

John 6:1-13

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages* would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they* sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Context

This is the first sermon of our Lenten, "Jesus friend of..." sermon series. This sermon will focus on children and how to experience the kingdom of God, not just through child-like faith, but through the faith of a child. Children have so much to teach us about the love of Jesus and I am so excited to explore that with you this Sunday!

Big Ideas

- Children are not the future of the Church, they are the Church, today!
- Children bring value that they may not know they have, it is our responsibility as adults to bring out this value in them.
- There are no limits to whom God can work through; that is why he can, indeed, work through Children.

Reflect

1. Read the scripture passage carefully and slowly. What word or image stands out to you? Why?
2. Why do you think is it important that Jesus used the food that the little boy provided? Do you think this influenced the boy in the future?
3. How can we influence the children in our church *today*? How can we convince them of the value that they bring to the kingdom of God?