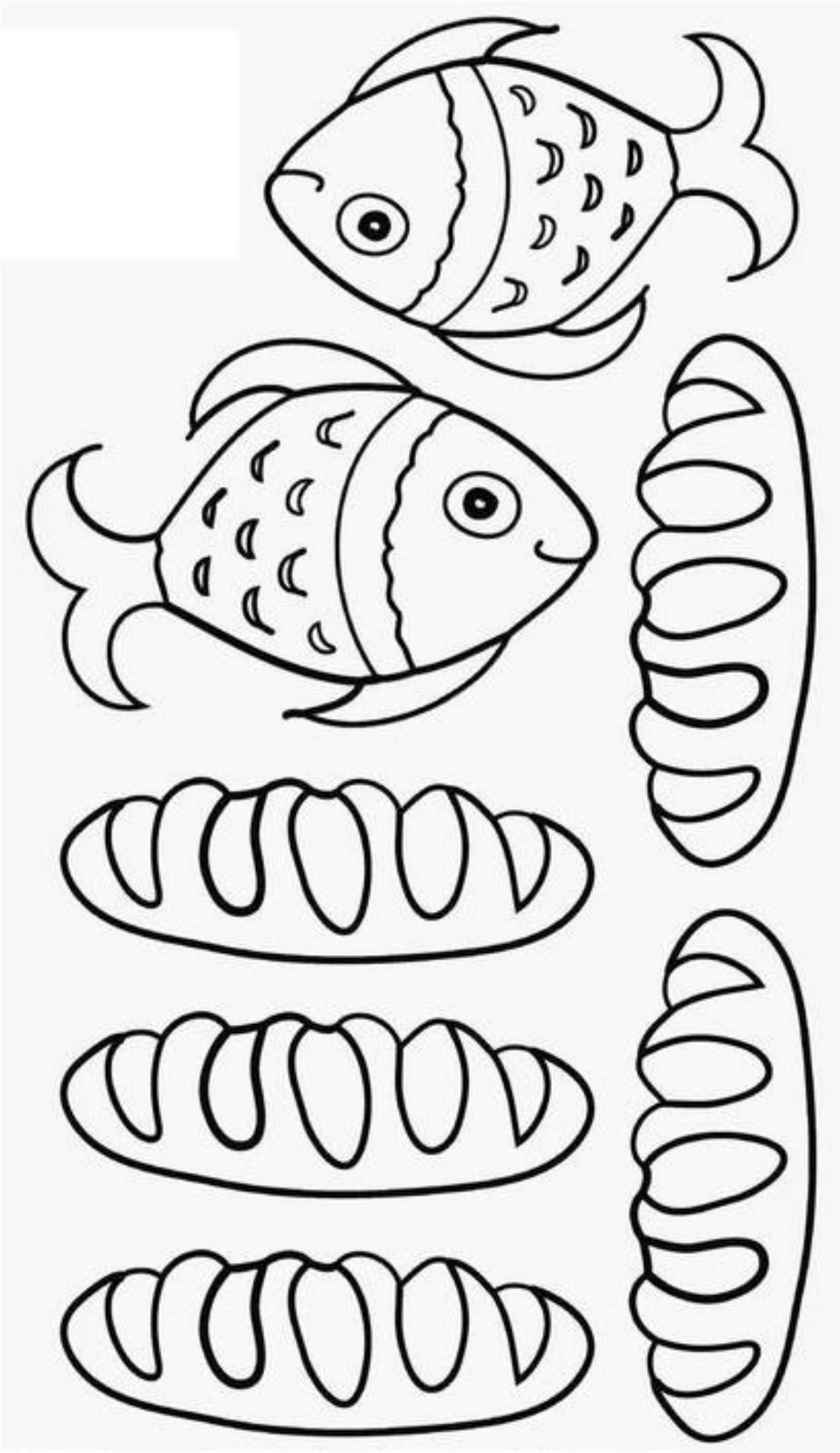












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Can you find the words from today's Lesson?

Miracle

Jesus

Fish

Bread