



## **5/2 Family Activities**

### ***Jesus Is Compassionate***

#### ***(Feeding of the 5000- Matthew 14:13-21)***

**Note to Families:** *Jesus is compassionate—when He saw people who needed Him, He chose to help them. Jesus does the same for us. We can always go to Him with our needs because He is compassionate. He understands whatever we're going through, and He serves us with His great love!*

#### **Step One: Watch Video**

#### **Step Two: Choose an activity or two to do with your family!**

##### **Activity #1: Pass the Basket**

###### **SUPPLIES**

- Basket Images cards (see website)
- Card stock (2 sheets)
- Scissors
- Basket

###### **PREPARE AHEAD**

Print the Basket Images cards. Cut apart the cards and place them in the basket.

###### **RELATE**

**Eating food at a picnic is a fun way to bring people together. When people go on picnics, they often place food in a basket to carry their meal to the park.**

Pass around a basket full of cards so you can learn more about one another. To play, have your family sit together in a circle on the floor, and give the basket of cards to one person to start. He'll choose a card from the basket and share one of his favorite things on the basis of the object on the card. For example, if you draw the book card, you'll share your favorite book.

Once each person shares their favorite, they can put the card back in the basket and pass the basket to the next person in the circle. Make sure each person gets the opportunity to share a favorite at least once.

##### **Activity #2: Blessing bags**

###### **SUPPLIES**

- Paper lunch bags (1 per person)
- Lunch food items (fruit snacks, granola or protein bars, chips, trail mix, cookies, juice boxes, etc.)
- Index cards (1 per person)
- Pens

## **PREPARE AHEAD**

Look into some needs in your local community and see which places like homeless shelters and soup kitchens could benefit from sack lunches. Or, you can leave the sack lunches in your car for when you see someone in need.

## **RELATE**

**Compassion is more than a feeling—it's an action. Throughout the New Testament there are many examples of how Jesus showed compassion to others. What are some examples you can think of? Pause for answers. Those are great thoughts.**

**In today's portion of The Big God Story, Jesus' compassion for the hurting and hungry crowd led Him to action. There are people in our own community who are hurting and having a hard time. We have an opportunity to show compassion to people who are in our area by preparing sack lunches for them.**

Invite your family to create an assembly line and work together to prepare sack lunches to give away. Then, give blank index cards to everyone and invite them to write notes to the people receiving their lunches. Encourage them to include Bible verses if they'd like. When finished, group all of the lunches together, and invite children to pray over the lunches together.

## **Activity #3: Bless**

Say the following scripture and blessing over each of your children:

**Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22–23)**

**(Child's name), May you know God's great love and compassion never fails. May you know His great faithfulness to you.**