



## THE THREAD | THE GOSPEL COME TO LIFE

### Lesson 6: Jesus Feeds The 5,000

Dear Parents,

Hello! We are almost halfway through our 13 lessons, looking at *The Gospel Come To Life* in our study of the big-picture story of the Bible called *The Thread*. This lesson was entitled “Jesus Feeds the 5,000,” and it focused on one of Jesus’ well-known miracles. Although there are nearly 40 of Jesus’ miracles recorded in the New Testament, we focused on this huge one, using it to explore what a miracle is and why the miracles of Jesus mattered. Students learned that a miracle was Jesus’s way of, first, proving Himself to be God. Along the way, Jesus compassionately met people’s needs through the miracle itself. We challenged students to bring their needs to God and invite Him to meet them (even needs that may need a miracle).

**Lesson Overview:** As we continue our journey of tracing the Gospel through the big-picture story of the Bible, we’re going to focus on Jesus’ miracles. While there are around 40 unique miracles described in the New Testament, we’re going to lead teenagers in a general discussion of Jesus’ miracles by focusing on one particular miracle: the feeding of over 5,000. Why do we need miracles? What do miracles accomplish? These are some of the questions that we’ll seek to answer through this powerful story.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** Understand that Jesus acted powerfully to both bring glory to Himself and meet the needs of the people. Start to grasp that Jesus’ power over the natural world is tied to His identity as God.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned:** Consider what it means to turn over areas of their life to God, trusting in His ability and willingness to meet their needs.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** John 6:1-15; Colossians 1:15-17

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Why do you think miracles are hard for modern audiences to believe in? Why can we be such skeptics?
- Describe your level of trust that God is both willing and able to meet your needs. How do you think this affects how you pray to Him?
- What can we do as a family to lean more into God’s ability and desire to meet our needs? In other words, how can we trust Him more to act according to His character to provide for us?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.