

The Marvellous Picnic

God can do amazing things with the most ordinary and small things. Any good thing offered to him for him to use as he wants can be multiplied over and over again and produce a wonderful result.

That is the meaning of the story of the feeding of the five thousand where one small packed lunch was used by Jesus to feed thousands of people who were hungry and far from home. How that was possible I do not know but I do know that when we do one small good deed it can spread rapidly and trigger lots of other goodness and love. So what small good deed might you do today and what amazing effect might that have on lots of others?

Story: [Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand](#) - Saddleback Kids

Song time: - [You're a Good, Good Father](#) - CC Kids

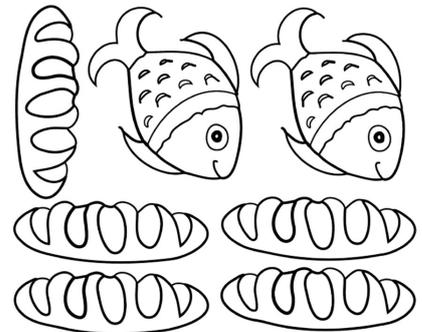


Craft: Make a woven paper basket using the instructions on the attached sheet.

Prayer time: Using the attached prayer activity spend some time thinking about all the different things that people 'need'. What else can you think of to add to these ideas. When you have completed the activity end your prayer time with this prayer.

Loving God, sometimes the problems of the world seem so big and we wonder what we can do. So many people who are hungry and in need.

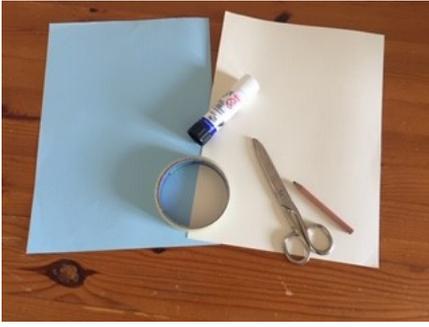
Help me to offer the small things that I can do and then use that to do so much more than I can ever imagine is possible. Amen.



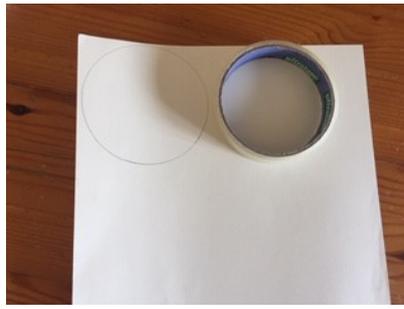
Song time: [God will make a way](#) - Don Moen

Activity: Word search - See attached sheet.

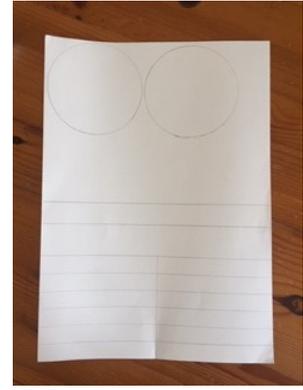
Woven basket instructions



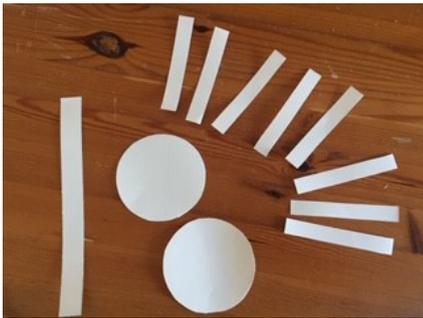
You will need these items



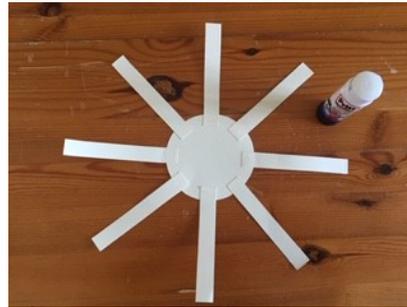
begin by drawing two circles on one of the sheets



Now draw some straight lines across to form strips.



Then cut out the circles and all the strips. Cut the strips into halves, leaving 1 long strip for the handle.



Place equal numbers of strips around the outside of one of the circles and glue into place. Then stick the second circle on top



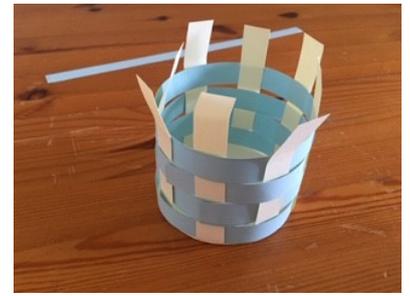
Bend up the strips



Cut long strips from the second paper like this.



Now weave them in and out of the basket frame making sure that each layers weave is opposite to the one below. stick the ends together when you have completed each circle



Trim the ends



stick some down to strengthen



Stick handle in place

Prayer Activity

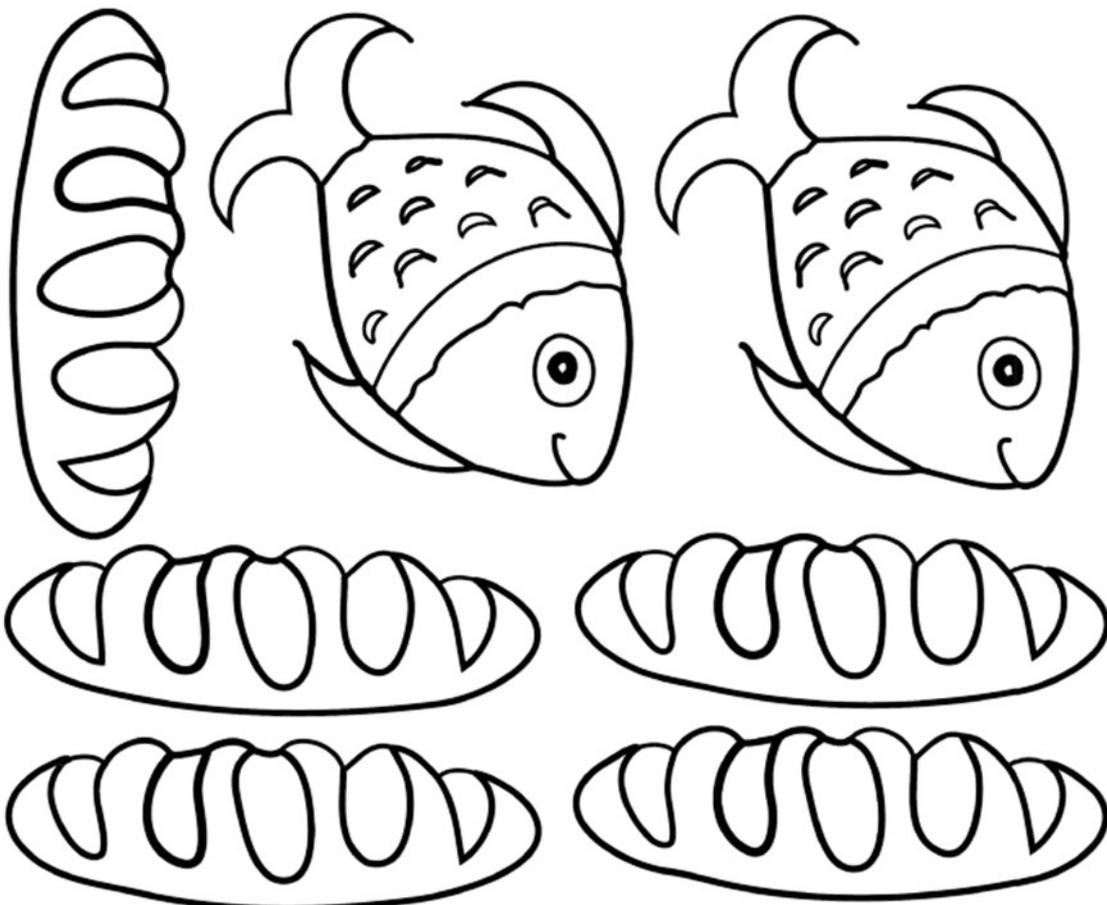
In our story today we saw that God can take all the little things that we offer to him in love and do something amazing with them to help others in need.

As well as food and somewhere to live people also need lots of other things like, comfort when they feel sad, courage when they feel afraid, a friend when they feel lonely, kindness when someone has been mean to them.

What other things might people need.

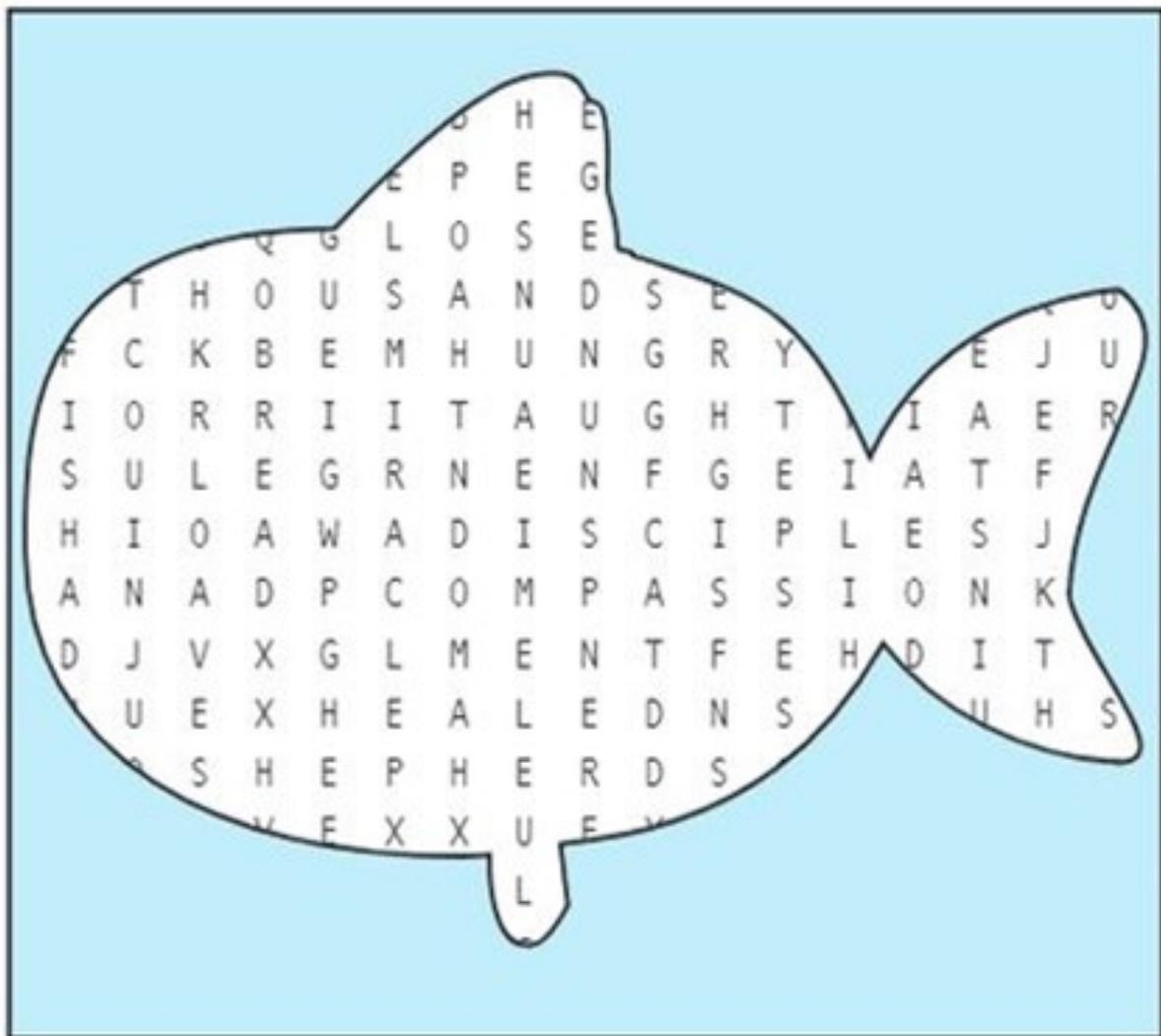
Cut out the five loaves and two fish.

Think about people you know yourself, or have read about, or have seen on TV who are in need. Write their name or what they need on the back of a fish or a loaf of bread. When you have completed each one, pray for them. Gather all your fish and bread prayers into your basket and offer them to God for his blessing.



Jesus Fed the People Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



BREAD
COMPASSION
DISCIPLES
EAT

FISH
HEALED
HUNGRY
LOAVES

MIRACLE
SHEPHERD
TAUGHT
THOUSANDS