

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 15	Jesus Does Wonderful Things
Lesson 1	Jesus Feeds the Hungry

AIMS

1. Children will learn that Jesus performed many miracles.
2. They will see that the very cause we will that Jesus is the Son of God.
3. They will learn about the multiplication of loaves and fishes.
4. They will learn that Jesus feeds the hungry today in the Eucharist, which is His Body.

STEP 1

Show the children the diagram of the Trinity in their packs. Draw their attention to the word Jesus' beside God, the Son. Explain that God the Son became man in the person of Jesus; Jesus is therefore both God and man.

STEP 2

1. Read paragraphs 1 and 2 aloud with the children.

STEP 3

Using a small amount of food, (e.g. a small role, slice of bread, biscuits or piece of fruit), break it into enough pieces for all the children. Explain that if they were very hungry, they would still be very hungry after the little piece of food that you had given them. But Jesus fed five thousand people with just a few loaves of bread and a few fish.

STEP 4

Read the account in the children's pack of the multiplication of loaves and fishes (John 6:1-15). Explain that Jesus did not just share his bread and fish; He performed a miracle and made more loaves and fishes, so that they were plenty for everyone to eat. Asked the children if they could do this; asked them why Jesus could do it (because Jesus is God). Asked the children why Jesus did this miracle (for the good of the people: because he loved them and he wanted to show them that he is God).

STEP 5

Explain that a miracle is something that only God can do. It is not a magic trick and it is not a coincidence. It is when God does what man and nature cannot do. Sometimes God uses what is available, such as fish and bread, sometimes, He uses nothing at all and he does what is not possible for any man to do.

STEP 6

Explain that Jesus performed miracles to show that, He is God, and because He loves all people. He performed miracles that helped people and taught them about God's love.

STEP 7

Discuss with the children, how Jesus still feeds people today in the Eucharist. Just as people who become hungry must eat to nourish their bodies, so too, the soul must be fed to be healthy and

strong. Jesus gives us nourishment for the soul in the Eucharist. He does this because He loves His children. Jesus comes to us as the Bread of Life to nourish the soul. He is all real food for the spiritually hungry.

REINFORCE

Have the children draw in colour a picture of Christ's miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes - see the children's packs.

Sing with the children, "Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!" *Adoramus hymnal*, #516.

CONCLUDE

and the class was a prayer. If possible, take the children for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Encourage them to pray before the Blessed Sacrament often.

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will study Jesus' miracle of the calming of the sea.