

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 22 • Session 4

JESUS FED MANY PEOPLE

Matthew 15; Mark 8

IS JESUS GOD OR A HUMAN? AS THE SON OF GOD, JESUS IS BOTH FULLY GOD AND FULLY HUMAN.

Jesus had been traveling with His disciples in an area where Gentiles—or non-Jews—lived. Jesus looked at a large crowd of people and had compassion on them. They had been with Jesus for three days, and some had come a long distance to meet Him. They had nothing to eat.

Jesus told His disciples, "If I send them home, they will collapse on their way."

The disciples said, "Where can we get enough bread to feed them?" Jesus asked, "How many loaves of bread do you have?"

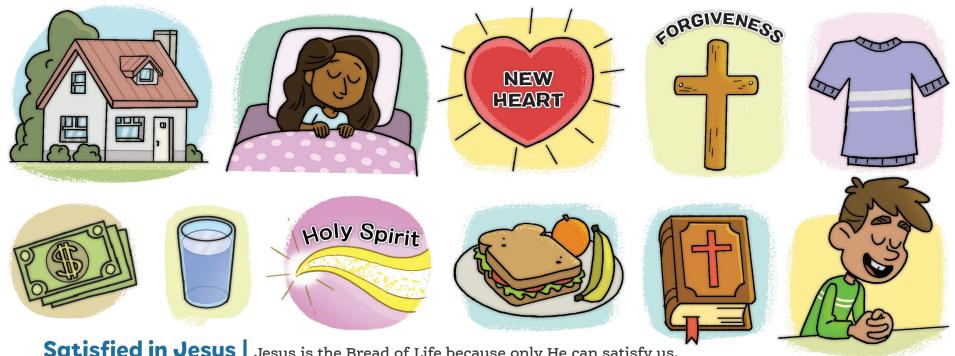
The disciples answered, "Seven."

Jesus took the seven loaves, gave thanks to God, and broke the bread into pieces. The disciples also had a few small fish, so Jesus blessed the fish and served them too.

Everyone ate and was satisfied. The disciples collected seven baskets full of leftover pieces. Jesus told the crowd—four thousand men plus women and children—to go home.

Christ Connection: By feeding the crowd, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the people. Later, Jesus called Himself the Bread of Life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus can satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life.

Jesus Meets Our Needs Draw a circle around the pictures that show physical needs Jesus meets. Draw a square around the pictures that show spiritual needs Jesus meets.



Satisfied in Jesus Jesus is the Bread of Life because only He can satisfy us. Look up each Bible verse and match it to its correct description.

