



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

FEEDING OF THE 5000

Health and Wellbeing topic: Harvest / Gratitude and sharing

These assembly scripts can work for one or two “hosts” – it is formatted so that you can either read the lines solo, or assign lines to two people... and feel free to reword the lines in ways that suit you. There are suggestions in blue dotted through the script of setting, tone and ways to film, but these are only suggestions – the most important things are that you are confident and relaxed as you film.

If you are having a hard time visualizing the script, please watch our video and read along to give you a clearer idea.



SCENE 1

For a humorous opening scene, you could be counting toilet rolls. This short dialogue would be for two hosts, if you are co-hosting.

What on earth are you doing??

Well ever since the start of lockdown, I've been really nervous about running out of toilet roll. So I make sure and count how many I have at least once a week.

Hm, that reminds me, I think we're running low at my house. Could I have a roll?

Absolutely not! This is MY toilet roll! (runs away hoarding toilet roll)

You know, not having enough, like there wasn't enough toilet rolls, flour or pasta last spring... is not something we normally experience!

I didn't like not being able to find what I wanted at the shops. It's a good reminder to us that in other parts of the world it's like that all of the time, they certainly don't always have enough... not even enough to eat.

And at this time of year, Harvest time, we should all stop and be thankful for the food we have to eat.

Hm, that reminds me... it's lunchtime! What are you having for lunch? *(either asking the kids, or asking your co-host)*

Open up a packed lunch and briefly describe what you're eating... maybe even take a bite! If you'd like to take this further, you can play a game with your lunch. You could do lunch Pictionary, as shown in our video, or play a guessing game where you describe a lunch item, pause for answers, and then reveal what the food item is.

Harvest is a season of being thankful for everything we have, especially our food. And maybe we feel extra thankful this year, because we got just a tiny taste of what it was like to not be able to get what we want or need.

In Bible times they certainly didn't always get what they needed, or have enough to eat. But isn't it funny, not having enough actually made them MORE thankful for what they did have, thankful for even just a small lunch.

You know, there's a great story about that - a time when Jesus made the most of just a little lunch!



SCENE 2

Bible Story: Feeding of the 5000 / All Four Gospels – *tell the Bible story in a creative way: with a children's storybook bible, using pictures or graphics, drawing the story with a voiceover, acting it out, using puppets. You could read directly from the gospels, or retell the account in your own words. Whatever you do, make it dynamic, and try to tell the story in under five minutes. Feel free to cut and use our storytelling clip if you like it!*



SCENE 3

Wow that's an incredible story - but how did Jesus turn that boys lunch into 12 baskets of leftovers... did the Bible get the maths wrong there? OR did Jesus play a trick on them...? **(Count on your fingers, trying to figure it out)**

No, Christians believe that God can do amazing things like that and it's not a trick or a mistake. It's called a miracle.

And Jesus shows here that HE can do miracles too. Something amazing that only God can do.

But I wonder if Jesus would've done this miracle if it hadn't been for that little boy and his lunch?

...What if the boy had decided to keep his lunch just for himself? Or if he thought his lunch was just too small and not worth sharing with Jesus? He would never have seen the amazing miracle Jesus did!

And maybe we have something to learn from him as well... it might not feel like we have much, but whatever we have we can always share!

Even if it's just a small lunch... or one roll of toilet paper!

This story is really wonderful because it shows how God can do amazing things - even miracles - when we choose to trust Him and share with each other.

And it also reminds us to be thankful for EVERYTHING God has given us, especially our food, and to make the most of what we have.



SCENE 4

Suggested Reflection Activity – or come up with your own!

Your challenge this week is to think of FIVE things you can be thankful for. Not just “stuff” but anything that’s good in your life! ***(Share five examples of your own)***

Once you start, I’ll bet you find that you can think of much more than five. If you want to take it a step further, could your class come up with 50 things you’re all thankful for? I bet it would be easy.

Well thanks for joining in the assembly today, but for now, I’ve gotta go!

(Pick up all your toilet roll and head off screen – yes this is very mild toilet humor, but kids will love it!)

