



Mini Lesson: New Testament

STORY: **Jesus Feeds a Crowd**

THEME: **Give thanks to God for your food.**

Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with a Frolic First Bible. Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

What does it feel like when you're hungry? What makes rumbling noises or hurts when you're hungry? Invite kids to rub their stomachs. **Today we are going to hear about Jesus feeding a crowd of people who were very hungry. Let's see what he did!**

Hold up the Frolic First Bible and read the story from pages 34-35. Finish your storytelling with the statement at the end of the story: **Give thanks to God for your food.**

More Story Fun

Hold up the Frolic First Bible for all children to see.

Point to the little boy. **The little boy shared his bread and fish. How many baskets did he have to share?** Count one basket together. **How many loaves of bread were in his basket?** Count five loaves together. **How many fish were in his basket?** Count two fish together.

Point to Jesus. **Jesus said a prayer thanking God for the food. Then there was enough bread and fish for everyone! It was a miracle! Let's say, "Thank you, God!"** Repeat the phrase with kids.

Hold up a soft ball. **Let's play a game where we share this ball and talk about our favorite foods.** Roll or toss the ball to each child. When the child catches the ball, he or she names a favorite food. Play until everyone has a turn. **We can give thanks to God for our food.**

Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear God,
Thank you for our food! It makes us strong and happy.
Thank you for Jesus. He performed amazing miracles!
Amen.**

Notes



The disciples said, "This boy has five loaves of bread and two fish.
But that is not enough."