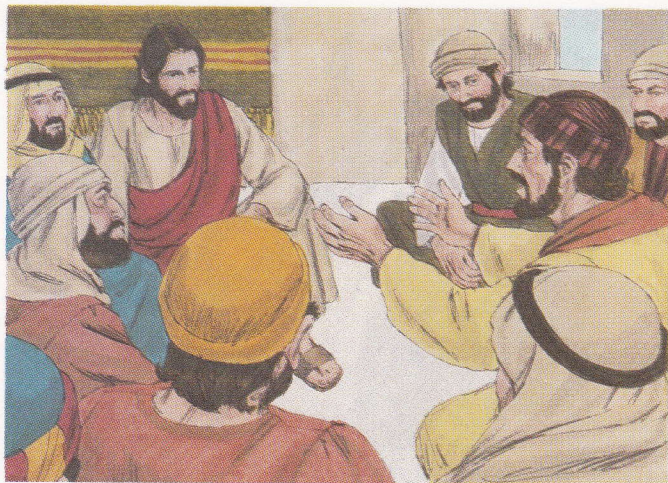


# Feeding the Five Thousand



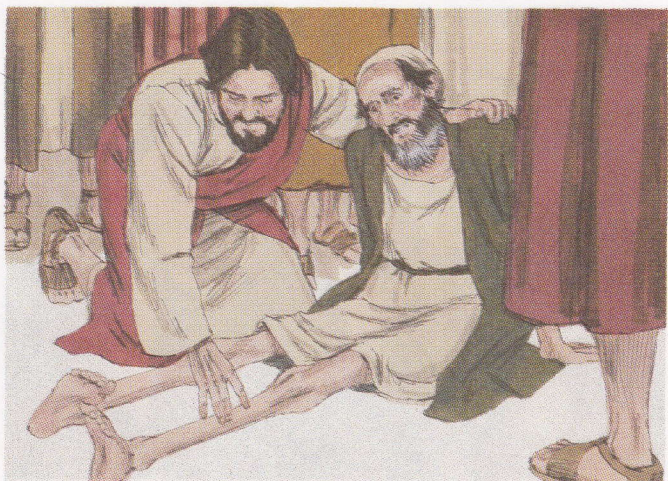
**1** After learning from Jesus, Jesus' followers went out to preach to others for a time. Then they returned to their Teacher. "Let's go away and rest for a while," Jesus said.



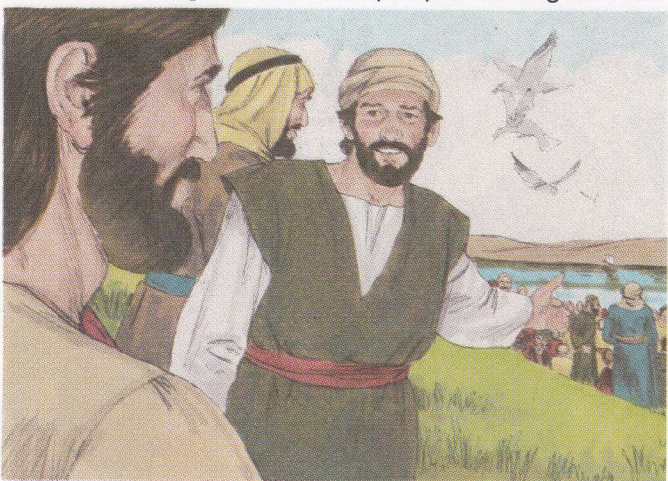
**2** So they got into a boat and sailed for the other side of the Sea of Galilee. But the crowds saw Jesus and his disciples leave.



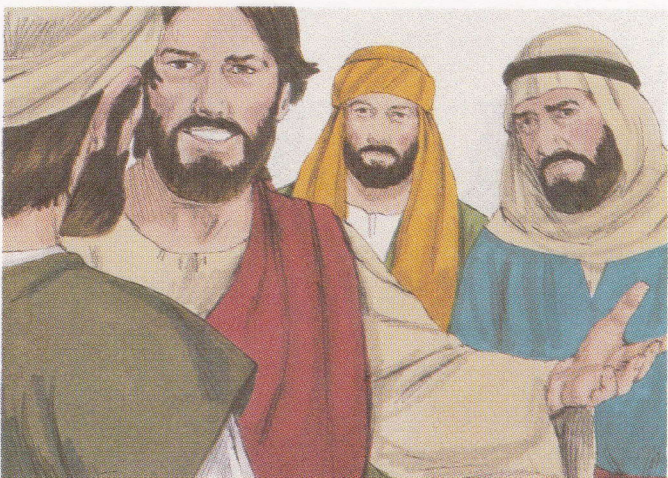
**3** Some of the people from all the nearby towns ran along the shore until they got to the place where Jesus was headed. When the boat landed, Jesus found a great crowd of people waiting for him.



**4** Jesus felt sorry for the crowd. He healed people who were sick and taught them many things.

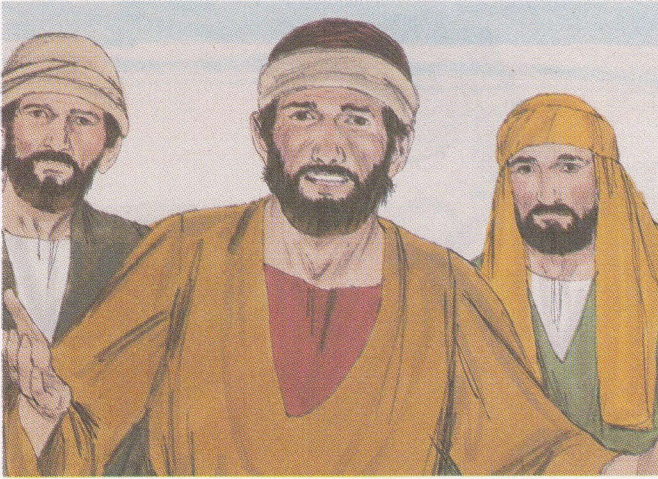


**5** When evening came, the disciples said to Jesus, "It's getting late, and there is nothing here for the people to eat. You'd better send them away so they can buy some food in the villages."

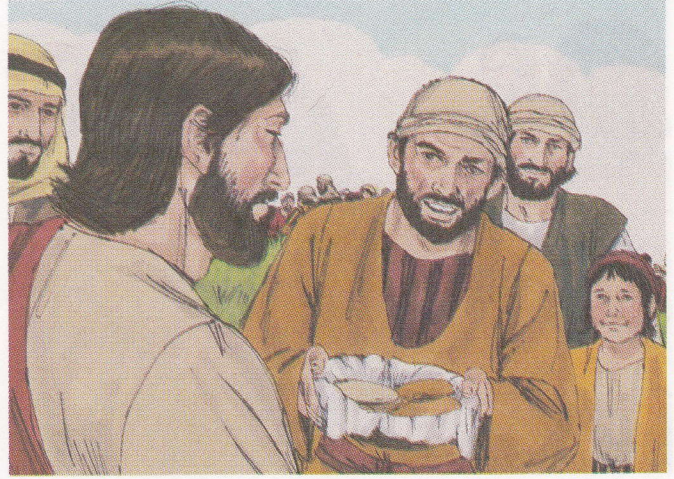


**6** But Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat." His orders shocked the disciples.





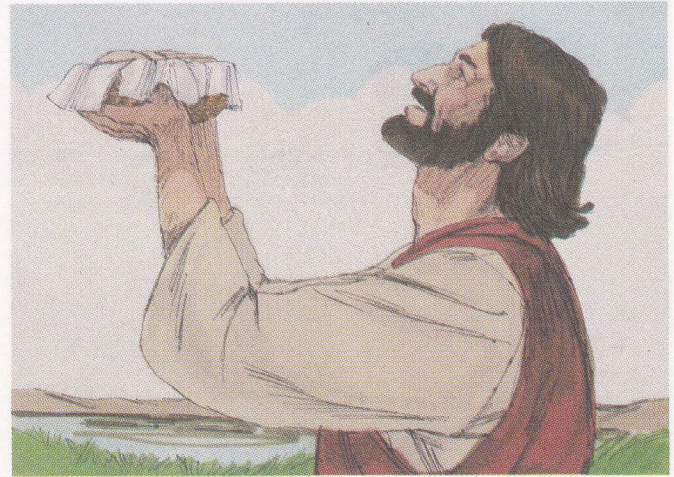
**7** They said, "It would take hundreds of dollars to get enough bread for all these people! Do you want us to spend that much to buy them food?"



**8** "How much bread do you have?" Jesus asked. "Go and check." They came back and said, "We have only five loaves of bread and just two fish."



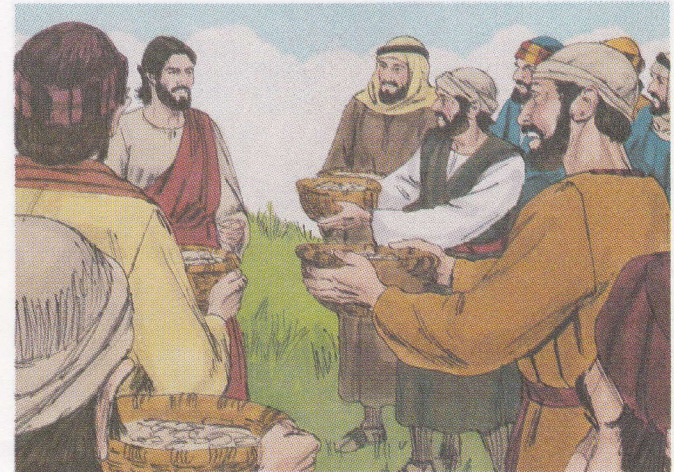
**9** Then Jesus commanded everyone to sit down on the grass. He had them sit in groups of fifty or a hundred people. In all, there were five thousand men, not counting the women and children.



**10** Jesus took the bread and fish from the disciples. Then he looked up into heaven and gave thanks to God.



**11** After his prayer, Jesus broke the bread and the fish into pieces. He gave this to the disciples, who passed it out to the people sitting in the groups. Everyone ate until he was full.



**12** After all had finished, the disciples gathered up what was left. They collected twelve full baskets of bread and fish!