

Introduction:

The main job of a child is to learn. As a community, and especially a church, we must protect our children and ensure that they have the basic right of “**learning**.”

- A child learns to crawl, stand, and walk.
- A child learns to talk, learns the alphabet, and learns to read.
- A child should learn to obey, and then do things himself.
- A child should learn to think.
- A child should learn Spiritual truths. Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 92:13, Ephesians 6:4

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Psalms 92:13

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Ephes. 6:4

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- A child is capable of being saved and learning about prayer, Bible reading and memorization, Bible stories, and giving.
- As children learn, they start to teach us.

In the Scriptures there are those children and young people who learn lessons, and, consequently, teach us.

Often in the Bible there is a lad or young lady who is present to learn, and through learning, instructs us.

1. **THERE IS A LAD HERE AND HE IS LEARNING TO LISTEN TO FOR GOD** – **Samuel** - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-4:1
2. **THERE IS A LAD HERE AND HE'S LEARNING TO LEAN ON GOD** – **David** - 1 Samuel 17
3. **THERE IS A LAD HERE AND HE'S LEARNING TO LOAN TO GOD** – **our youth in our text** - John 6:1-14

Andrew states in **John 6:9**, "There is a lad here."

Proverbs 19:17

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

There are three great truths in our passage that relate to this child that I would like to share with you today:

“There Is a Lad Here”
(Over and Above)

Text: John 6: 1-14

(V.9) “...*there is a lad here...*”

I. A GREAT CROWD - Vv. 1-4

- A tremendous crowd (At least 5,000.) followed Jesus.

II. A GREAT CHALLENGE - Vv. 7

- They needed to be fed.

- Jesus tested Philip but Jesus knew what He would do.

Count to Eight (Woe, Be Gone)

by Max Lucado

John 6:5-6

When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, **Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?** 6And **this he said to prove him**: for **he himself knew what he would do**.

John 6:9

There is a lad here, which hath **five** barley loaves, and **two** small fishes: but what are they among so many?

- How do you suppose Jesus felt about the basket inventory?
- Any chance he might have wanted them to include the rest of the possibilities?
- Involve all the options?
- Do you think he was hoping someone might count to **eight**?

"Well, let's see. We have five loaves, two fish...and Jesus!" (8)

Jesus Christ. The same Jesus who told us:

Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

Standing next to the disciples was the solution to their problems...but they didn't go to him.

They stopped their count at **seven** and worried.

What about you? Are you counting to seven, or to eight?

- Sometimes the Lord allows us to be challenged by problems, but he knows what He will do.
- This lad here teaches us a great lesson!

III. **A GREAT CONTACT** - Vv. 8-9

- One little boy with a lunch that would hardly begin to feed a multitude.
- However, Jesus didn't need much.
- The food only needed to be available.
- What little we have in the way of gifts and talents might not seem much, but if it is available Jesus can use it.
- This little boy's mom (possibly both parents) had provided him with the basic needs.
- I can't help but believe that he was taught the importance of being obedient to God (at home).
- Children, don't sale yourselves too short!
- God can take what you have been given and use it for His glory and honor!
- Just make yourself "available" and watch Him work through you!

Conclusion:

- Jesus multiplied the food and fed the multitude.

- Again I say, as at the beginning of this sermon, we as a community, and especially as a church, should protect the lives of little children to see that they get to learn their value and the importance of making their life count in helping others.
- Are you a parent here that is teaching your child to be “available” to God for use?
- Are you a child/youth here desiring to be used of God?
- Have you been saved?

Notice some Key truths about this LAD in conclusion:

1. **He Was in the Presence of the Lord!**
2. **He Had the Provisions the Lord Needed!**
3. **He Willingly Presented himself to the Lord!**
4. **He Saw the Power of the Lord Manifested!**

[**Illus**] If there is time, read the article “57 cents.”

Invitation Hymn: “*Come Unto Me*” (2-3 verses)

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