

Picnic

God has picnics too!!

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

(John 6:1-11) After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A huge crowd followed him, attracted by the miracles they had seen him do among the sick. When he got to the other side, he climbed a hill and sat down, surrounded by his disciples. It was nearly time for the feast of Passover, kept annually by the Jews. When Jesus looked out and saw that a large crowd had arrived he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread to feed these people?” He said this to stretch Philip’s faith. He already knew what he was going to do. Philip answered, “Two hundred silver pieces wouldn’t be enough to buy bread for each person to get a piece.” One of the disciples-it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter-said, “There’s a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that’s a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted.

Thought starters

Summer is a very busy time. Going to special places and events, like graduations and weddings.

How about summer picnics, have you been to one yet? Sometimes they are very small, maybe for your family outside in the backyard or in a park. Sometimes they are very big, like a family reunion.

I’m going to read what John is reporting to us in his book about a picnic that was very big. (Read John 6:1-11)

Feeding five thousand people with two fish and five loaves of bread? (show the basket with the fish and bread) Just like this?

If we had a picnic after the church service today would this feed everyone? No, probably not. It’s an amazing story of how Jesus “blessed” the food and it never ran out.

It's a good time for us to remember when we go to a picnic, whether it's for five or five thousand people, what John reported to us about the "First Church Picnic" when Jesus fed five thousand people with two fish and five loaves.

Prayer Dear Lord, Thank you for the story of the first church picnic, bless us as we learn more about you, today and always. Amen

Prop- A basket with two small fish (real or plastic) and five small loaves of bread vel neque pulvinar bibendum.

GO ON A FAMILY PICNIC, or reminisce about a recent one.