



Summer Seedlings

August 2 Loaves and Fishes



A picnic of five loaves and two fish are at the centre of the story called the Feeding of the Five Thousand that is told in the New Testament of the Bible. Jesus had been teaching near the Sea of Galilee to huge crowds who had come to hear what he had to say and to watch to see what he might do.

Play the video of the story and see if you can spot women and children in the crowd as they follow Jesus.

You can find the story in the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 14 : 13 v 21 and the Spark Story Bible.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=UyXP-kQfooU>



I wonder what the disciples must have thought when Jesus told them to feed the crowd ?

I wonder how Jesus turned that little amount of food into more than enough for all ?

I wonder if people in the crowd thought that there was something special about Jesus and if so who he might be?

The Bible is full of stories about food.

In the Old Testament there is the special bread that came from heaven called manna that helped the hungry people in the desert.

In the New Testament, Jesus is often pictured eating food with his family or with people who weren't the kind of people the authorities thought Jesus should be associating with. There was the final meal that Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room as the story of Easter begins.

I wonder what is the biggest group of people that you have ever eaten with?

Who made sure there was enough food for everyone?

What do you do with leftover food?

Why not try..... ?

See if you can find an apple.



Look at it and guess how many bites it would take to eat it.

Then using a knife, with adult supervision, begin to cut the apple up to share it between yourself and others.

I wonder what would be a sensible number of pieces to make and is there anyone you know who likes to eat the core as well ?

If you saved the seeds from the core and planted them , how many more people could you share apples with ?

Would an apple be part of a picnic lunch if you could choose what was in your box ?

Dear God
For the food we eat and the people we meet
For the ways that we care and the ways that we share,
We give you thanks, O God.

Amen