



Jesus Feeds 5,000

Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-14

Jesus sat down to rest on a hillside one day. A big crowd of people—lots and lots and lots of people—came to see Him. The people wanted to hear Jesus talk about God. They listened to Jesus until suppertime. Jesus knew these people were hungry. “Where can we buy food for all these people?” Jesus said to His friends.

“We don’t have enough money to buy food for all these people!” one of Jesus’ friends said.

Just then another friend said, “Here is a boy who has five little loaves of bread and two fish.”

“But that’s not enough food for all these people,” another friend might have said.

Jesus picked up the little boy’s lunch. He thanked God. He began to break the bread and fish into pieces. And the most surprising thing happened! Soon there were hundreds and hundreds of pieces of bread and fish! There was enough bread and fish to give to all those hungry people. Every person had plenty to eat.

When everybody had finished eating, Jesus’ friends gathered up 12 baskets of leftover bread and fish. Jesus had made enough food out of that little boy’s lunch to feed all those people—and still have lots of food left over! What a wonderful way for Jesus to show His love to people! The people were very glad and very thankful.

Edible Jewelry

Collect

Bible, yarn, scissors, measuring stick, circle-shaped dry cereal, transparent tape, paper, marker.

Prepare

Cut one 2- to 3-foot (.6- to .9-m) length of yarn for each child. Tie a piece of cereal to one end. Wrap the other end with tape for children to use as a needle.

Post a note alerting parents to the use of food in this activity. Also check registration forms for possible food allergies.

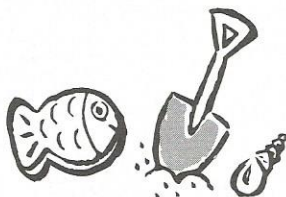
Do

Children string cereal onto yarn. When each child is finished, tie necklace loosely around child's neck so that necklace can be lifted on and off over the child's head.



Enrichment Ideas

1. In addition to necklaces, older children make wristbands. Help children tie wristbands around wrists.
2. Provide pretzel rings and hollow licorice pieces. Invite children to string pretzels and licorice to make necklaces.



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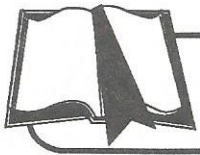
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I'm thankful to Jesus for His love
and the good things He gives me.

Talk About

- ☀ In today's Bible story, Jesus showed love for a crowd of people. He helped them have food to eat. Let's make necklaces we can eat!
- ☀ When do you usually eat cereal? Tim, what are some other foods you eat at breakfast? I'm glad Jesus gives us lots of good things to eat!
- ☀ God gives us more than good food. He also gives us people to love and care for us. Who are some of the people God has given you? What is something they do to take care of you?





Jesus Feeds A Crowd

John 6:5-14

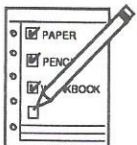
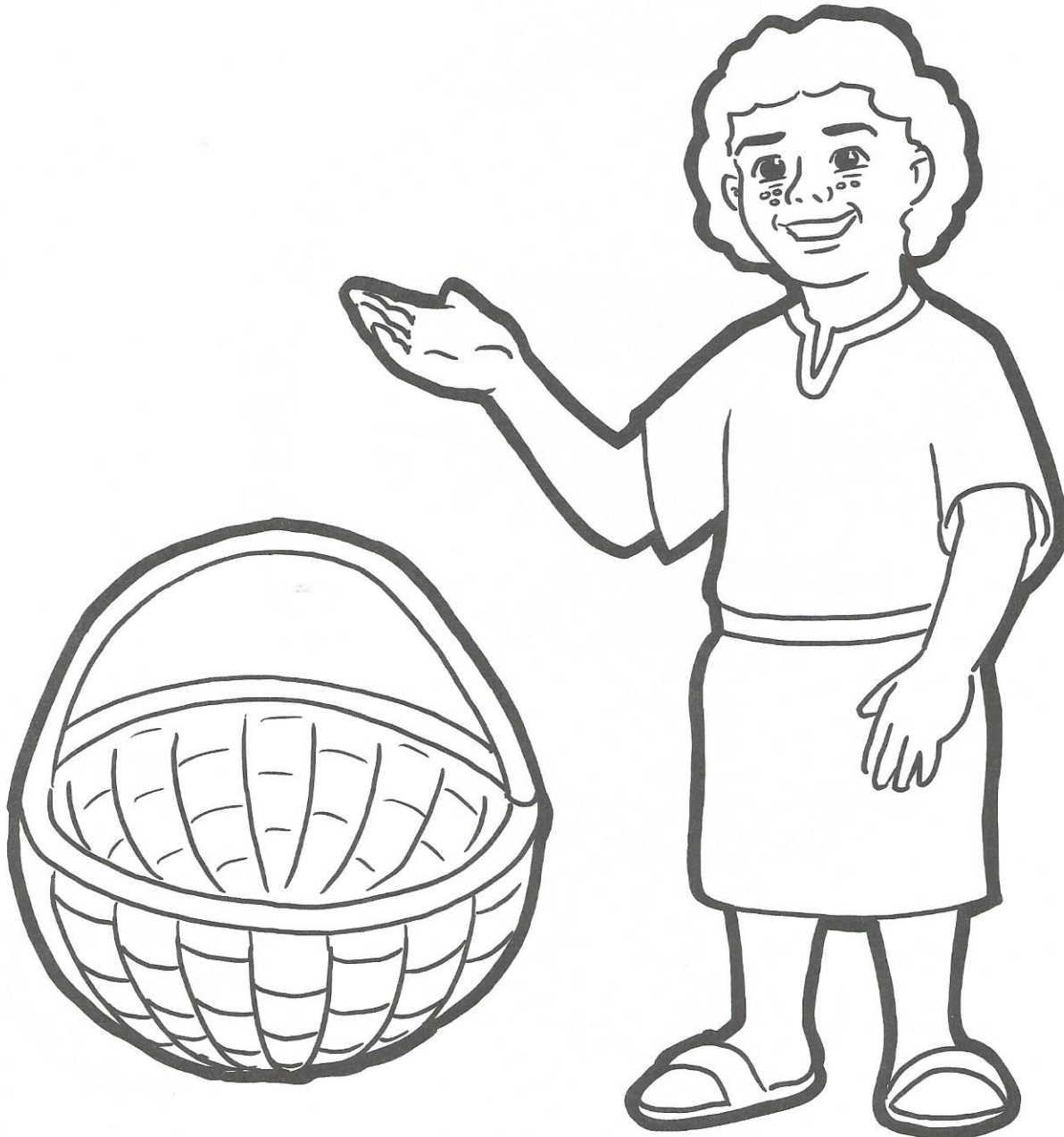
The Biggest Little Lunch

People followed Jesus wherever He went. Jesus could do wonderful miracles, and people wanted to be near Him.

One day, lunch time came as the crowds followed Jesus. No one had food to eat; no one except one small boy with a small lunch.

That small boy brought his five rolls and two fish to Jesus. Jesus prayed, and a miracle happened. Over five thousand people ate until they were full, from the biggest little lunch in the world.

As you color, think about things you can share.

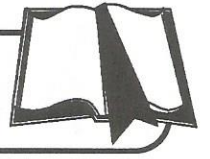


For the Teacher: Pre-cut a basket for each child. After they color, let the children glue their pictures onto a construction paper background. Help them glue the basket onto the boy's arm. Place paper plates with fish crackers and croutons on the table. Let each child count two fish and five croutons and glue them in the basket. Bring extra food for snacking. Talk about the Biggest Little Lunch story.

Sharing Lunch Sack

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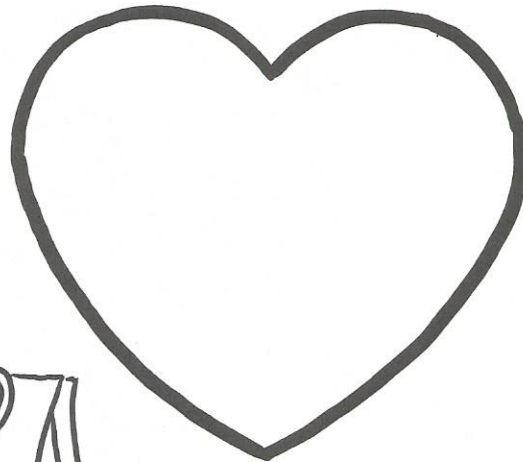
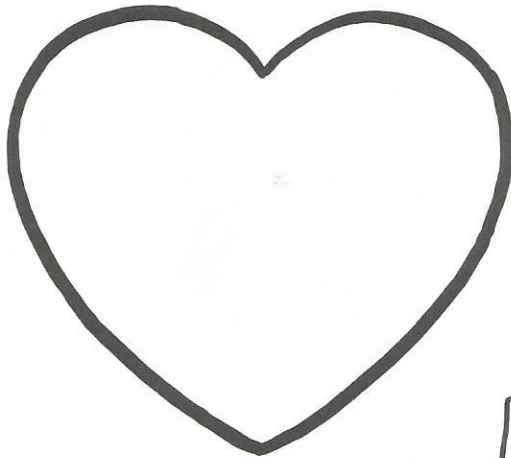


The little boy was happy to share his lunch of five rolls and two fish with Jesus. Jesus took the small lunch. He prayed and thanked God for it. Then He turned the small lunch into a giant picnic for over 5,000 people.

Jesus knows and cares when you share what

you have. He can turn the smallest act of love into a large one.

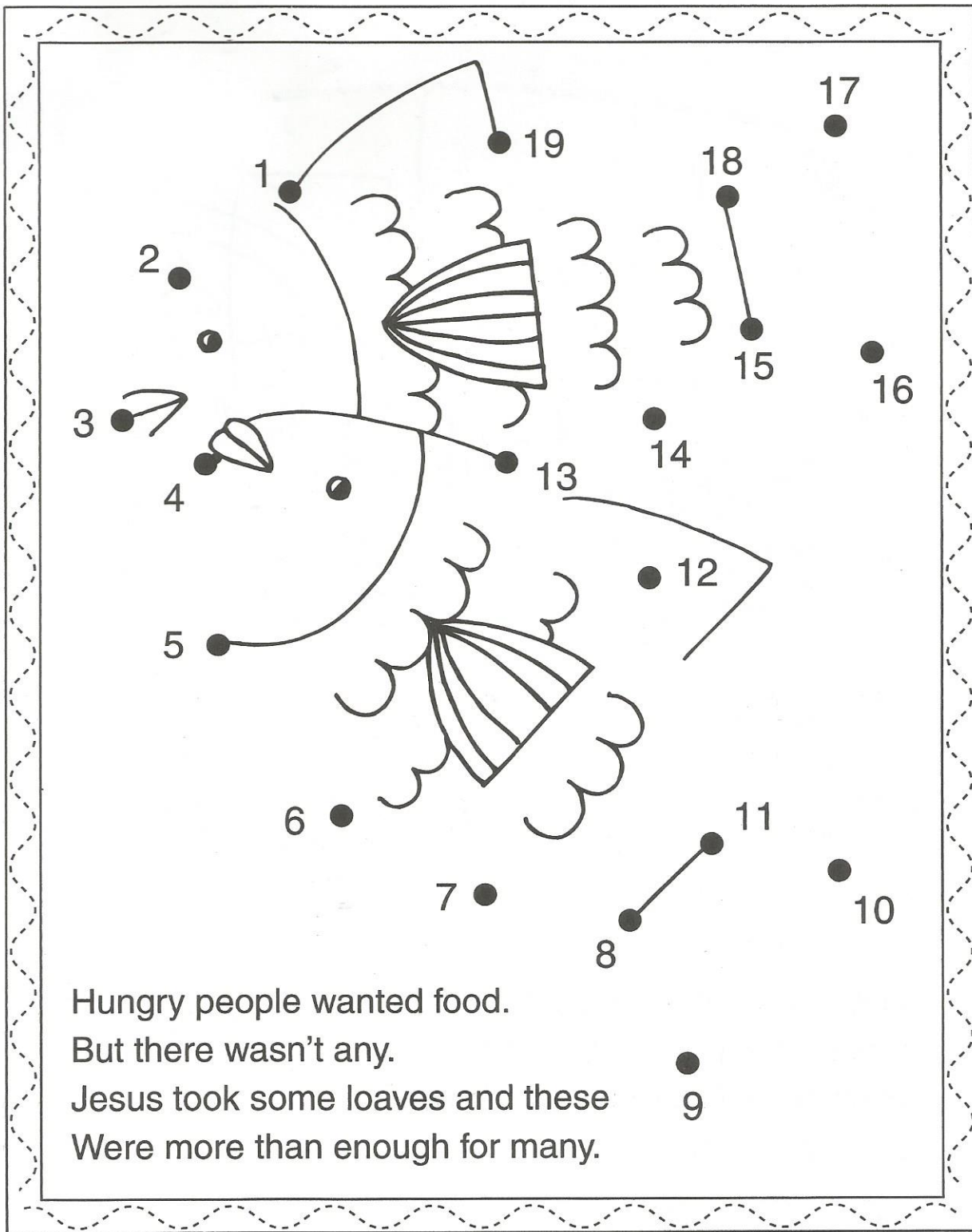
You can make a special lunch sack to share with someone this week. You may choose what to put inside and who will receive it.



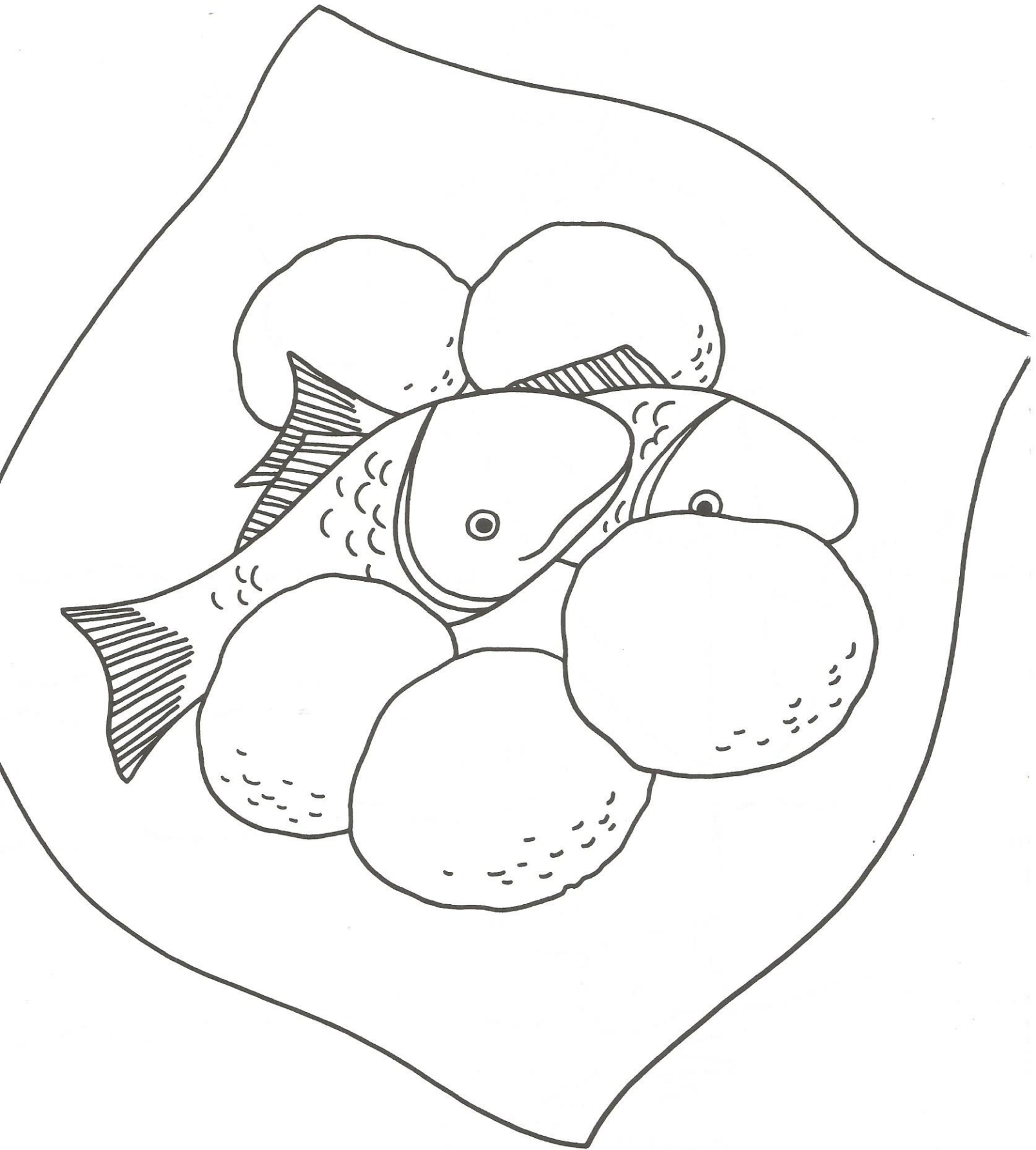
Finished Lunch Sack



For the Teacher: Give each child a paper lunch sack with two holes punched in the top, a 5-inch piece of red yarn, an 18-inch piece of yarn, four hearts duplicated onto colored paper, and treats to share (crackers, popcorn, etc.). Let each child cut hearts, tape a short piece of yarn between the hearts with words, and glue them to the front of the sack. Glue remaining hearts on back. Let the children put treats in plastic bags, then into paper sacks, and tie with yarn. 49



Hungry people wanted food.
But there wasn't any.
Jesus took some loaves and these
Were more than enough for many.



Jesus took the five loaves and two fish and asked God to bless it.
Then He made enough food to feed everyone, with some left over.

John 6:1-14