

Feeding God's Kingdom

Week #4: Feeding God's Kingdom – The Feeding of the 5000

Matthew 14: 13-21

Welcome to Calvary's first ever VBS TO GO Program. We hope you find this to be an enjoyable family experience. Each week from July 13 through August 17th we will be providing a packet for children, youth and adults. These activity packets will go hand in hand with our weekly sermons. Each week we will provide you with a new scripture and activities. Here at Calvary we are working to provide ways to CONNECT, LEARN, and SERVE, and this year's VBS is touching all of these areas.

M - Make Time to Connect with the Word! Read and reflect on Matthew 14:13-21. In your own words, what is happening in this passage? What lessons can we learn from the disciples? What lessons can we learn from Jesus' response? Read it again.

I - Instill the Word in Your Heart! Write down this memory verse and put it on your bathroom mirror where you will read it every morning and night this week.

"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." Matthew 14:19

R - Read Beyond! With the exception of the resurrection, this is the only miracle recorded in all 4 gospels. Take time to read through the other accounts: Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:1-14. This obviously was considered a very important event since it appears in all 4 gospels. Why do you think that is? What does it tell us about Jesus & God?

A - Anchor Yourself in Prayer! *Dear Lord, we come before you in difficult times. Open our eyes to see the needs of those around us, open our hearts to be willing to step out in faith to meet those needs, and open our hands to reach out to yours because when we walk hand in hand with you, amazing things can happen! We may feel like we don't have much to offer, but help us to remember that you have the power to multiply what we have and turn it into more than we could ever need. Help us to be your servants, Lord, so others may know your love for them. Amen.*

C - Care for Others! Jesus was not only concerned with the people's spiritual needs, but he was also concerned with their physical needs. What needs do you see around you this week? How can you help? Here are some ideas: Donate food or money to Mt. Airy Net or your local food bank or shelter; Donate excess food from your garden to God's Give & Take Cart at Calvary; Offer to get groceries for someone who is unable to or shouldn't go to the store at this time; Offer to give someone a ride to their doctor appointment; Call or message someone who is lonely or sad.

L - Listen! Our God has not changed. He still provides abundantly for his children. Go to YouTube, close your eyes and listen with a thankful heart as Chris Rice sings "Great is Thy Faithfulness."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsQ6szjAnYE>

E - Enjoy Some Time With God! Answer the journaling questions, color the coloring page or create something on your own – write a poem, draw a picture, sing a song, do a dance – express your love for God!

We welcome you to join us at home for our online Sunday service at 9am through Calvary-MtAiry Facebook page or our website at calvary-mtairy.org/teaching. Also, please register with us on our webpage at calvary-mtairy.org/VBS so we can keep you up to date with any changes or VBS related information.

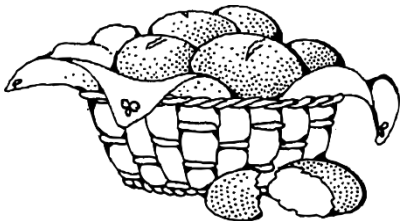
Journaling.....

When the story first begins, Jesus is grieving and tired, but when he arrived at the place where he thought he could rest, there was a crowd of needy people waiting there for him. What does Jesus' reaction teach us about how we are to respond to the people in need around us?



The disciples had to place their trust in Jesus even though they thought they were in an impossible situation. Put yourself in their shoes....how would you have reacted?

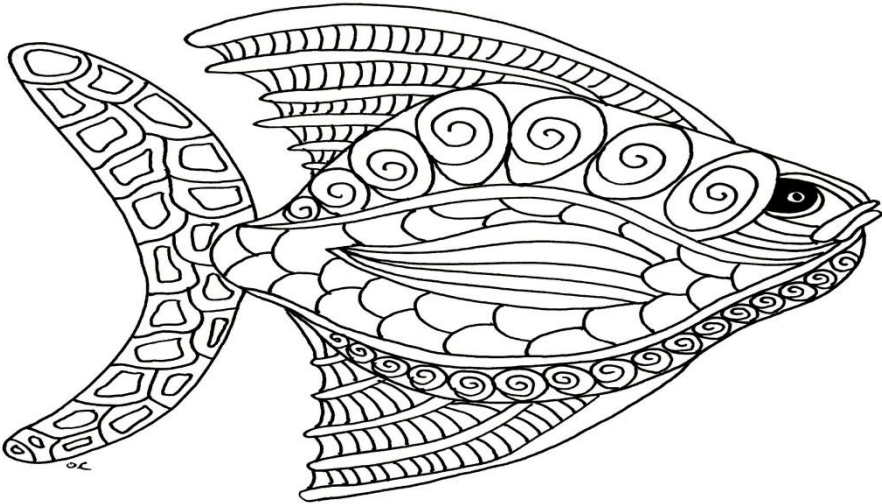
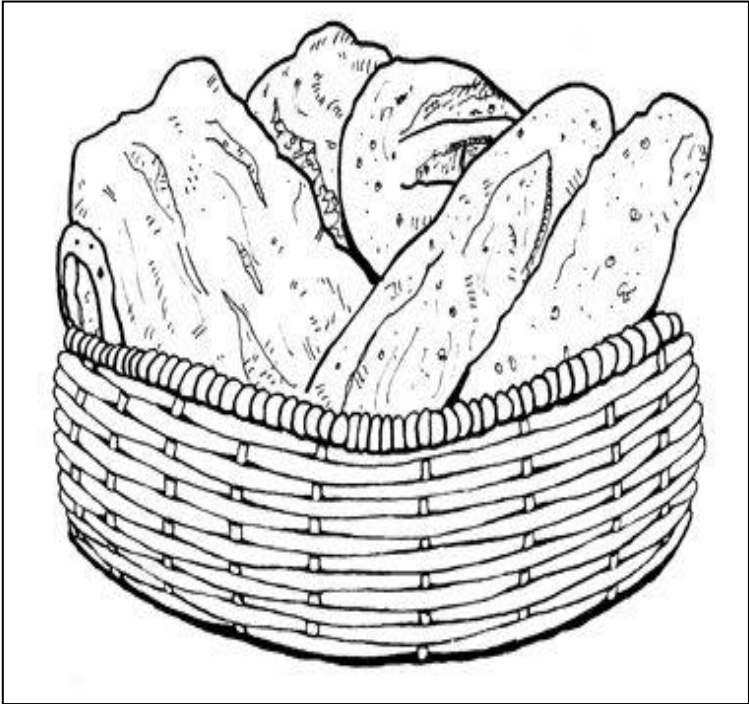
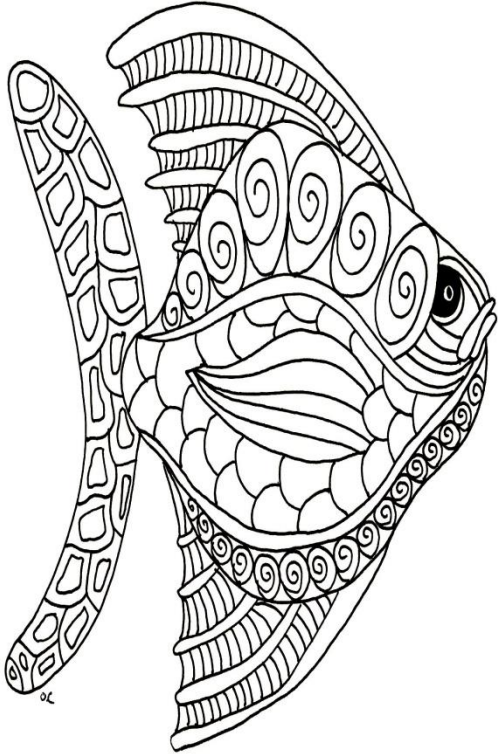
Lots of times we don't think we have what it takes to make a difference, but Jesus asks us to give what we have and he will provide the rest. What is God calling you to do for him?



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