

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

Children's Sermons

Week 1

Exodus 16:4

I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow instruction or not.

Props needed: white cotton balls

Leader: Think of a time when you were really, really hungry and thirsty.

Kid's response

Leader: *(If children don't respond)* ...maybe it was on a long car ride

Kids' response

Leader: God's chosen people were taking a long, walking trip in a hot, dry desert. There was no food or water. They asked God for help and God gave them bread from heaven. Can you shut your eyes and pretend it is night time and you are sleeping? [Scatter cotton balls on the floor.] Wake up! Do you see anything on the floor?

Kids' response

Leader: This is not bread from heaven, but let's pretend that it is. You cannot eat this because this is not bread. Let's pretend it is bread from heaven called "manna," and pick some up.

[Kids gather. Some children will have more than others. Point this out to them.]

Leader: Remember God said to only gather what you would need for a whole day. _____ has more manna than _____. What do you think we should do about this?

Kids' response [Direct them toward sharing.]

Leader: In our world today God does provide food for all the world's children. However, some of us have more than others. What do you think God would want us to do about that?

Kids' response

Leader: Dear God, help us to know that you do provide, and help us to share your blessings with others. Amen.

Week 2

Psalm 8:6-8

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

Props needed: stuffed animals (fish, birds, cow, sheep if possible)
2 animal dishes
1 box children’s band-aids

Leader: What do we have here (*referring to the stuffed animals*)?

Kids’ response

Leader: God made all these animals just like God made us. Can these animals feed themselves? Can they drive to the doctor if they get sick? Can the fish clean up the oil or the garbage we dump in their water?

Kids’ respond to each question

Leader: What do you think God wants us to do for these animals?

Kids’ response [feed, put band-aids on hurts, etc. Let children act this out]

Leader: Dear God, bless these children for taking good care of your animals, fish, and birds. Thank you for all these wonderful creatures you have created and help us to always remember to take care of them. Amen.

Week 3

Luke 9:13b, 14a, 16, 17

We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people. For there were about five thousand men...And taking the five loaves and the two fish, [Jesus] looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Props needed: “bread” slices cut out of beige foam pieces
“fish” cut out of cardstock or purchased
basket to hold props

Leader: Have you ever really been hungry?

Kids’ response

Leader: What is your favorite pie?

Kids’ response

Leader: What if there were five people in your family and only one piece of pie left?

Kids’ response

Leader: It would be hard to divide it up, wouldn’t it? Jesus had a crowd of five thousand people. Do you know how many people that is?

Kids’ response

Leader: So imagine (*hold up and count five bread slices and two fish*) that this is all Jesus had to feed the five thousand people

Kids’ response

Leader: But Jesus is God’s Son, and unlike magic that magicians do, God can do miracles. Do you think God could make enough food for everyone?

Kids’ response

Leader: Let’s look in this basket! WOW! Can we go out and share this food with the congregation?

Kids take fish and bread throughout the congregation, return with empty basket

Leader: Dear God, thank you for providing food for all people that are hungry. Please make us your helpers to share and take this food to them. Amen.

Week 4

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commending you today in your heart.

Props needed: heart stickers (large, if possible)

Leader: Who do you know that loves you?

Kids’ response [parents, teachers, pastor, etc.]

Leader: Do they ever teach you how to do the right things?

Kids’ response

Leader: Jesus loved us enough to give his life on the cross for us. But did you know that Jesus loved us enough to teach us about God and how God wants us to behave? *[Pass out heart stickers to the children]* Place these hearts where you will see them and remember that Jesus, the one who saved us, is also our teacher. Where do you think you will put your stickers to remember them?

Kids’ response

Leader: Dear God, we thank you for the love and teaching of Jesus. Help us to love all others and to remember that this is what Jesus wants us to do. Amen.

Week 5

Leviticus 25:14

When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another.

Props needed: globe

Leader: Do you know what it means to cheat and steal?

Kids’ response [direct them to cheating while playing games, etc]

Leader: God does not want us to cheat or steal. This is a globe, a round map of our world. Does anyone know where we live?

Kids’ response

Leader: *[show them where we live]* We live right here. Look at all the other places in this big world. We are only a little part of God’s big globe. There are places in our country and other countries where children have to work instead of play and learn. There are places where children are hungry and sick and cold. Do you think that is right?

Kids’ response

Leader: When we take more from this world than we need (like too many toys or too much food) we are stealing from those other children. God wants us to share and to always remember the other children in the world.

Kids’ response

Leader: *(optional) Sing “Jesus loves the little children/ all the children of the world/ red and yellow, black and white/ they are precious in his sight/ Jesus loves the little children of the world.”*

Leader: Dear God, we thank you for the world and all the children. Help us remember and pray for them always. Amen.