

Colouring In



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Jesus Feeds 5,000

Seventeenth Sunday in Normal Time. Year B.

Do you ever have leftover food at your house? We often cook more food than we can eat at one meal, so we keep them in the fridge and usually eat the leftovers the next day. Not all people eat leftovers though - they just throw it away. What a waste! The Gospel story today tells us about a time when Jesus and his disciples had some leftovers. It is a familiar story -- it is the story about the time Jesus fed 5000 people.

You probably remember that Jesus had been teaching a large crowd of people. It was getting close to dinner time, and as he looked out over the crowd, Jesus turned to one of his disciples whose name was Philip and asked, "Where are we going to buy the bread for these people to eat?" Philip said, "Master, it would cost a fortune to give each person even a small piece of bread!" Then Andrew, another of Jesus' disciples spoke up, "There is a small boy over here who has five loaves of bread and two small fish, but that is not enough to feed all of these people." "Bring it to me," Jesus said.

Then he gave thanks, blessed it, and began breaking it into pieces to pass around to the people. When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." They gathered up twelve baskets full! The Bible doesn't say what they did with the leftovers, but my guess is that they probably used them to feed more hungry people.

God often blesses us with much more than we need - and when he does, what do we do with the leftovers? Jesus told the disciples to gather up the leftovers so that nothing would be wasted. Some of us may only have a little. Some of us have been blessed with much more than we need. Either way, God is pleased when we share with others.



All of us could learn a lesson from the little boy. He didn't have very much – only five pieces of bread and two small fish – but he was willing to share what he had and Jesus used it to feed a huge crowd of people.

Decoder Puzzle

Each number below represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the letters for numbers, to reveal the coded words!

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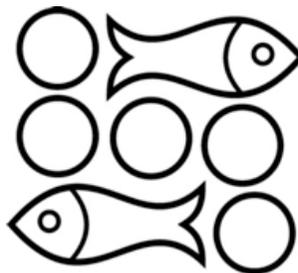
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- 15-13-7-17 _____
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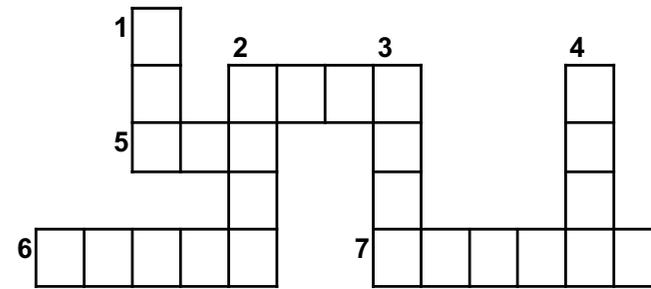
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| Loaves | Fish | Satisfied | Food |
| Jesus | Basket | Ate | Thanks |

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. We thank you for your blessings. Please help us to be generous in sharing with others. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- An animal without legs that lives in water
- The number equal to one plus one
- A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked
- Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating

DOWN

- To take food into your mouth, chew and swallow it
- What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
- To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
- The number that comes after four and before six

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| Five | Bread | Eat | Two |
| Fish | Loaves | Food | Heal |

