CHILDREN + FAMILY MINISTRY

FEEDING OF THE 5,000

The Feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle found in all four Gospels. A precursor to the Last Supper and the establishment of Holy Communion, we can see how the Holy Eucharist is foreshadowed in this miracle. We also understand that Christ's Body and Blood is abundant for all who wish to partake in fear and in faith.

FEEDING 5,000 WORDSEARCH

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THE LITTLE YOU HAVE TO OFFER

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Matthew 14:13-21 Eve of the Fast of the Transfiguration

Has there ever been a time that you wanted to do something, but you felt you didn't have enough to give? Maybe you didn't have enough money, or strength, or knowledge, or time, or something else? Maybe you really wanted to help, but you just thought that somebody else should do it because they were better or stronger?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is preaching to 5,000 people, it is getting late and they are hungry. The disciples tell Jesus to send everyone home so they can get something to eat, but Jesus tells the disciples that they should feed the people. The disciples are confused and say that all they have is what a little boy has five loaves of bread and two fish. How could they feed so many with such little?

Jesus then takes the bread and fish and blesses it, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to His disciples to feed the people. And He is able to feed all 5,000, making them full and even having extra at the end.

We learn in today's Gospel that no matter how little we have, if we offer it to Christ, He will take it, bless it, and multiply it. No matter how little we have, God can take it and make it into a great miracle, we just need to offer it to Him. So often people do not offer it to Jesus but keep it for themselves, thinking that whatever they have is not enough to give, but we see that that is not true.

It may be a couple of dollars, maybe a little food, it may be a little time, it may be a little knowledge, but whatever we give to God as little as it is, He will take it, bless it, give it back mulitiplied, and make it a blessing for everyone involved.

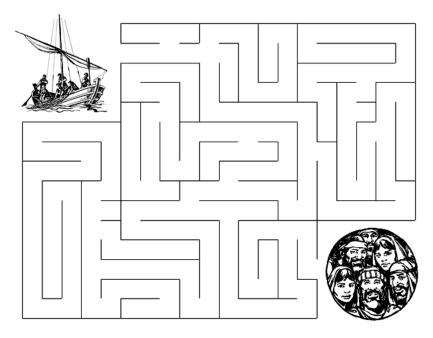
What little thing do you have to offer God?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

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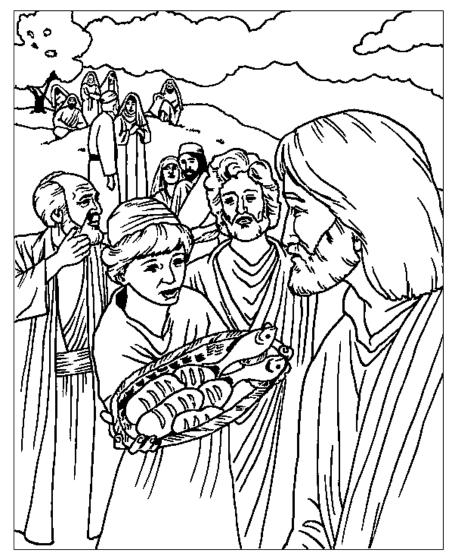
FEEDING 5,000 MAZE



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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

We can decide that we will no longer be hurt by people's words, but we cannot decide that we will remain happy from then on. Happiness does not happen because we decide on it, rather by the love we show others. And no matter how much we decide that we will be wholeheartedly happy from then on, it will be impossible without showing love towards those who harm us.



Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:16

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