

MESSY WORSHIP

Family-style Worship in your Home

It is always a good time to worship at home as a family! Wear your pj's, have different family members lead, include a dance party- worship is a team sport!! There is no pressure- you can add, omit, & adjust worship to fit your family's needs. Life is Messy- God is in the Mess!

Things you'll need for worship today:

- A piece of bread or a small snack that can be divided

Jesus Feeds 5000

Call to Worship

God is Good, Every Day!

Every day, God is GOOD!

Moment of Gratitude

Share one thing from your day that you are thankful for.

Confession & Forgiveness

Dear God,

We are very sorry for the wrong things we have done and the good things we did not do. You love us all the time and stay with us during difficult times. For forgiving us all, thank you God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!



Mark the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads.

Loaves and Fishes Storytelling

From Abingdon Press

Finally, as evening approached, Jesus looked at one of his disciples, Philip, and asked, "Where will we get bread to feed these hungry people?" Philip was shocked! Jesus must have known that the disciples did not have enough money to feed a crowd! "It would take more than six months' wages to feed this many people," Philip said.

Then another disciple, Andrew, said, "Here's a boy with two fish and five loaves of bread. But that is not enough for so many people." But Jesus took the loaves and fish, thanked God for them, and distributed them to the people. And when the meal was over, they gathered twelve baskets of leftovers.

When the little boy shared his lunch, he demonstrated a profound truth—when we offer ourselves and what we have to God, God's power can work through us. The child with two small fish and five round loaves of bread never wondered if his lunch could help Jesus or not. He simply offered it willingly. If the child had held onto his lunch, he would have been the only one fed. Instead, his generosity and faith made it possible for all to be fed.

Can you imagine how the little boy felt as he watched everyone eat his fish and bread? Imagine him realizing: "That's not my lunch—it is the Lord's!" Once again, a child reminds us to have faith. A child reminds us to offer ourselves to God. A child reminds us to share. A child helps us grow into an understanding of how letting go of things can bring a multitude of blessings.

Video Storytelling

Watch the 'Child has Nothing to Eat at School'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWXkX9axcWs>

- How is this story similar to the loaves and fishes story?
- How can we be like the kid in the bible story.

Interactive Prayer

Get out a piece of bread or small (split-able) snack. As a family, decide how to split the snack to make sure there is enough for everyone. Eat!

Snacking Conversations...

- How does this story explain how God wants food and resources shared with everyone?
- How could our country/school/neighborhood work to make sure everyone has what they need?

Closing Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of sharing. Help us to find ways to take care of ourselves and others when we have enough to share.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Check out the additional resources for equity conversations with your family!