

Feeding of the 5,000

Our lesson today is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (all four gospels), but we're going to look specifically at John's account. Reading from **John 6:1-14** NKJV will help you answer the questions in this next part.

And as you read the story, think about what role God plays in this event.

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His _____ which He performed on those who were _____. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a _____ multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to _____ him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a _____."

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has _____ barley loaves and _____ small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about _____. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given _____, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, _____ they wanted.

So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the _____ that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled _____ baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is _____ the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Did Philip rely on his own ability or did he trust in God's power?

How much food did the little boy have to offer?

How much food were they left with at the end?

The biggest takeaway from this miracle is that God provides.

God used a little bit of food to feed a whole lot of people. Plus, not only were they fed, but they were full! God provides, and he provides in abundance.

Read Matthew **6:25-34**. He says that we shouldn't worry about what we will _____ , _____ , or _____ (verse 31).

Just like the birds of the air and the grass of the field, who will take care of us?

Matthew 6:33

But seek _____ the _____ of God and His _____, and _____ these things shall be added to _____.

Correctly number the phrases from **John 6:35** (which Jesus said soon after the feeding of the 5,000) and then rewrite them in the blanks to the right in the correct order.

- _____ "I am the bread of life. And Jesus said to them,
- _____ shall never hunger;
- _____ and he who believes in Me
- _____ He who comes to Me
- 1 _____ And Jesus said to them,
- _____ shall never thirst.