



John 6:1-21

Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, March 26.

The feeding of the 5,000 is included in all four Gospels. (Matt. 14:13-17; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17). It was a turning point in Jesus' ministry as he realized many people were only following him for what they could get out of it. To get a broader picture read all four accounts.

1. What are some things you are involved in that are not self-serving or about what you can get out of it?
2. Why had Jesus taken his disciples to a remote area?
3. What does Jesus ask Philip in verse 5 and why?
4. Where did the food that Jesus multiplied come from? Why do you think John told us this detail?
5. Why did Jesus have his disciples gather up the food that was left over?
6. How did the crowd respond when they realized what had happened? How did Jesus respond to the crowd? Why do you think he chose to be alone at that moment?
7. What kept the disciples from getting to Capernaum in verse 16-18?
8. How did the disciples respond to Jesus walking on the water? How would you have responded?
9. What can we learn about Jesus from these events?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- This is really the last week for our John 3:16 memory verse: ***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***
- Play a simple game of “heads or tails” to make your time together more fun. Take turns flipping a coin. Heads, answer a question. Tails, complete some action (i.e. do 5 jumping jacks, spin in place 3 times, get a piece of candy, give another family member a hug, etc.) Be creative with your actions and have fun with it.
- Mark the verses you want to read, but leave a few for kids to look up and read.