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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people. It was late in the day and the people were hungry. The disciples said to Jesus, "Send them away to buy food." But Jesus did not send them away. He told the disciples to have the people sit down.

ASK *When the people were seated, what did Jesus do?*

SAY A boy gave Jesus five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus thanked God for the food. Then Jesus started giving the food to the people. The five loaves and two fish became more and more, enough to feed every person in that large crowd. And there were enough leftovers to fill 12 baskets!

ASK *How did Jesus show his love and care for the people that day?*

SAY Jesus showed his love and care by teaching the people God's Word and by feeding them all when they were hungry. Jesus was showing that he is God, because only God could do this miracle.

☆Let's Eat and Say

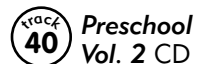
Weather permitting, have a picnic outdoors. (Children may just as happily have their picnic indoors.) Set out a large **blanket or quilt** for children to sit on. Serve **fish-shaped crackers, fruit,** and a **drink**. As children eat and drink, mention some of the ways Jesus showed love and care for his disciples and others around him. He turned water into wine, he calmed a storm, he taught people about God, and he fed 5,000. Most important of all, he died on the cross for the sins of his people!



☆Let's Make and Praise

Make praise tambourines. Give each child **two paper plates**. Color the bottom sides of the plates. Then place a handful of **dried beans** in one plate, cover it with the second plate, and fasten the edges with **tape**. Add colorful **ribbon or paper streamers**.

Children can shake their tambourines as you lead them in singing this praise song to the tune *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.



1 Jesus is my Savior,
My Savior, my Savior.
Jesus is my Savior,
I'll praise him every day!

2 He provides for all my needs,
All my needs, all my needs.
He provides for all my needs,
He's so good to me!