

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 9 – Year B		SOLA
Food for 5,000!?!		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 23:1-6 2) Ephesians 2:11-22 3) Mark 6:30-44	
Scripture Focus	Mark 6:30-44	
Take Away	None.	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Picture of 5 loaves and 2 fish	
Message The disciples had been out telling people about Jesus and doing some miracles. They were excited about everything they had said and done and told Jesus everything. They were tired and had been so busy that they hadn’t had anything to eat. Jesus said, “Let’s go away, just us, to a quiet place where we can rest.” They got in a boat to go find a place where they could be alone and relax. A lot of people had been following them and saw where they were going. When the boat came to shore, a huge number of people saw them and went to them. Jesus loved the people and felt sorry for them. He took time to make the sick better and to teach them about God. After a while there were over 5,000 people there. There were men, ladies, and kids. When it got near supper time, the disciples said, “There aren’t any stores or restaurants around here and it’s getting late. We should send all these people to town so they can have supper.” But Jesus said to the disciples, “We don’t need to do that. You give them something to eat.” What? One disciple said, “We don’t have enough money to buy food for this many people.” Another said, “I don’t think there’s enough food in town even if we had money to buy it. Jesus looked at them and asked, “How much food do you have?” They answered, “Only 5 small loaves of bread and 2 fish!” (This is the good part.) Jesus said, “Bring them over here.” Jesus told everyone to sit down in small groups on the grass. Then He took the bread and fish, looked up to heaven, and said a prayer, blessing the food. Then he broke the small loaves and the disciples gave them and some fish and bread to each group of people. Look at this picture. Those 5 small loaves and 2 fish fed 5,000 people! EVERYONE ate bread and fish. When they were all done eating and had all they wanted, the disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftovers. 12 baskets! It was a miracle! Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You can do anything. Only you can feed 5,000 people / with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Thank you for giving us / everything we need. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	

