

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand with a Boy's Small Gift

About 5 minutes, from John 6:1-15

Practice ahead of time the brief scene when the girl eyes the boy's bread.

Participants (No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive a sacred event, not to perform)

- Father Stand about five paces from the boy
- Boy Has, or pretends to have, bread in a pocket.
- Girl Also stand about five paces from the boy, until you walk toward him.
- Voice (of Jesus)
- Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.
- Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Father Look, daughter.
This huge crowd has followed Jesus all the way out here
to the far side of the Sea of Galilee!

Prompter & Echoes Wow!

Girl Daddy, hear what everyone is saying. They're hungry!

Prompter & Echoes We are famished!

Girl *(Pull at Father's sleeve and beg loudly.)*
Daddy, I'm starved, too! Please, Daddy! I'm hungry.
Oh, look! That boy brought food.

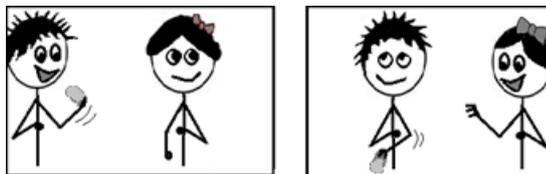
Father Quiet! I'm trying to hear what Jesus is saying.

Boy Ha! I was smart enough to bring five loaves and two fish.
(Take, or pretend to take, bread from a pocket, and look at it.)
Mmmm.

Prompter & Echoes Yum! Yum!

Girl *(Walk toward the boy, eyeing the bread.)*

Boy *(Turn, see the girl, hide the bread quickly where she can't see it.*
When she walks away, lift the bread again and look at it.)



Girl *(Walk away, then turn abruptly and go back.)*
What you got in your hand? *(Reach for it)*

Boy *(Jerk your body around to turn your back to the girl.)* Go away!

Girl *(Walk away)* Greedy little pig!

Prompter & Echoes Selfish!

Boy *(When girl walks away, lift bread to your mouth and look at it.)* Yum!

Girl *(Turn and eye the bread.)* Hey!

Boy *(When the girl turns to see, quickly hide the bread again.)*

Girl & Boy *(Repeat the above scene twice:
Boy lifts the bread, and Girl turns to see it,
Boy lowers the bread, and Girl turns away.)*

Girl *(Pull father's sleeve)* I'm hungry! Everyone is!
Let's go get something, daddy.

Prompter & Echoes We are all hungry!

Father Hush! Listen to Jesus.

Voice Give and it will be given to you.

Prompter & Echoes What does Jesus mean?

Voice Give to all who ask of you!

Boy Oh, oh! I am afraid I know what he means.
I heard you, Jesus. I guess I maybe was just a tiny bit selfish.
Well, yes, I was definitely selfish.
Okay, I was terribly selfish.
(Go to the girl and hold bread out to her.)

Girl *(Take the bread)*
Oh! Thank you! *(Look at Father.)* My dad is hungry, too!

Father You are very kind, young man.
But we are not the only ones who are hungry.
All these people are starving, too.
(Gesture toward those who are listening)

Boy I only brought five barley loaves and two fish.

Father Give them to Jesus, aon, and see what he does with them.

Prompter & Echoes He feeds 5000 people!