

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Suggested for children ages 3 - 5)

Gospel... *The miracle of the loaves and fish.*

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

A large crowd had followed Jesus to a hillside beside the Sea of Galilee to hear him teach. As it grew late in the day, the disciples asked Jesus to send the people away to find some food for themselves. "They do not need to leave," said Jesus. "We can share our food with them."

"But all we have for ourselves are five loaves and two fish, and there must be five thousand people to feed!" exclaimed the disciples. "Bring the food to me," said Jesus and he told the crowds to sit down quietly. Jesus took the loaves and fish and gave thanks to God. He blessed the bread, broke it, and handed it to the disciples to share with the people. There was plenty for everyone to eat, and when they had finished eating, they filled twelve baskets with the scraps. The people were amazed, and they went away telling everyone about the miracle they had seen that day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer:

Jesus, help us to share whatever we have with others and not to be greedy in any way. As we remember our brothers and sisters, who have no food, we pray that we will all learn to share so that the world will be a more happy and kinder place for all people. Amen.