

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Why did Christ and his disciples go to the other side of the sea of Galilee? _____

2. How did they get across the sea? _____ How did the people follow Jesus? _____
3. How many people followed him? _____
4. When Jesus saw them coming to him, what did he think? (Mark 6:34) _____

5. When Jesus' disciples wanted to send the people away to buy food, what did he tell them to do instead? _____
6. How much food did they have? _____ Whom did it belong to? _____
7. After the people sat down on the hillside, what did Jesus do? _____

8. After they had eaten, how much was left over? _____
9. What did the people say about Jesus? (John 6:14) _____

10. If Jesus could use a little boy's lunch to help this many people, do you think he could use the things boys and girls have today? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—John 6:35, "Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life.'"
Older ones—John 6:33-35

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Read the rest of John 6. What important lesson did Jesus teach through this miracle? Study the verses until you are sure that you know, and then write your answer on the back of this page.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Many of the stories about Jesus include references to money of his time. In some cases the meaning of the story hinges on the amount of money, but the money equivalents given in our study Bibles and Bible dictionaries often confuse us rather than clearing up the meaning. A Bible dictionary written in 1960, for example, will give money amounts 35 years behind our modern inflation.

What can we do in this story to help a child understand how much 200 denarii would be? The NIV takes the most meaningful approach, I think, by equating ancient money amounts to a worker's earning power. To buy food for the 5,000 would take "eight months of a man's wages," we are told. In today's world that might be \$30,000! The story will take on new meaning when our kids see how much it would cost to buy Big Macs for such a crowd today.

FOR ADULT STUDY: This time do the teen assignment. Read all of John 6.