

Matthew 15:21-39

Allegiance - Standing with Jesus Forsaking all Else - Given the Kingdoms Secrets

Main Point - Jesus is kind and compassionate to all. He heals and feeds those in need.

Memory Verse

Matthew 16:16 - Simon Peter replied "You are the Christ the son of the living God"

Bible story - Matthew 15:21-39

Parent note - It is easier to tell the story if you have read the bible passage. The brief summary is we have two powerful stories. Jesus heals the Canaanite (enemy of God's people) woman and feeds 4000 presumably still in a Gentile area. A preview of what is to come about Jesus and the gospel being for everyone. I would suggest giving the child the colouring sheets after the kids talk. Listen to the Sermon yourself and then talk to them about what they have been colouring.

If you need help in talking to your kids please read or tell the children the following:

Children our story today is once again about how Jesus loves us all. Jesus began his ministry time by talking to people who were just like him. People who were Jewish. People who believed in the same God. The God that is Jesus' father and now ours. It's like Jesus is only talking to and helping his family. In the story from the book of Matthew from the bible we read today. Jesus helped an outsider. An outsider is someone who didn't go to his school and didn't go to his church. The woman came to Jesus asking for her daughter to be healed. He initially said no, you are different. But she persists and He says that her faith in him has healed her daughter. Jesus loves us all. He loves those of us who are Christian and those who are not. How great that we can pray for those who don't know Jesus for them to learn that he loves them.

The second part of the story is how Jesus continues on in this area and has a crowd with him again and after three days they are running out of food. Again the disciples ask around and collect 7 loaves and a few fish. Jesus blesses the food and another miracle. They have 7 baskets of leftovers. Who likes leftovers? Even if you don't like leftovers it's great to know that God provides once again more than we physically need. Remember it isn't that we get everything we want. They didn't get heaps of lollies and sweets. They got the basics of the meal.

Prayer Time

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so very much. Thank you for using your power as God's son to heal the women's daughter and to feed the crowd. Thank you that we are adopted into your family. Thank you for your love.

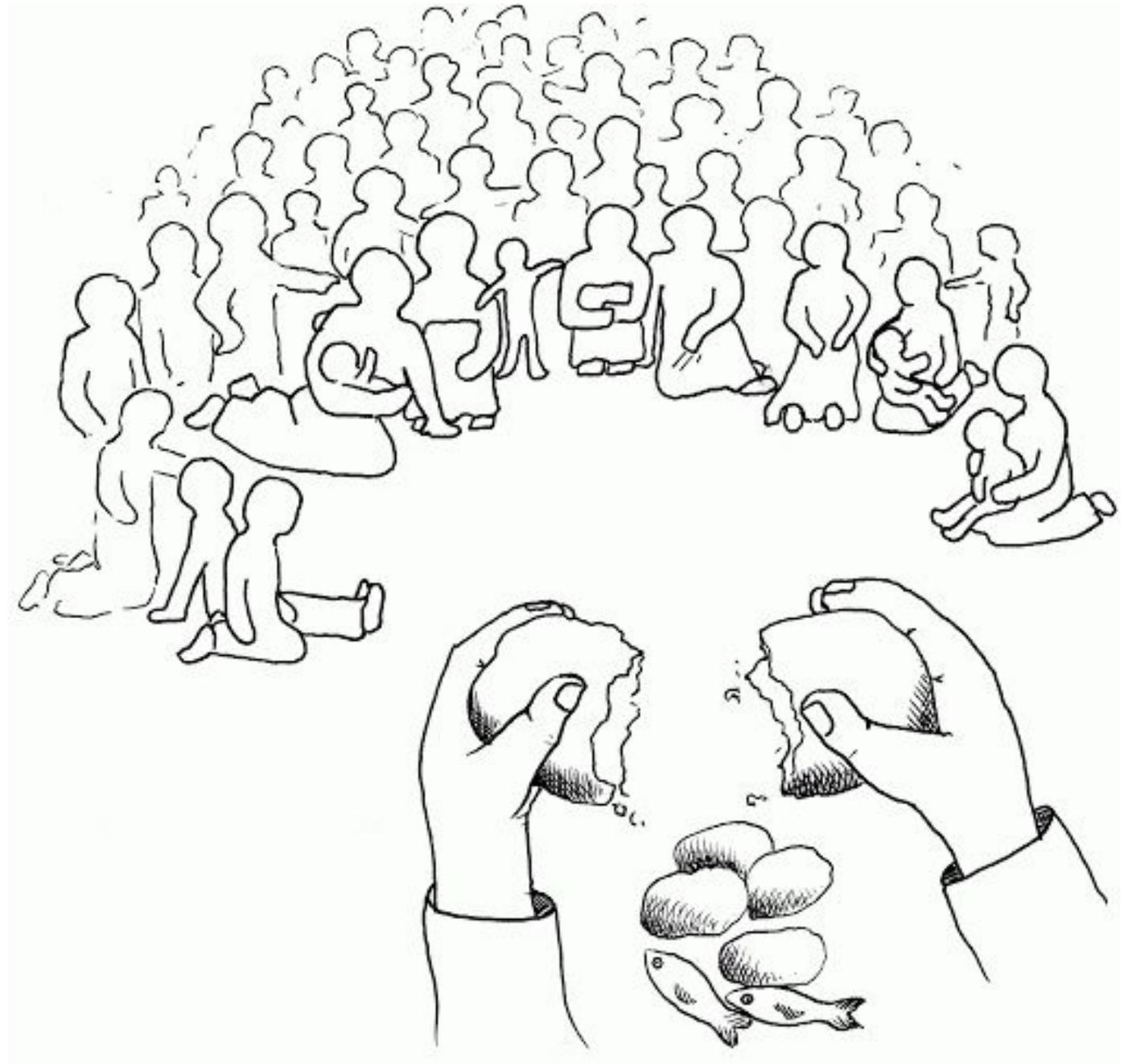
Craft - There are two Colouring sheets below and some loaves and fishes to cut out. I imagine the kids can find a bag or basket around the house to put them in.

Jesus Heals the Canaanite Woman's daughter



28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Jesus again feeds the crowd. Draw faces on the people and draw your family in the crowd.



Matthew 34 - 38 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

