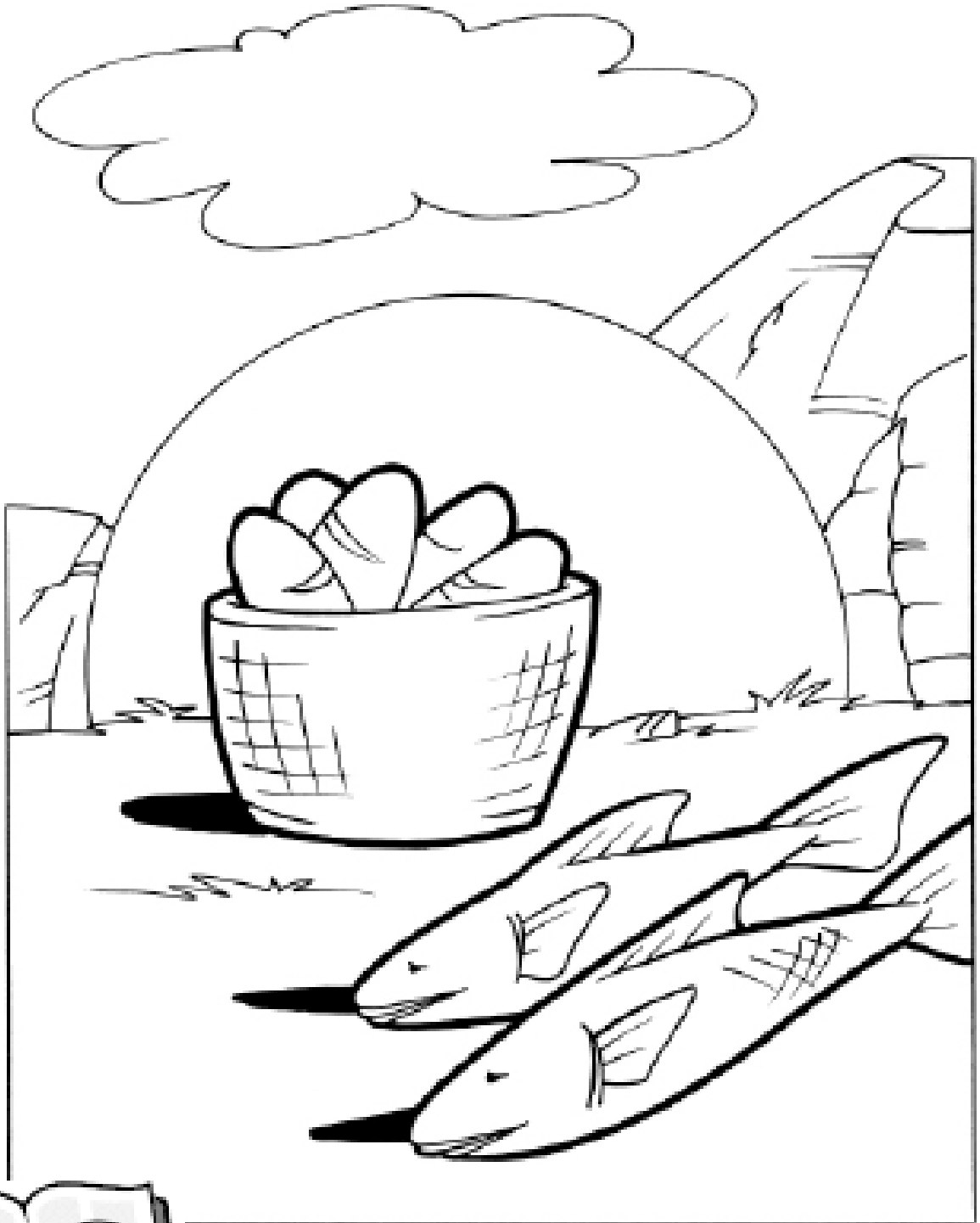


# Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

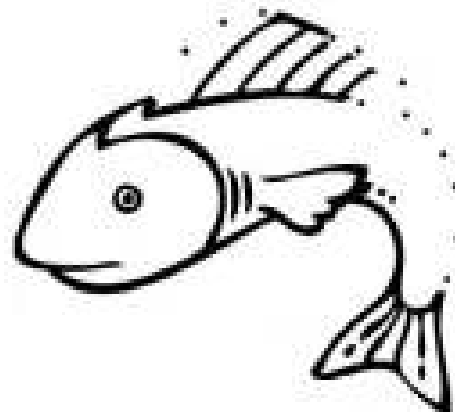
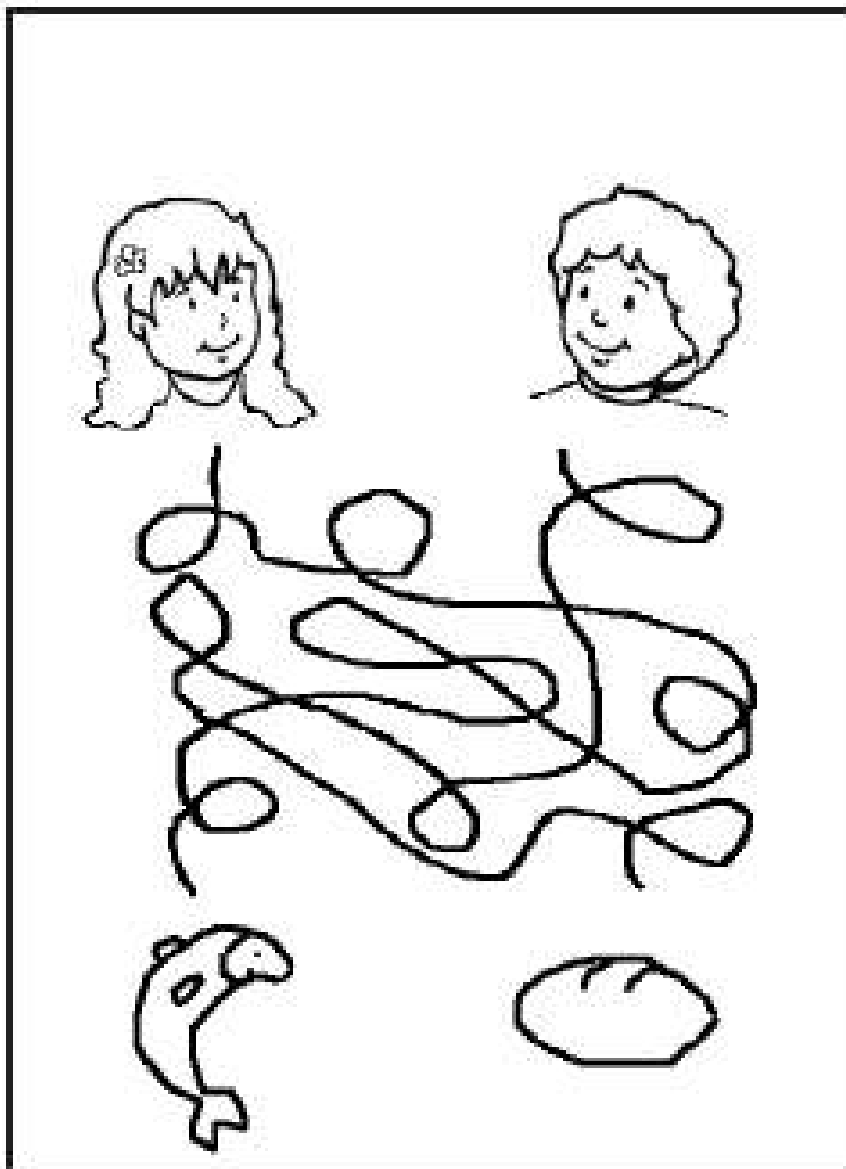
After Jesus preached for a long time to the people, he wanted to go to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds followed him. Jesus had compassion on them. Knowing they were hungry, he performed a miracle. Jesus fed five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Everyone ate as much as they wanted.



"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Does it make any  
difference if we  
worry?

To whom does the bread belong?  
What about the fish?



Connect the dots  
and the images will  
be complete. Then  
you can color them!

## **Lesson 13**

### **Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**

**Bible text:** Matthew 14:13-21.

**Key verse:** 1 Peter 5:7.

**Purpose:** The children will understand that Jesus cares about what happens to them.

#### **Please note!**

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

### **I. Lesson**

After the children finish working on the coloring page, read out loud Matthew 14:13-21, interpreting each role with intonation.

Lessons:

- Jesus gave his time because he had compassion on the hungry people.
- We should care about other's needs.
- Jesus is not worried when he sees that they have only five loaves of bread and two fish.
- We should not worry about anything if we are God's children.
- Jesus asks his Heavenly Father to help him in prayer.
- We should ask our Heavenly Father for help in our prayers too.
- Jesus performed this miracle using his divine power.
- We can perform things for God through God's power working in us.
- People saw Jesus' miracle and believed in God.
- People will see our way of living and believe in God.

### **II. Activities**

#### **1. The Key Verse**

a. Read the verse out loud.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7.**

b. Explains the verse using some questions:

- How can we give our worries to God?
- How does God take care of our needs?

c. Help the children to memorize the verse.

## **2. Review questions for the children**

- Why did Jesus want to go off by himself to a remote area?
- Why didn't the people let him go?
- How did the disciples react?
- What was Jesus' answer to the disciples?
- How many loaves of bread and how many fish did Jesus feed the people?
- How did Jesus manage "to multiply" the loaves of bread?
- How many people were fed?

## **III. Conclusion**

Jesus didn't have much food on hand. But he performed this miracle because someone offered his bread and the fish. And in this way more than five thousand people ate as much as they wanted. Jesus can perform miracles using you, too. If you place yourself at God's disposal, Jesus can perform great things through you too.