

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF COMPASSION

POINT UP → THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; ← SWEEP ARMS WIDE  
CROSS ARMS OVER CHEST HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE. POINT AT THINGS AROUND YOU

### STORY: JESUS FEEDS THE 5000 – JOHN 6:1-14

#### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM JOHN 6 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. Why did Jesus care about feeding the people instead of sending them away?
2. What did the boy share, and how did Jesus use it?
3. How does this story show that Jesus knows what we need?
4. When have you seen Jesus meet a need in your life or our family?
5. How can we show compassion by helping meet someone else's needs this week?

### BIG IDEA: JESUS SHOWS COMPASSION BY MEETING OUR NEEDS

#### DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that the crowd Jesus fed was probably even bigger than 5,000 people? The Bible only counted the men, which means there were likely women and children there too—so it could have been closer to 10,000 or more people! That's like filling up a huge stadium with hungry families. And the lunch Jesus used wasn't fancy at all—it was just five small loaves of bread and two fish, the kind a kid might carry to school. This shows that Jesus can use even small things to do BIG miracles!

#### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

In the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, we see more than just a miracle—we see the heart of God. Jesus doesn't only care about spiritual needs (like teaching and salvation), but also about physical and emotional needs. He notices hunger, responds with compassion, and personally provides for the crowd. This helps kids understand that God is not distant or only concerned with "church things"—He is deeply involved in everyday life. Theologically, this story points to Jesus as a true provider. Just as God fed His people with manna in the wilderness in the Old Testament, Jesus now feeds the people Himself, showing that He is God's promised Savior who meets every need. It also reminds us that what we place in Jesus' hands—no matter how small—can be used by Him for something far greater than we could imagine.

#### PRAYER PROMPT:

Invite your family to thank Jesus for the ways He meets your needs—both big and small. Take time to name specific things you're grateful for (like food, home, friends, health, or peace when you're worried). Then ask God to help you trust Him when something feels too hard or when you feel like you don't have enough. Finish by praying that Jesus would open your eyes to see the needs of others this week and give your family hearts that are quick to show compassion, just like He does.

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