

“Feeding 5000” Activity

(Object Lesson to share with youth...)

You'll need:

- paper
- 1 pair of scissors for each person

Say: **Jesus did some amazing things when he on earth. Once, he took a small boy's lunch, just some bread and fish, and use it to feed over 5,000 people.** Give each small group a pair of scissors and each child a piece of paper. Have the children hold up their papers.

Say: **How many corners does your piece of paper have?** Allow time for the kids to count their corners.

Say: **Your paper has four corners. But what if I want to give someone a corner? Cut off a corner of the paper, and hand it to a child.** Hold up the paper, and say: **Okay, now that I've given a corner away, how many corners do I have?** Allow kids to answer, and then say: **Wait a minute. I have five.** Count the corners to the kids. Then have each child cut a corner from his or her paper.

Say: **You see, the more times Jesus divided the bread and fish, the more he had to give away.** Have the children count the corners on the cut-off piece they each have. **Not only that, the people had more than enough.** Encourage the kids to each cut off more corners, each time counting the multiplying corners.

Discussion topics:

- **What surprised you about our activity?**
- **Which things amazed and surprised you about what Jesus did?**
- **What is something you give that God could use to help others?**

Jesus took a boy's lunch and blessed 5,000 people with it. He can do the same thing with us! He can take what we have and bless others with it. We trust God to provide, and Jesus just might use what we already have to do it.