

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

2nd August 2020 – Trinity 8



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Story

This is a story about Jesus, and one of his miracles.

When our story starts Jesus was upset because his cousin, John the Baptist, who had baptised Jesus and told everyone that he was the Messiah that they had been waiting for, had died.

Jesus needed to be by himself for a bit, because he was sad so he took a boat and went to the far side of Lake Galilee to be alone. But the crowds heard about this and they came out from their towns and followed him on land and when Jesus landed from the boat there they all were, waiting for him.

Jesus saw their need, and all the sick people they had brought to him to be cured and he had compassion for them. He went through the press of people healing those who needed it. The day went on, and the sun started to go down and his disciples came to Jesus and said: 'It's getting late. Send the people home so that they can get something to eat.' Jesus said to them, 'They don't have to go away; you can give them something to eat.' The disciples said, 'How's that going to work? We've only got five loaves and two fish between us.' (One of the versions of this story says that it was a boy who brought his packed lunch and offered to share it.)

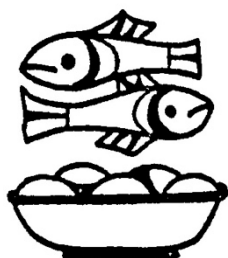
So Jesus asked them to bring the food to him and to get the crowd to all sit down on the grass. He took the loaves and the fish and he looked up to heaven and prayed. He blessed the food and started to break it in pieces and told the disciples to start giving it out to the crowd. And everybody ate, and everybody was filled, and when they collected up the scraps there was enough to fill twelve baskets full.

There must have been five thousand families there that day!

Craft Ideas (see pictures at end as well)

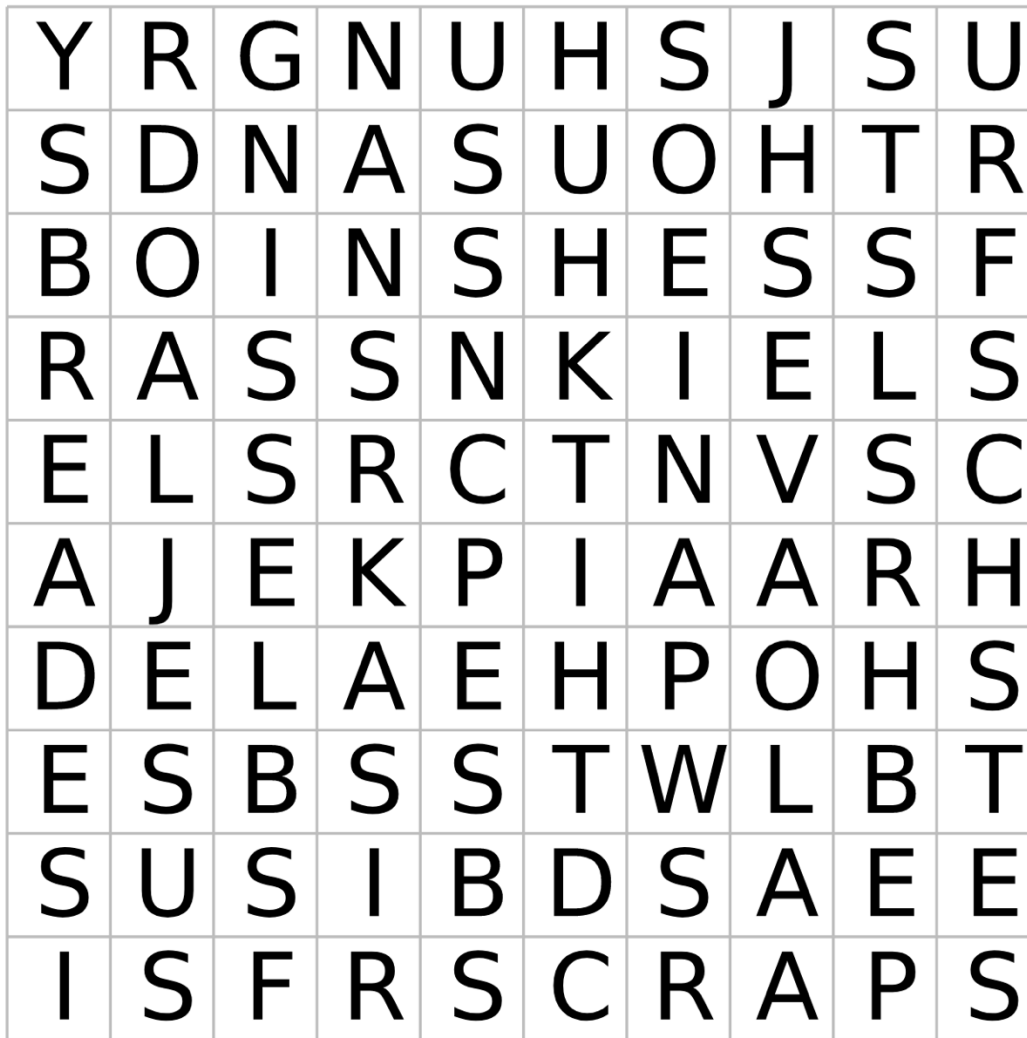
You could make some fish and loaves out of playdough and arrange them on a paper plate for a pretend picnic.

Here is a recipe for playdough: 3 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 tablespoon of cooking oil, water to mix, cake colouring as you wish.



Or you could make some biscuit dough and cut out fish and round loaves and cook them and have a real picnic

Word Search



BAPTIST
BASKETS
BLESSING
BOAT
BREAD
CROWDS
DISCIPLES
FISH
HEALED
HUNGRY
JESUS
JOHN
LOAVES
SCRAPS
THANKS
THOUSANDS

More ideas for something to do

Make a story board

Cut out the pictures on the next pages, colour them and put them in the right order for the story and then tell the story in your own words

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