

## LESSON 13

REFERENCES: MATTHEW 14:13-21; MARK 6:32-44; LUKE 9:10-17;  
JOHN 6:1-13; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 364-371.

# A Little Boy Shares

*Have you ever been away from home with nothing to eat? One day many people were far away from home at mealtime. Jesus was able to do something good for them.*

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he sunshine sparkled on the water as a little boy walked beside the lake. He was not alone. Many people

gathered on the hillside to see Jesus.

The little boy carefully wiggled his way to the front of the crowd. He listened as Jesus began to tell about

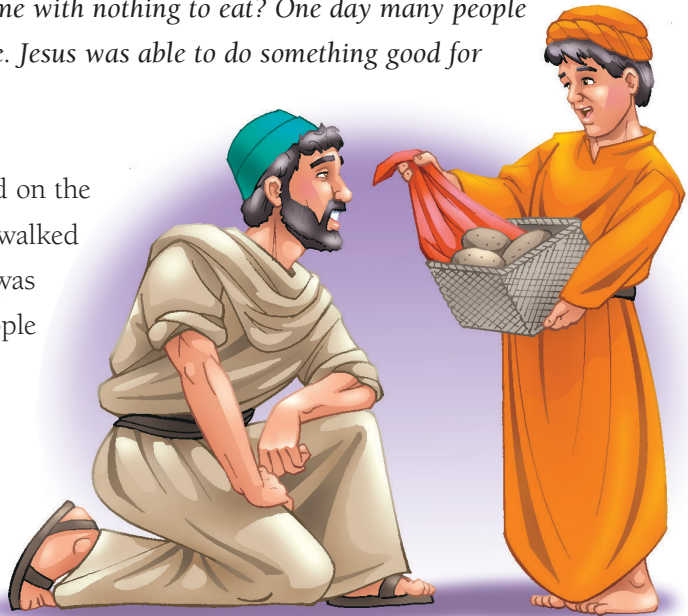
God's love.

He saw

Jesus heal sick people.

Everything was so exciting that the day went by very quickly! The little boy hadn't even thought about eating! His mother had packed him a lunch of five small loaves of barley bread and two small fish, but he hadn't touched it yet.

It was almost suppertime. Jesus' friends said to Him, "Don't You



### Memory Verse

“Do not forget . . .  
to share  
with others.”

HEBREWS 13:16, NIV.

### The Message

Friends share  
with others.

think the people should go home now? It's late, and they are hungry."

The little boy saw that Jesus didn't want them to go away hungry. Jesus turned to His disciples. "Give them something to eat!" Jesus was going to feed them!

The disciples looked confused. It would take lots and lots of food to feed all those people. One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, smiled at the little boy and asked, "What do you have in your basket?"

"Five small barley loaves and two little fish," the little boy answered.

Then the little boy heard Jesus ask His disciples, "How much food do you have?"

Andrew shook his head. "We don't have any. But a little boy has a lunch he is willing to share—five small loaves of barley bread and two little fish. But that's not enough to feed all these people."

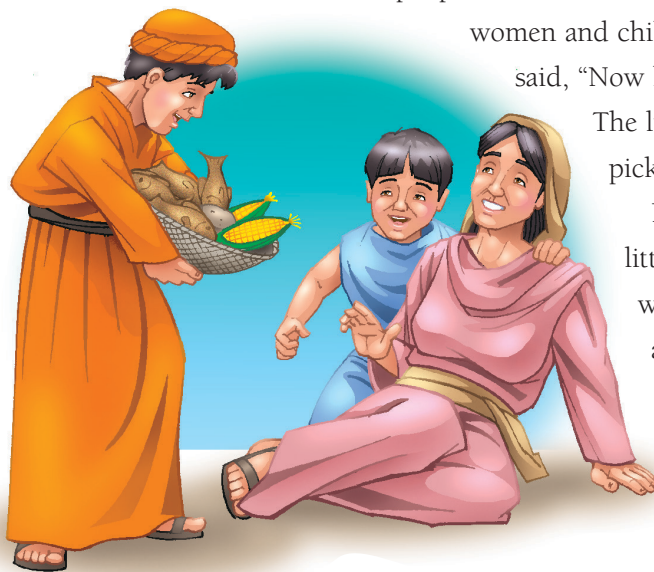
Jesus said to His disciples, "Have the people sit down." First Jesus prayed over the little boy's food. Then He began to give pieces of the barley bread and fish to the disciples to give to the people. More and more bread and fish were taken out of the little boy's basket. More and more people ate. The little boy couldn't believe his eyes!

It took awhile to feed all the people—5,000 men, and that didn't include the women and children. When they finished, Jesus said, "Now let's collect the food that is left."

The little boy watched as the disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover food!

It was just a little lunch for a little boy. But that little boy was willing to share. And Jesus fed all of those people with that little lunch because He loved them.

What can you share today?



# Do and Say

## SABBATH

Read the lesson story and use the following to review the memory verse each day this week.

**“Do not forget.** Shake head no.

**to share . . . . .** Place hands on chest,  
moving forward in an arc  
to waist level.

**with others.” . . .** Point to several others.

**Hebrews 13:16.** Put palms together; then open.

Help your child count out several piles of 10 items such as dried beans. Say: Jesus used the little boy’s lunch to feed many more people than this.

## SUNDAY

Deliver to a friend the Sharing Bag made in Sabbath School. Remind your child that people in God’s family share with others. Sing a sharing song before prayer.

## MONDAY

Let your child help collect items from your pantry to share with a local shelter or Community Services center. Try to deliver them today. Thank Jesus for the food your family enjoys.



## TUESDAY

Read John 6:1-13 together. Let your child hold the Bible. Ask: What kind of food did the little boy share? Where did he get it?

Let your child make a sandwich to share with you. Thank Jesus that you have something to share.

## WEDNESDAY

Have your child use motions to tell you the lesson story. For example: **Jesus** [point upward]; **hungry** [rub tummy].

Make plans to invite someone to your Friday evening meal. Let your child choose the entree or dessert.

## THURSDAY

Talk with your child about choosing healthy food.

Make some healthy bread or muffins together. Save some for your Friday evening meal.



Thank Jesus for good, healthy food that helps your child grow.

## FRIDAY

Let your child help prepare food to serve at dinner tonight. Let your child serve the food.

For worship, act out the lesson story. Help your child teach the memory verse to your guests.

Sing a sharing song; then thank Jesus for friends to share with.