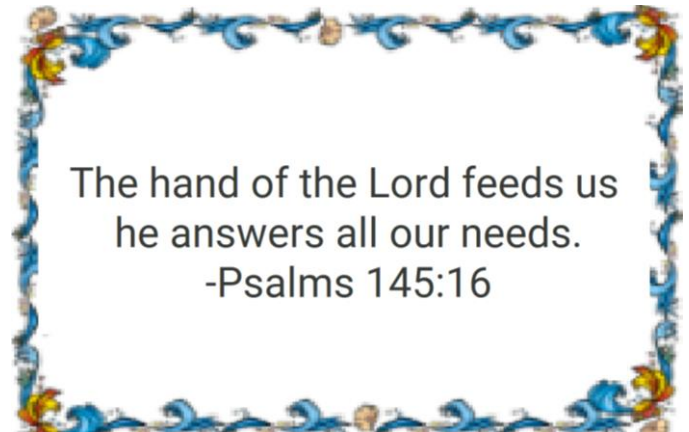
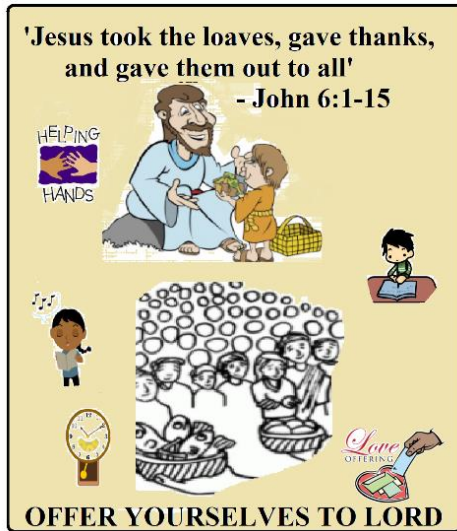


“Feeding the Five Thousand” Children’s Liturgy Activity July 25th, 2021



Gospel: John 6:1-15

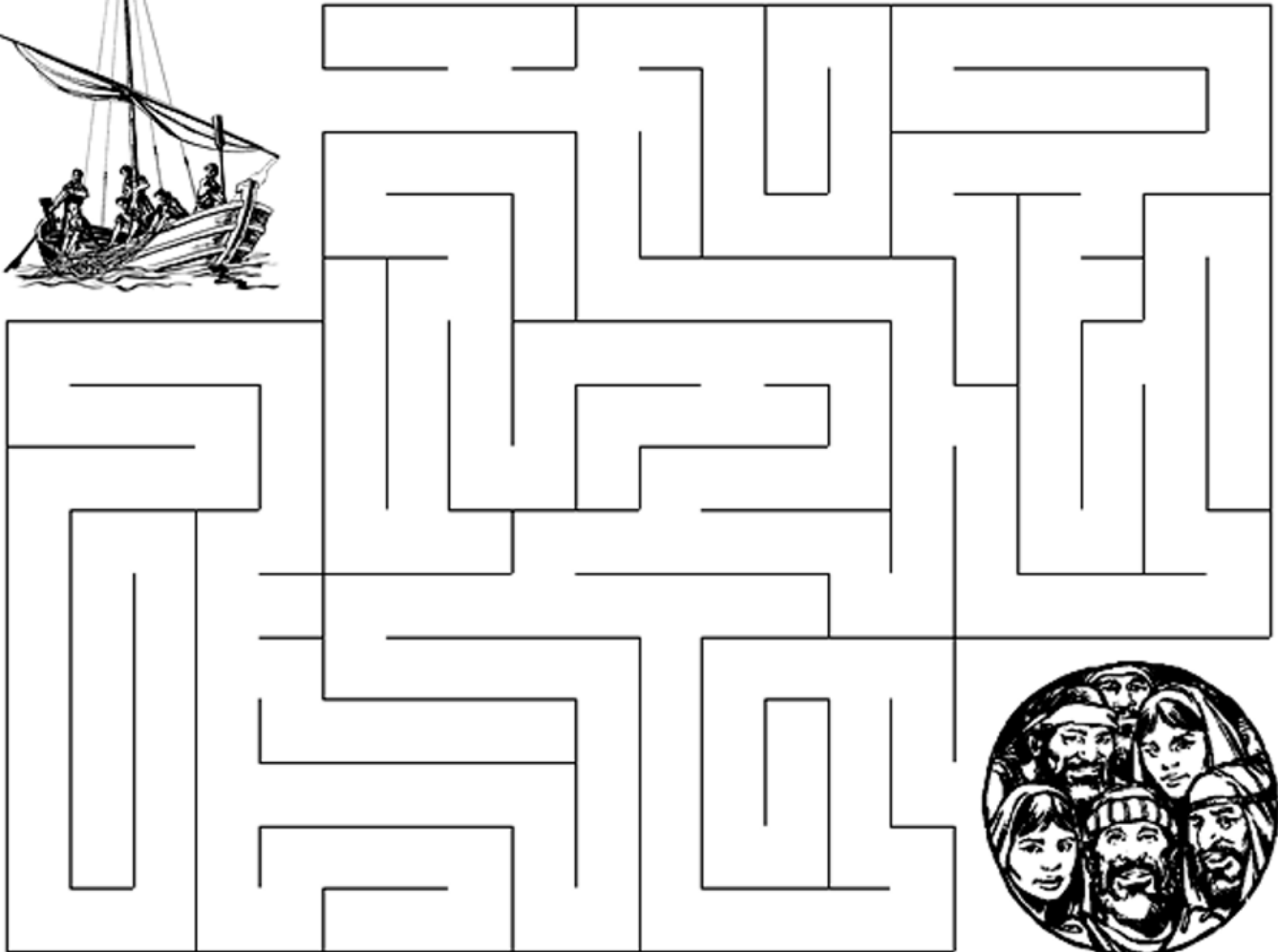
In the gospel today, we see large crowds approaching Jesus impressed by the sign Jesus gave by curing the sick. Jesus understood the hunger of the people and asked the disciples where to get food for the people to eat? Even though Jesus knew what to do he asked this to test the disciples. Philip was hopeless regarding the little money they have to feed the many Andrew found a boy with five loaves and two fishes, but was hopeless regarding the little food they had to feed the many. Jesus asked to bring what they have. He took the loaves and then the fish, giving thanks, he gave the disciples to distribute to the crowd. 5000 people were fed as much as they wanted from the little leaves and fish which was multiplied. Jesus asked the disciples to pick up all the left over pieces. They collected the left over filling 12 baskets full. Seeing the sign Jesus gave, the people said that He was the prophet who is to come to the world. They tried to force him to be king, but Jesus escaped back to the hills.

Jesus understands the needs of the people without being told. He understood they were hungry. Jesus understands all our needs even before we tell him. We just need to approach him trusting in his providence.

Even-though the disciples were hopeless in the little they had; Jesus set hope in the little that the boy was ready to share. He multiplied it for feeding the 5000. Are we happy in little things? Are we ready to share our little things for others? Or do we complain of our littleness? Jesus asks us to offer what we have, no matter how little, he will purify and multiply it and use it for the good of many.

The miracle Jesus did was the sign pointing to the Holy Eucharist that he was going to institute. He offered himself for the heavenly father as the bread of life for salvation of the world. In Holy Eucharist ,we offer everything to Jesus in thanksgiving. What do you offer to the altar during the holy mass? Bread and wine, Money. Not only that, we have to offer ourselves and all we have in thanksgiving to Lord. We can offer our time, our talents, everything we feel we have little or nothing at all, our fears, prayers, family etc. The Lord will bless and purify what we offer, through the hands of priest. He will provide us and will use everything for the good of many.

**‘... a large crowd followed him.’
Can you help the crowds to find the way to Jesus?**

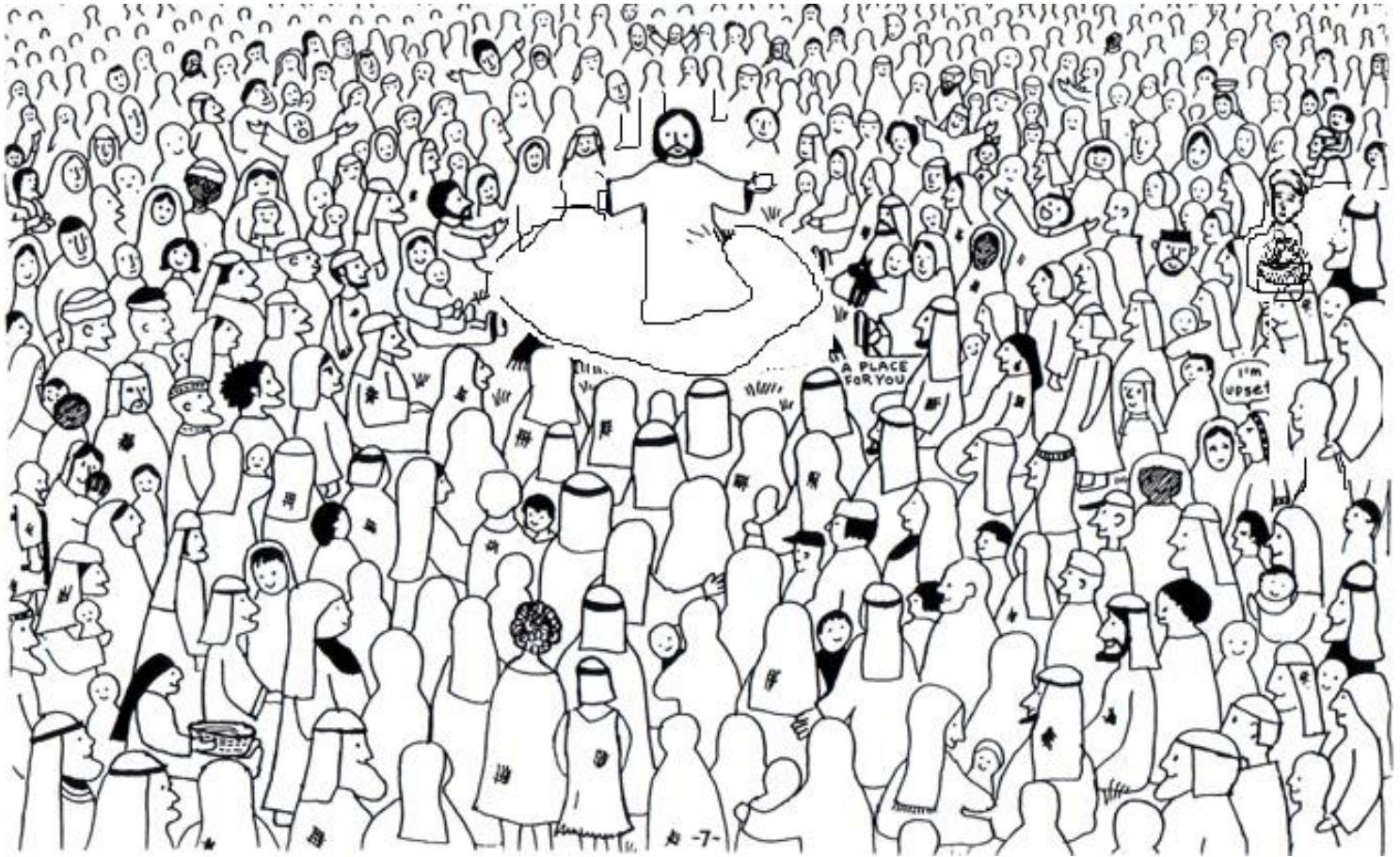


Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers from the below.

1. Philip answered, ‘----- denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.
2. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with ----- barley loaves and ----- fish
3. ----- men sat down in the grass.
4. the disciples filled ----- hampers with scraps left over from the meal.

(2, 5000, 12, 200, 5, 4, 1000, 14)

Among the crowds, can you spot the young boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes?



Word unscrambles

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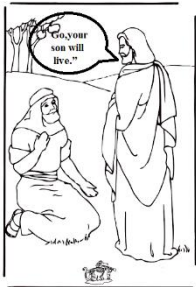
Feeding the five thousand is one among the seven signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John, seek help from parents to find the other 6 signs using the picture clues given below?



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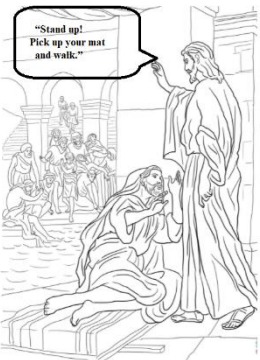
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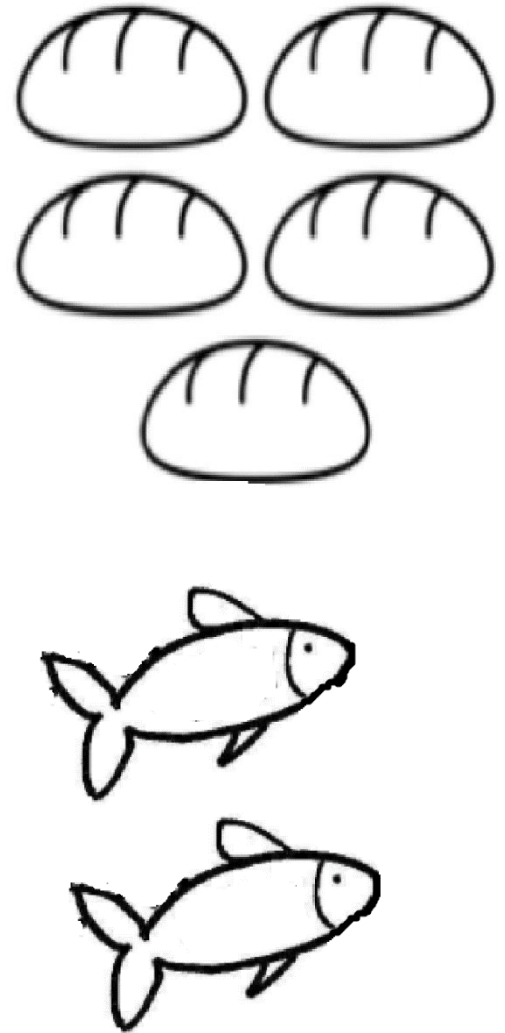
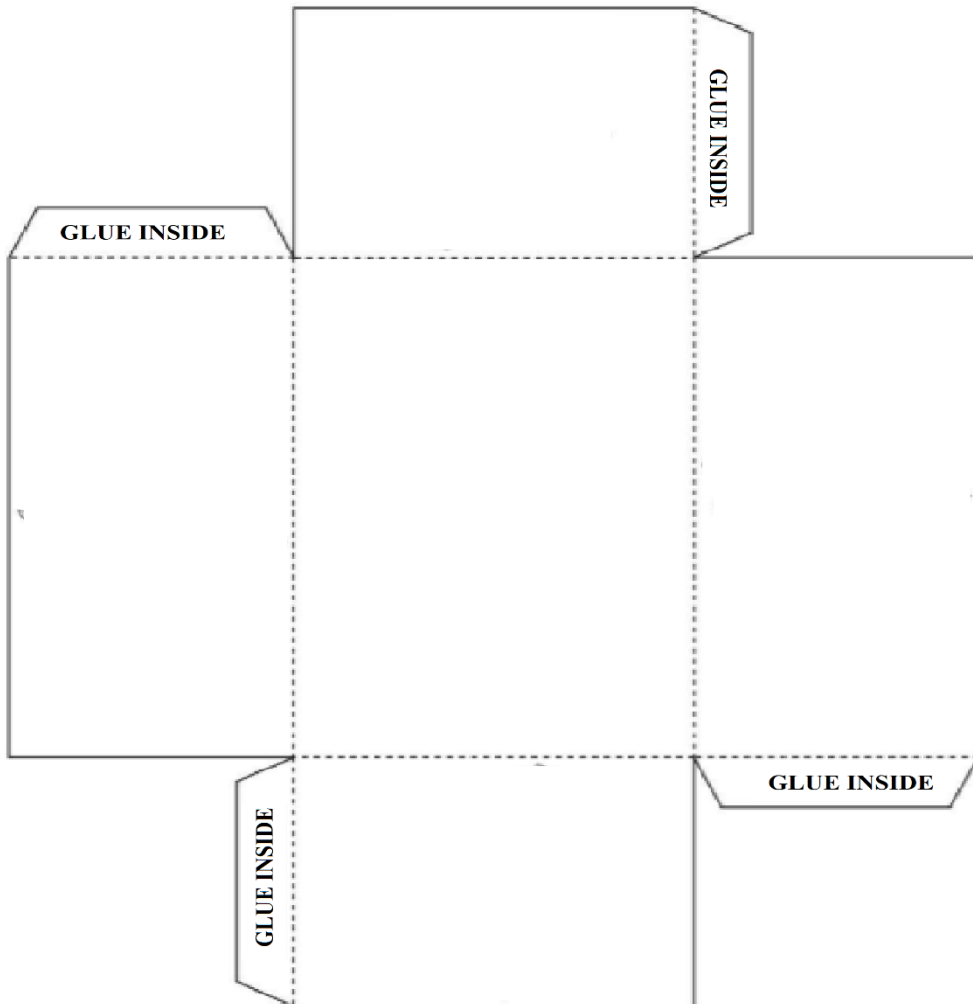


4.

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Basket craft.

Cut out the template of the basket ,fold along the dotted lines and glue the flap to the inside of the basket. Decorate and colour your offering basket. Now cut out the fish and bread templates. Colour them and write on them what you wish to offer to God in thanksgiving for him to multiply for good of many people.



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear Lord Jesus, you are our abundant provider who gave yourself selflessly and saved us. Offering yourself for us in the Holy Eucharist, you transform each of us to be like you. Give us grace to be thankful for everything in our life. Mould us to possess a generous heart to freely share and help others with what you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.