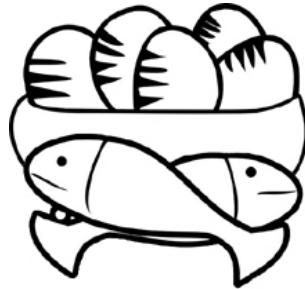


Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 145:10-18 (16)
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21



All Day Preaching and Dinner on the Grounds

Object: A picnic basket

When I was a child, we sometimes had what we called, "All Day Preaching and Dinner on the Grounds." On that Sunday, people came to church carrying a picnic basket like this one. After church, we went outside and had dinner on the church lawn. There was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables from the garden, and home-made cakes and pies of every kind.

That reminds me of a story about Jesus and his disciples. One day they got into a boat and sailed across a lake. When they reached the other side, they went up onto the side of a mountain and sat down to rest. A great crowd of people started coming toward them. They wanted Jesus to teach them and heal the sick and he did.

Soon it was time to eat. Jesus asked Philip, one of the disciples, "Where can we buy enough bread to feed all of these people?" Philip answered, "Eight months wages wouldn't buy enough bread for each person to have one little bite!"

Andrew, another disciple, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish."

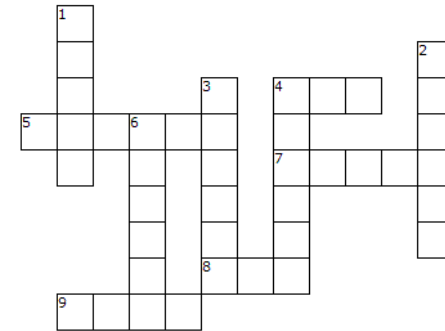
Jesus told the disciples to bring him the loaves and fish and to tell everyone to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the loaves and fish and looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He then gave the food to the disciples to give to the people.

Was it enough? The Bible tells us that when everyone had eaten, he told his disciples to gather up what was left over. They gathered up enough food to fill twelve baskets! It was more than enough!

Heavenly Father, we praise you for your goodness. You give us all that we need and more. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us! Alleluia. (Luke 7:16)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. A male child
- 5. One more that eleven; two and ten; twice six; a dozen.
- 7. Opposite of large
- 8. To take food into the body through the mouth
- 9. A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water

DOWN

- 1. A large number of persons gathered together
- 2. The number equal to 6 plus 6
- 3. Human beings -- as a group
- 4. A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs
- 6. Bread baked in one long piece (plural)

BASKET	CROWD	SMALL	EAT	PEOPLE
BOY	TWELVE	TWELVE	LOAVES	FISH

FABULOUS FISH: Help the child trace a fish outline on a piece of construction paper. Provide different colors of yarn to glue around the edge of the fish and some sequins to glue on the fish as decoration. Write the Bible verse or the prayer from the lesson on the bottom of the paper. Hang the picture by a ribbon or add a magnet to attach the fish picture on the refrigerator.



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