



When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food. We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

*“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. **Matthew 14.13-21***

It's wonderful that you can join us for Harvest Messy Church, we're so pleased to see you all!

We have a fun selection of crafts for you to make during your time here and, as harvest is the time of plenty, we'll be sharing the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and then thinking and talking about sharing.

As per our guidelines, during the session please try to remain in your own area, to help us stay COVID-safe. Everything you need will be brought to your space.

Crafts available:

- Pumpkin Carving - Carve out a fish or cross to show the feeding of the 5000 and the love of Christ.
- Basket weaving - The fish and bread were carried in baskets. Can you weave a basket? Use the twigs and wool provided; what could you use for bread and fishes?
- Bread & Fish necklaces - Make your own necklace showing the fish and bread Jesus and the disciples shared.
- Diorama - Use the cut out provided to create the scene of the Gospel and act out the story when hearing it again.



Whilst you're crafting, or when you get home, here are some things you might like to talk about:

- Tell some of your own stories about being really hungry.
- Talk about a situation when you have really needed something and remarkably it has been provided.
- What part of the story was your favourite?
- Were you amazed or surprised by anything that Jesus did in the story?
- Think about something you could give, that God could use to help others?
- Are there things you need now? Could you trust God with any of them this week?
- Is there anything you want to say 'thank you' for this week?



ST JOHN
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Welcome to our Harvest Messy
Church

