

Strength

John 6: 1-14

Lighting the candle Prayer

Leader: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

All: No-one comes to the Father, except through Him.



Opening Collective Worship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the beginning of this new day.
Watch over us at school and bless all those we love.
Amen



We light the candle to remind us of:
God the Father, the **generous** giver,
God the Son, who gave his life for this world
and
God the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to give
cheerfully.



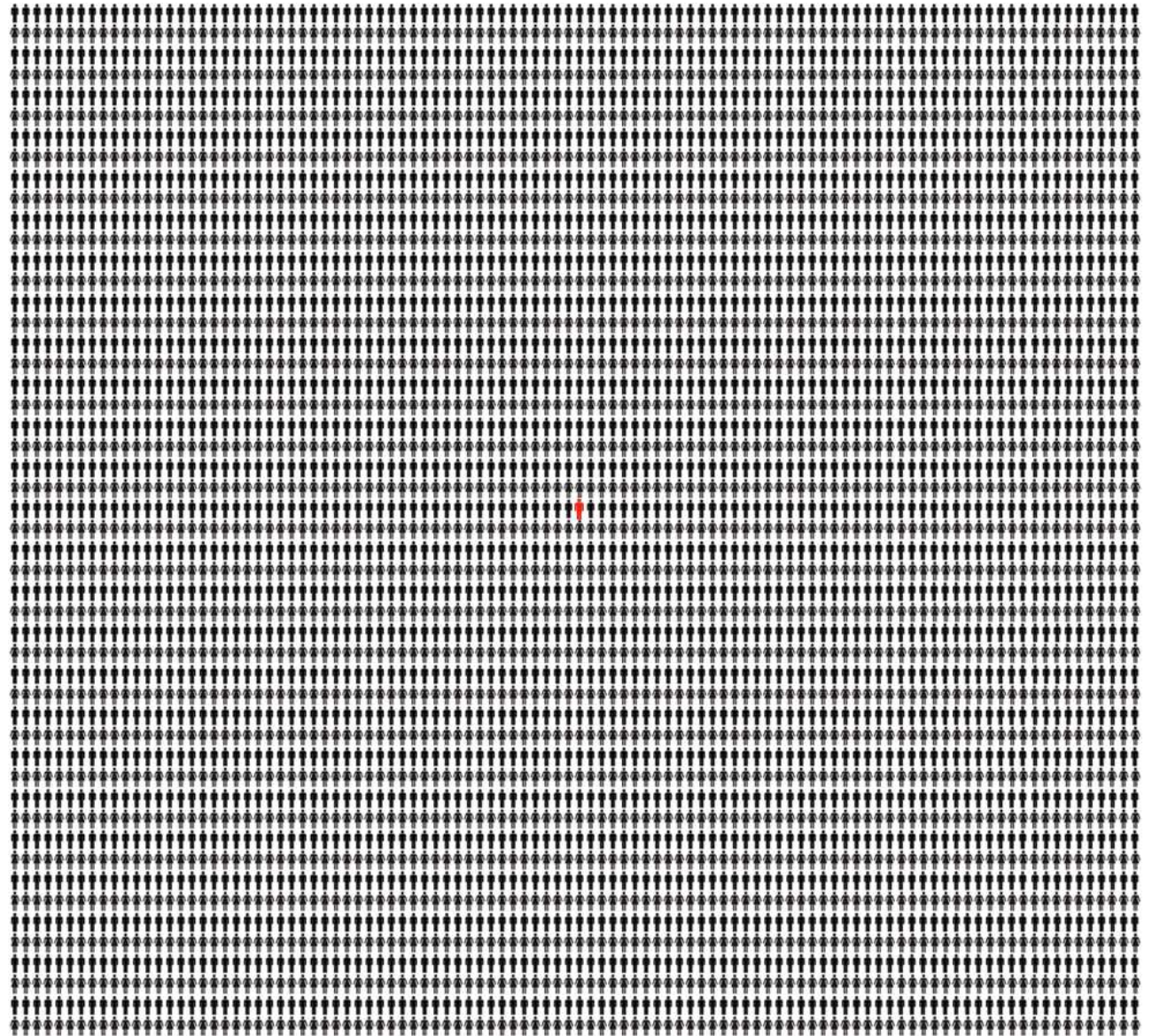
Today we're going to find out how a little can go a long way...from one the miracles that the Bible tells us Jesus performed during the three years he spent preaching and teaching. Jesus knew the importance of sharing and offering what little we have to help others. And in the story we're going to watch he used someone to help him that no one expected. A child - a small boy.

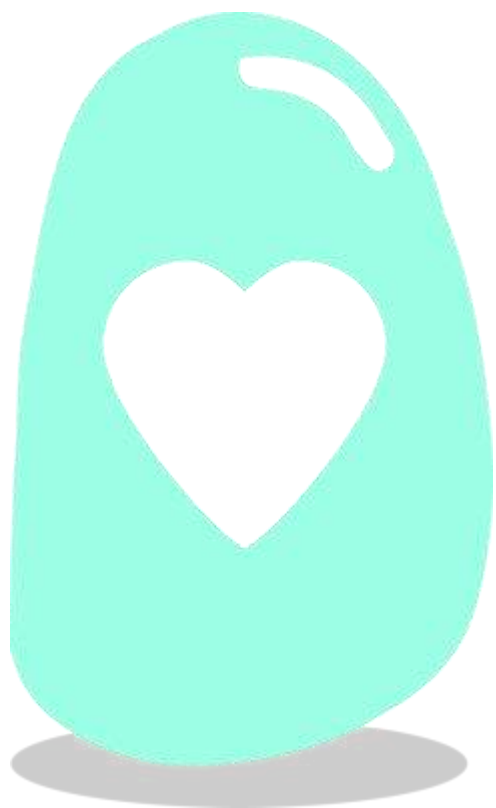
A really huge crowd had gathered to hear Jesus speak. Everyone in the crowd was hungry, because they'd been waiting for Jesus all day and no one had brought anything to eat. No-one except the small boy, who had brought his packed tea that his mum had made for him - five small loaves and two small fish.



And there were about 5000 people sitting waiting to be fed. Can you imagine what 5000 people looks like? So now we're going to find out what Jesus did to feed 5000 people with just five small loaves and two small fish...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-jesus-feeds-the-5000-loaves-fishes/zrdstrd>





reflect

Who has seen any cookery competitions on TV? How do you think the disciples did? Do you think it was a fair contest? Why?

The real story from the Bible didn't take place on a cookery show of course. Jesus didn't need any gadgets or a competition to perform his miracle. He simply blessed the food and asked his disciples to hand it out to the crowd. Now imagine you were one of his disciples. What would you expect to happen very quickly?

Yes - for the food to run out. But it didn't. Not only did every single one of the 5000 people eat their fill but there was food left over. Who can remember how much?

What do you think we can learn from the story?

Jesus used the smallest of boys with the smallest amount of food to perform one of his biggest miracles. It shows us that even though we are small, we can have big dreams and achieve big things by being strong and believing in ourselves. It also shows us that a little kindness can mean a lot to many people.

Can you think of anytime in your life when you have felt too small or too weak to do something? How did you or how can you overcome it?

Autumn Days

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled
And the silk inside a chestnut shell,
Jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled,
All these things I love so well.

Chorus:

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget
To say a great big thank-you,
I mustn't forget.*

Clouds that look like familiar faces,
And a winter's moon with frosted rings,
Smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces,
And the song the milkman sings.

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget
To say a great big thank-you,
I mustn't forget.*

Whipped-up spray that is rainbow-scattered,
And a swallow curving in the sky.
Shoes so comfy though they're worn-out and they're battered,
And the taste of apple pie.

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget
To say a great big thank-you,
I mustn't forget.*

Scent of gardens when the rain's been falling,
And a minnow darting down a stream,
Picked-up engine that's been stuttering and stalling,
And a win for my home team.

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget
To say a great big thank-you,
I mustn't forget.*



Let us pray...

Thank you that even though we are small, we can do mighty things. Help us think about the small changes we can make at school and at home. Help us think of others and how we can make the world a better place. Help us to have confidence in ourselves and trust that we can make a difference. Amen.

End of Collective Worship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Fill us with Your Spirit, so we can
follow Your example to reach out in
love; stand firm with strength and step
out in faith.

In Jesus' name,

