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MYOCN PEW PALS



8th Sunday of Matthew

Jesus performs a miraculous act of compassion, feeding a crowd of 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle demonstrates Jesus' deep care for the people and shows us that when we trust in Him, God will provide for our needs, no matter how great or small. This passage encourages us to be generous with what we have. We can trust that He will provide for us in His perfect timing. God can use what we have, even if we feel like we don't have enough to offer, God can multiply our efforts and use them for good.

Jesus asked the disciples to distribute the food. In the same way, God calls us to be His hands and feet, sharing His love and blessings with others. Even after everyone is fed, there was still leftovers showing us that God's provision is more than enough. We can trust that when we rely on God, He will provide more than we need, both physically and spiritually.

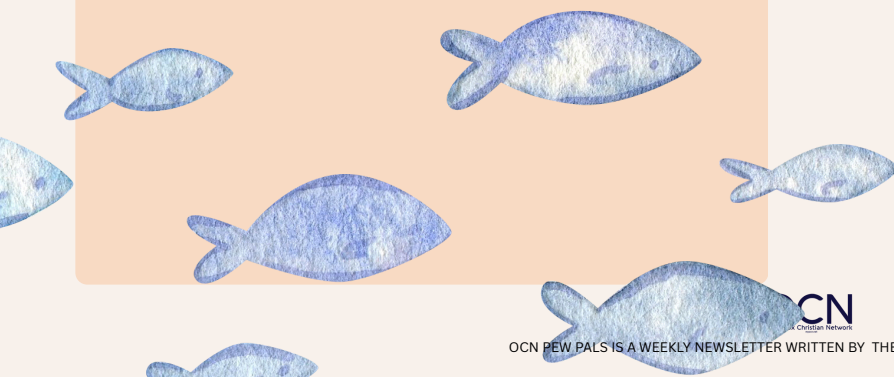


Family Homework

Share and Serve: Encourage children to share something they have (like food or toys) with others, showing them how their small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Memory Verse

"Jesus said, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat' "
—Matthew 14:16



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CRAFT - Fishes and Loaves Bracelet

MATERIALS:

- Pipe Cleaner or String
- 5 Dry Penne/Ziti Noodles
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Hole Punch



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw two small fish. Cut them out. Using a hole punch make a hole at the top of the face.
2. Thread the five dry noddles onto the string or pipe cleaner.

Jesus calls us to trust in Him and be generous, knowing that He will always provide more than enough.

DISCUSSION PROMPT

How can we trust Jesus to provide for our needs today, just like He did for the crowd?

SAINT STORIES

ST. SALOME

Saint Salome was one of the women who accompanied Jesus during His ministry. She was the wife of Zebedee and the mother of the apostles James and John.

She was a devoted follower of Christ and played a significant role during the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion and Resurrection. Saint Salome was one of the myrrhbearing women like St. Mary Magdalene. St. Salome and the other women were the first to hear the news of Christ's Resurrection and were given the important task of telling the disciples.

Saint Salome's story teaches us about the importance of devotion, service, and the courage to follow Christ, even in times of grief and uncertainty.

Commemorated on August 3

