

## **Feeding 5,000 drama**

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1) One! One day - that starts like any other and then goes on to change your life. Ever had one of those?

2) Yeah lots!! That's what happens when you get involved with The Kingdom I guess

3) Life changes. People change in front of your eyes. You change.

1) This is what happened on one of those days...

*[Sfx]*

1) Jesus

2) You know him - beardy bloke, Son of God, caused quite a stir

3) had been causing quite a stir

2) told you

1) he needed a bit of time out

3) no autographs please

2) stand back Everyone, nothing to see here

1) but the people kept coming *[binocular]*

3) what?? *[grabs binocular]*

2) how many?? *[grabs binocular]*

1) a lot

2) a crowd

3) a host

1) a surge, a multitude, a confluence

2, 3) ooh

1) I know

2) so much for an easy afternoon

1) I know

3) well, maybe Jesus won't bother

2) yeah right

1) As we thought Jesus was filled with compassion when he saw all those people

2) Tut *[rolls eyes]*

3) Typical!

1) Especially those who were sick

2) So we all got stuck in and prayed with them

1) And many people were healed!!

2) And a few weren't

1) Anyway ... as evening approached

*[4 comes on with moon and makes 3 jump]*

1) As evening approached, we realised there was a problem

2) There's a problem here...

1) So we went to have a quiet word

3) Jesus

1) We said

3) This place is pretty remote

2) Great place to come for a retreat

3) But not many supermarkets

2) Take away joints

3) Corner shops

2) Market stalls

3) food

2) food

3) food

2) and evening is approaching

3) Woah! Stay back big boy!

2) Send this lot off into the villages

3) Now they're healed and all that

5) I was healed! Now I'm hungry!

3) Woah! Easy tiger!

2) Send them off to go and buy some food

1) It seemed like the perfect idea

*[2 and 3 congratulate each other, as 5 and 4 begin to walk off slowly, counting their money]*

1) And Jesus agreed!

2 & 3) The end!!

1) Oh no hang on, no he didn't, that's not it, what he actually said was .... you give them something to eat

2 & 3) What??

1) You give them something to eat

2 & 3) What??

4 & 5) You give us something to eat

3) All right we heard him the first time!

2) Erm, right, plan b then... no mobile signal, Jamie Oliver's not around ....

3) I know! We're like the first ever Christians..... bring and share lunch!!

1) Yes! Brilliant! Right what have we got

*[The others go out with baskets into the crowd...]*

1) Give generously now ... Jesus is watching don't forget... sweet and savoury if possible... we don't just want sausage rolls and crisps .... some nice home baking would be lovely..... that's wonderful ... what have we got

*[2,3,4 & 5 huddle together counting up]*

1) I hope there's some trifle in there...

4) We've got 2 fish

5) And six loaves

1) Is that it?

5) no sorry 5 loaves ... someone put in a rock

2) Rude

3) So now what?

4) Raffle?

*[1, 2 & 3 sharp intake of breath]*

4) Oh no, we don't agree with gambling do we?

5) Auction them off?

*[1, 2, 3 sharp intake of breath]*

5) Ah yeah, we don't agree with the rich getting the best do we

3) Eat it ourselves

2) Oh good ...

*[1 takes sharp intake of breath and 2 notices]*

2) Good gracious me no!!

1) Bring them to me ...

*[The others look dubious and start taking them to 1]*

1) Jesus said

*[They look happier about that and 4 and 5 take the basket to the back corner]*

2) And then he asked us to get people sitting down in groups of about 50

3) That's ...10, 20, 30, 40,50

1) Thank you maths genius

2) And I can't explain to you what it looked like, as far as the eye could see

1) Groups of people, I can't tell you how many

3) I can, that's 10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100!

1) Ok so about...

3) Times 10,20,,30,40,50

1) Right there was a lot

3) That's 10,20,30,40,50, *[keeps counting in the background]*

2) Some had travelled together, many had never met before

1) But joined with a sense of awe, of expectation

2) United by the miraculous

1) And the everyday needs we all have

2) Wonderfully ordinary

1) Extraordinarily wonderful

3) 4,970, 4,980, 4,990, 5000 *[doubles up to get breath back]*

2) And Jesus took the little we'd gathered

4) 5 loaves

5) And 2 fish

1) And he held up the bread

2) And broke it

4) And thanked his Father in Heaven

5) And gave the food back to us

1) And told us again to feed all the people

2) All of them

4) We looked at each other

5) we wanted to believe but there were so many of them

3) 10, 20, 30, 40.50,

2) *[puts hand over 3's mouth]*) Well, all we could was give it a go

*[They spread out over the stage]*

1) so we began to hand it out throughout the crowd. We managed 20 or so, thought that was great, but then it just kept coming until we were seeing the people getting fed ... all of them!

*[During this, the bread and fish start getting thrown around, and the numbers are shouted out:]*

10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 1,000, 2000, 3000, 4,000,5000

*[All throw the one they've got at number 1]*

1) plus loads of left-overs!!

2) We couldn't believe it

3) And we sort of could

4) And we really couldn't

5) But then could too

1) You get the idea!!

4) People began to drift off not long after

2) Always the way when it comes to washing up!

5) Back to their homes, talking of what they'd seen, and felt

3) And don't know if anyone believed them when they got back

4) I mean - 5,000 people

5) 12 of us doing our best without a catering qualification between us

3) 5 loaves

2) 2 fish

1) And one incredible everyday miracle.

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