

WELCOME to



"How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Psalm 119:103

TASTY TREATS SAMPLE PAGES

Thank you for taking a moment to review this curriculum. We have included 20 sample pages of this course to give you a basic idea of the materials you will receive on the CD-Rom. **(The first page you will see is a listing of all the files you would get on the course CD.)** Should you decide to order this program, the course disk (or electronic file) that you would receive comes with nearly 300 pages of materials. We're sorry we could not give you the entire program to preview, however because this is entirely reproducible material we could not do that. If you have any questions about content or materials, please call or e-mail.

- These courses are ideal for a Vacation Bible School program although they also work well for a Family Night or even Sunday School classes any time of the year.
- All preschool to grade 6 lessons come in black and white or full color.
- All sample and final course pages are in PDF files. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to read them. If you do not have this already in your computer, you can download it free at www.adobe.com.



- **As you page through the samples, you will notice small red “speaking bubbles” on some pages. Just click on the bubble and a note with added information about that page will drop down. (These notes will not appear on a print out copy of that page.)**
- Remember that although you may see a sample page using the KJV or NIV, there will be an identical one on the disk with the other version as well.
- NOT included in these samples is a wide variety of templates for certificates, bulletin inserts, t-shirt iron-ons, doorknob hanger masters, etc. that are also on the disk.

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HERE IS YOUR **TASTY TREATS** COMPUTER DISK FILE MAP

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B - PRE/K & KINDERGARTEN

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9 - LESSONS - COLOR - KJV
9a - PARENT LESSONS - KJV
8 - ACTIVITIES - KJV
STORY NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
TEACHER IDEAS
COLOR TEACHING PICTURES

C - GRADES 1 & 2

1 - TEACHER GUIDE - NIV
2 - LESSONS - B&W - NIV
3 - LESSONS - COLOR - NIV
4 - ACTIVITIES - NIV
6 - TEACHER GUIDE - KJV
7 - LESSONS B&W - KJV
8 - LESSONS - COLOR - KJV
9 - ACTIVITIES - KJV
STORY NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
TEACHER IDEAS
COLOR TEACHING PICTURES

D - GRADES 3 & 4

1 - TEACHER GUIDE - NIV
2 - LESSONS - B&W - NIV
3 - LESSONS - COLOR - NIV
4 - ACTIVITIES - NIV
4 - TEACHER GUIDE - KJV
5 - LESSONS B&W - KJV
6 - LESSONS - COLOR - KJV
7 - ACTIVITIES - KJV
STORY NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
TEACHER IDEAS

E - GRADES 5 & 6

1 - TEACHER GUIDE - NIV
2 - LESSONS - B&W - NIV
3 - LESSONS - COLOR - NIV
4 - ACTIVITIES - NIV
5 - TEACHER GUIDE - KJV
6 - LESSONS - B&W - KJV
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TEACHER IDEAS

F - YOUTH

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G - ADULT

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WE THANK YOU...LORD - VOCAL - MP3
OUR HANDS WE FOLD - INSTR. - MP3
OUR HANDS WE FOLD - VOCAL - MP3

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1a - ATTENDANCE CHART - COLOR
2 - POSTER - B&W - (Typeable)
2a - POSTER - COLOR - (Typeable)
3 - CERTIFICATE - B&W - (Typeable)
3a - CERTIFICATE - COLOR - (Typeable)
4 - BANNER DESIGN
5 - BULLETIN INSERT (Typeable)
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7 - POSTCARD - (Typeable)
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COURSE OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION

Join us in the longest titled VBS program ever
SUPER-SIZED, THIN & CRISPY, HOT & SPICY, HOLD THE ONIONS, FINGER-LICKING TASTY TREATS...
where our souls are fed with the rich food of the Good News!

What criteria does Kremer follow when designing a course?

1. **SCRIPTURAL** Our purpose is to spread the message of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as taught in the Holy Bible. Each story is chosen to magnify the theme of God's love for all people. Through the proper use of Law and Gospel each of these stories points to Jesus. This course is designed to be used as either an NIV or KJV course. Designations for either translation are found in the course files.
2. **FOCUSED** All Kremer courses are defined as outreach curriculum that will serve both those who have been faithfully trained in God's Word and those who are hearing the message of salvation for the very first time. Our lessons are always focused on sharing God's Word, unclouded by the bangles and beads used by so many publishers today.
3. **ENJOYABLE** Even though our lessons are very basic in nature, that doesn't mean they can't be fun for everyone. Our writers work diligently at preparing a course that is exciting, educational, and effective. We've included many ideas and suggestions to make these five sessions one the children will remember.
4. **USABLE** The world of technology can be confusing and frustrating to many. When designing this program our goal was to make it as friendly to the user as possible. There are no downloads, no fancy programs you need on your computer, no difficult installation. Just pop in the CD and go right to the file listing.
5. **VERSATILE** Bible schools range in size from a handful to hundreds, from rural areas to urban, and from daytime to evening offerings. That's why we've included in this course materials for the youth and adults, as well as the capacity to reproduce as many copies as you desire. The course is undated, so you might use it (and re-use it) anytime you wish.
6. **ECONOMICAL** Many churches simply can't afford the strain on their budget that is caused by most VBS curriculum. Because of the reproducible nature of this course there is no over-ordering, no waste, and no loads of goodies you will need to make it an overwhelming success!

COURSE THEME

SUPER-SIZED, THIN & CRISPY, HOT & SPICY, HOLD THE ONIONS, FINGER-LICKING TASTY TREATS is based on the beautiful passage from Psalm 119:103: *"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."* (NIV) (*How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*) (KJV) Each lesson uses the world of food to bring out the truths of God's Word.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The CD contains nearly 300 pages of materials – everything you will need for a complete curriculum. PLEASE take a moment to glance at the roadmap provided to give you an outline of the entire course. We don't want you to miss any of the valuable items we've included for your use.

LESSONS

The lessons for preschool to adult are all five-session lessons. Preschool to grade six lessons are included in both black and white and full color, depending on your choice. Preschool/Kindergarten lessons also come with a second page to be sent home at the end of each day. Preschool to Youth lessons follow the same stories at the same time. The Adult course follows the Fruits of the Spirit. Children will love their lessons that are presented as place mats, shopping bags, menus and cook-book pages.

ACTIVITIES

Teachers should read through the activity ideas prior to lesson time. Some include interesting food games.



DEVOTIONS

The devotions provided will be great fun for the entire assembly. We have provided a real live cooking show, complete with cooking demonstrations, decorations, text, recipes, and costume. Each day is introduced by preparing a food used by the people of the Bible. BE CERTAIN to use these fun suggestions.

TEACHER MATERIALS

There are several items available for the teachers, including: **Teacher Guides** (a brief outline for each story), **Story Notes and Applications** (story background information, story commentary, and detailed application of the story), **Teaching Ideas** (additional teaching suggestions).

CRAFTS

Each of the suggested crafts makes use of food materials that are inexpensive and easy to find. Full color pictures are provided on the disk to show the finished artwork.

SONGS

Three songs are included in sheet music, accompaniment CD, and sing-along CD. The CD also includes a small songbook of old favorites to be printed out and sent home with the children.



PLUS YOU ALSO GET...

...**A PRAYER BOOKLET** This small booklet is perfect to send home with the youngsters. It includes many suggested mealtime prayers as well as anytime prayers for the children to use.

...**A RECIPE BOOK** What course about food would be complete without a recipe book. This 12 page booklet that contains many fun snack recipes for the children, is intended to be printed out and sent home.

...**SNACK IDEAS** Beside the recipe booklet, we have included snack ideas for each of the five sessions. These complement the theme of each day's story.

...**PROMOTIONAL/FOLLOW-UP IDEAS** No program is complete without a well thought-out promotion and a thorough follow-up.

...**MORE GREAT IDEAS** We have included a brainstorm of ideas you can put to use, from menu boards when the children arrive, to table cloths on the desks, to printing out a coupon book for local fast food establishments, to food posters to display throughout the building.

...**A CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE** This service is available in PDF and Word format.

...**TEMPLATES** There are numerous templates that range from student certificates to T-shirt iron-ons – all on the same CD-Rom. Be certain not to miss them.

ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

Although the program is complete and stands alone as a full curriculum, we do offer some additional materials for promotion, etc. See the web site at www.summervbs.com for a complete list. These include make at home banners, lawn signs, posters, name tags, refrigerator magnets, doorknob hangers, and more.

You also receive a free chef's hat when ordering the CD. (Not included with orders sent on-line). You may order additional hats for just \$5 each.

SUPPORT

Kremer Publications stands behind its product! A special Q/A is available on the web site at www.summervbs.com that may answer many of your questions. If you still have difficulty or would like to contact us, feel free to e-mail us at info@kremerpublications.com or call us at 1-800-669-0887. We will help!

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TASTY TREATS DEVOTIONS



(NOTE: you can make the background sign that you see in this picture by purchasing the Avery Banner kit from Kremer Publications at 1-800-669-0887)

(NOTE: you can also get the chef's hat pictured here at your local bookstore or at Kremer Publications. Price: \$5.00)

DEVOTIONS

The following devotions are sure to be a big hit with your Vacation Bible School program. We enjoy watching cooking shows on T.V. Great chefs like Emeril, Jaque Pepin, and Alton Brown have entertained us with their interesting meals as well as their informative chatter. These devotions are designed to do the same. Of course, the "set" may lack some of the "professionalism" of Emeril's kitchen, and we don't have all the conveniences of Rachel Ray, but the food will be great, and the kids and adults will love it.

Each day a different meal is prepared in front of the assembly. Each one introduces some great food ideas with foods that have connections to the Bible. We have provided the recipes, the directions, and even the text for the chef to say. (If the text seems overwhelming to learn, consider using cue cards or even having another assistant do the reading while the chef prepares the meal.

Please carefully read the "Design and Necessary Items" on the next page. We have even included a food shopping list for your convenience.

For all those who have secretly wanted to become a TV chef, or those who feel they are on camera every time they prepare a meal in the kitchen, now is the time to blossom.

We'd love to see photos of your cooking show! Just send to Kremer Publications, 12621 W. Custer Ave., Butler, WI 53007 or e-mail to info@kremerpublications.com. We'd really enjoy hearing from you.



BLACK DOT = FOOD FACT
BOLD/UNDERLINED = COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

(See Recipe Directions on next page.)

RECIPE: VEGETABLE SALAD

“Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.” (NIV)

“Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.” (KJV)

Proverbs 15:17

Here we are once again at our **Super Sized...Thin & Crispy...Hot and Spicy...Hold the Onions ...Finger-Licking Tasty Treats** cooking show. We hope you've enjoyed our fabulous menu so far. But it's not over yet. Today is **HOLD THE ONIONS** day. In fact in our story we're going to hold the entire meal. Our subject is one we all enjoy – vegetables! That's the fun family of Brussels sprouts, carrots, spinach, peas, cole slaw and sauerkraut. Although, since we're learning about Bible people, it's more like saltwort, garlic and leeks.

In Bible times, most homes had a small garden next to the house. Here the family would raise rows of vegetables for their daily table. Because of the climate, it would be possible to get two harvests in each year. There were also those who farmed larger tracts of land to raise vegetables to sell in the city marketplace. There the land was well cultivated and even watered.

Today I'm going to use some of the vegetables raised by those in Bible times for a tasty salad. Since the main ingredient is cucumber, we could just as well call it a cucumber salad. First, I will peel and then cut the cucumbers into thin slices.

- The cucumbers of the Bible were somewhat sweeter than the ones we're used to here in the United States. It seems their cucumbers may have been closer to what we call zucchini.
- When the people complained about the food they had in the wilderness, they said, “We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!” They were very ungrateful for that wonderful manna, weren't they?

Next, I'm going to sprinkle some dill on the cucumbers.

- Did you know that dill is mentioned once in the Bible, and it was Jesus who mentioned it. He was talking about the Pharisees and how they give dill and other spices to the Lord but neglected the more important things.

Now I'm going to take a tablespoon of white vinegar and a tablespoon of honey and stir them together in a small bowl. Then I will slowly pour it over my cucumber salad.

- Vinegar was a sour liquid made from wine. It was used to preserve food, or as a wine substitute. The poorer class of people used to drink vinegar instead of wine.
- Jesus was given vinegar to drink when he was on the cross.
- Honey was a treat to the people in the Bible. There were many wild bees that made their hives in the rocky areas.
- Honey was used as a sweetener. They ate it on bread just as we do.
- Solomon once said, “Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to the taste.” (Proverbs 24:13)

Finally I'm going to put just a pinch of salt on top.

- Salt was very important in the Bible. It was used to preserve meat and to flavor food like we do today.
- You might remember that Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back at Sodom.
- Salt was so valuable that some employers paid their workers in salt instead of money.

Now I'm going to dish this up and ask for a few volunteers. (Serve the volunteers and ask them what they think of the salad.)

Our story today is about a meal being prepared just like I've been doing for you. Maybe the woman in our story was making a cucumber salad just like this one when Jesus gently scolded her. Jesus felt she was confused with what she felt was important. But instead of shouting at her, he gently led her away from the meal and to him. We will learn that **our giving Lord feeds us** with the one thing needful!

PRAYER: Lord God, so often we get caught up in things we feel are important in our lives. Forgive us when those things take so much of our time and talent that we have little left for you. Teach us how important it is to spend time with the one thing needful, your wonderful word. In the name of Jesus, our loving Shepherd. Amen.



ADD SOME “SPICE” TO YOUR VBS FOOD PROGRAM WITH THESE “SWEET” IDEAS!

OPENING DEVOTION – JUST LIKE ON TV!

Don't miss the opening devotion section on this disk. We will provide all the information you will need to conduct your very own cooking show – just like Emeril Live! We've even included the text, instructions, menu, shopping list, and all the trimmings that will make your VBS openings a great success!

PARENT TREAT NIGHT

On the closing day or night, why not treat your parents to a Super-Sized, Thin and Crispy, Hot and Spicy, Hold the Onions, Finger Licking treat! Have your serving table set with the following items:

Super-Sized -	Large Soda
Thin and Crispy -	Potato Chips
Hot and Spicy -	Pizza
Hold the Onions-	Bread Sticks
Finger-Licking -	Ice Cream Cones

Use a disposable tablecloth where you can write the title of each treat onto the table cloth and perhaps even draw a picture of the story that went with that treat.

FAST FOOD COUPONS (YOUR OWN “ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS”)

Many communities have Entertainment Books that include coupons from local food establishments. In the weeks before VBS why not visit your local fast food restaurants and explain that your church will have a Bible school program designed around food. Ask if they would be willing to sponsor a small coupon to give out to your children. (Perhaps a free soda or 25¢ off a Happy Meal). Then print these up and staple them into a small coupon book to give to each child. They will love 'em!

FAST FOOD MASCOTS

Perhaps your local fast food restaurants would go one step further and send their mascot with some coupons to your closing day festivities.

MAITRE'D FOR THE STUDENTS

Use either teachers or students dressed in a tuxedo as the classroom maitre'D (even with a towel slung over the arm.) Have them greet the children at the classroom door and seat them in their desks.

TABLECLOTHS ON DESKS?

That's right! Why not set each of the children's desks with a checkered disposable table cloth? Or sit the children at a long table decked out with tablecloth and centerpiece.

LUNCH TABLE DECORATIONS

Decorate your snack tables with fruit centerpieces. Apples, bananas, raspberries, etc. make for colorful and fun centerpieces. Why not have a drawing every day to see who gets to take them home?

WALL POSTERS

We have included colorful and fun wall posters on this disk to display throughout the building.

FOOD DRIVE

During your week of VBS why not conduct a drive for a local food pantry. The children will enjoy bringing canned food items they can share with those who are less fortunate.

T-SHIRT IRON-ON

Go to the template pages of this disk and discover the great T-shirt iron-on artwork. You can purchase iron-on paper at most office supplies or you can purchase them from Kremer Publications at 1-800-669-0887. We've designed the logo to print two-up so you can get two per sheet. Simply tell all the kids who want an imprint to bring a T-shirt on a designated day of the week and have helpers iron them on during class. The kids will want to rush home to try on their new shirts. Too expensive? Why not have just the teachers wear the imprinted shirts. (Variation: You could also imprint the T-shirt iron-on on white cooking aprons for the kids.)

DINNER BELL

If your days are scheduled out the same for each classroom, why not ring a dinner bell when it comes time for recess, or snacks, or closing?

LUNCH BAGS

Buy a box of brown paper lunch bags and have your children decorate them. Then send them home each day with their new craft/snack. You can even roll up their lessons and put them in the same bag.

DAILY MENU

Many restaurants have an easel board at the entryway announcing the "daily specials". Why not put up one in your hallway entrance announcing the story and snack for the day? It would be even better if you could get a black marker board with the iridescent glowing colors.

PICNIC

A great closing idea would be a parent-child picnic sponsored by your church.

COOKBOOK

Be certain to locate the printable COOKBOOK on this disk. This booklet is filled with fun snack recipes for your kids to make at home. The book is formatted to print out on plain paper. It's even paginated so it fits together properly as a book.

SCRATCH 'N SNIFF

What would a food week be without some Scratch 'n Sniff stickers? You can either purchase them at a local gift card store OR MAKE YOUR OWN. The following recipe will provide Scratch 'n Sniff coloring pages. You simply add the smell to water, paint, and let dry. It really works!

You will need:

- 1 tablespoon unsweetened powdered drink mix (Choose several containers for different flavors (grape, orange, strawberry...))
- 1 tablespoon water

Mix together water and drink mix. Paint on paper as you would water colors. Allow to dry overnight before scratching and sniffing.

PRAYER COLORING BOOK

Also check out the Prayer Coloring Book on this disk. This coloring book includes a number of mealtime prayers for your kids. The book is paginated and formatted for easy printing and assembling.

CHEF'S HAT

We couldn't let your kids go home this week without wearing their new chef's hat

CHEF'S HAT #1

You will need:

- White poster board (band)
 - 3 sheets white tissue paper (top)
 - Tape
 - Paper clips
1. Cut poster board to size of 26 " x 3".



STORY NOTES AND APPLICATIONS

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

Noteworthy is the fact that this miracle is the only one reported in all four Gospels. It obviously had a great influence among Jesus' followers as a very special miracle.

Matthew 14:13,14

Jesus had just heard of the death of John the Baptist, a fact that saddened him considerably.

Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee, likely from Capernaum to the northeastern shore. This was pasture land, with grassy hillsides. From the four accounts it seems he headed to this area for several reasons. First, the people in that area were very receptive to Jesus' teaching. Second, he wished to contemplate on the death of his cousin, John, and third, he and his followers needed some rest. But the crowd he had tried to avoid would have none of it. They followed the sight of his boat as they walked along the shore – about six miles. They wanted to hear more from Jesus.

Jesus looked down from the hillside and saw this great crowd of people. Because of his loving compassion, he decided once more to speak to them and share the message he was sent to give. Notice that Jesus spoke to them about the heavenly kingdom. Jesus tried to clearly show the difference between the earthly and heavenly kingdom. Jesus also healed the sick at this time.

Matthew 14:15,16

The hour was getting late, and evening would be coming soon. The disciples were becoming concerned about the needs of the crowd and asked Jesus to send them away. Hopefully they could find food to eat nearby. But Jesus would have none of it. He wanted them fed and knew just how to do it. So he tested his disciples with some seemingly ridiculous comments and questions. "You give them something to eat!" was his first suggestion.

Matthew 14:17-21

Only the Bread of Life knows how to satisfy our hunger. Jesus had the solution well in hand. The best Philip and the rest of the apostles could do was come up with two pickled fish and five barley loaves – poor man's bread. This would satisfy about two of the people, leaving more than 4998 hungry. Andrew's reaction was one of embarrassment. He barely wanted to mention it.

Before Jesus gave away the food, he directed the people to sit down. Jesus even planned an orderly system that was to be followed in the seating arrangement as mentioned in Mark. After they were all settled in their places they could see the Master at work.

First Jesus took a moment to remember whom to thank for the blessing of food. Jesus looked up to heaven and gave thanks. What an ideal example to show our children. It is very important that we always remember who provides our daily food.

Very likely the apostles were each given a basket to use for passing out the food. The more they doled out the more they had. Can you imagine the whispering that went on as this miracle was taking place. No doubt the ooh's and aah's became stronger as the disciples continued to distribute the bread. This is typical of our Lord's blessings. He always provides an overflowing amount for us. Notice also that the



JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE

Day 1 - A Super-Sized Day – as Jesus gives a super-sized picnic!

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15 (This is the only miracle during Jesus' ministry recorded in all four Gospels.)

Theme: Our BOUNTIFUL LORD feeds us! God gives us wonderful blessings.

Application: (See detailed application in "Story Notes and Applications") Children should leave this lesson with the confidence that God is a bountiful God. Just as Jesus showed his love and concern for the 5000+ people gathered to hear his words, so he showers his blessings on us as well.

Background and Story Information: Read "Story Notes and Applications" provided for this session.

Memory Passage: Psalm 106:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." (NIV)

Teacher's Prayer: Gracious Father, I praise and thank you for giving me an opportunity to share your precious message with these lambs. Give me the strength, the confidence, and the insight to present your Word clearly and effectively. May your Holy Spirit plant the seed of faith and trust in their hearts throughout this course. Lead these children to realize that you open your hands and satisfy the desire of every living thing. In Jesus' glorious name I pray. Amen.

Important Reminders: Remember to have detailed information on each of your students. Be certain registration cards are filled out properly. Also keep in mind never to leave the children out of the sight of an adult, whether at play, at bathroom break, or waiting for a ride home. Also don't forget to send home the "Parent Page" when the children leave. Make every attempt throughout the week to teach and reinforce the practice of using mealtime prayers. [See Prayer Coloring Book on this disk.] Make certain you pray at snack time!

Daily Schedule: Plan your schedule before class time. At this level you should try to change course every 15-30 minutes due to short attention spans. Keep in mind the following items when blocking out your class time:

- Opening Devotion Time
- Introduction to Lesson Time
- Lesson Time
- Application of Lesson Time (May be presented after the break)
- Memory Passage Time
- Snack Time
- Lesson Activity Time
- Song Time
- Craft Time
- Cleanup Time
- Closing Time

Lesson Breakdown: Everything we do this week will be connected with cooking and food. Find an old lunchbox that you can bring to class each day. This will contain an item that will introduce the lesson to your children. (An old black or silver metal workman's lunch box or a 1950's metal lunchbox would be ideal.) On the opening day you would pack your lunchbox with pictures of a loaf of bread and some fish. Tell the children that the story today includes a meal of bread and fish. Ask if they enjoy bread and fish. How do they like it made? Ask what fish the children like or do not like to eat? How is the bread made? How do we get fish for our tables?

The Lesson: Tell the story first to the children. Use the full-color teaching picture provided on this disk. After telling them the story, read it to them as well or have one of the children tell the story again.

Activity Page: Read the instructions ahead of time and have the necessary crayons and glue sticks available.

Parent Page: The Parent Page is an additional sheet that can be sent home with the children. This will foster parent involvement and reinforce the memory passage.

JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE

Jesus was tired. He needed rest. He had taught large crowds all day long and wanted his disciples to sail their boat to a quiet part of the lake. But the crowd followed them. When Jesus stepped out of the boat, the people were there again!

Because Jesus loved the people, he took time to teach them some more. Finally it was getting late, and Jesus knew the people were hungry.

"Philip," Jesus asked one of his close friends, "where might we find food for this crowd?"

Philip was puzzled. There were at least 5000 people sitting on the hillside. No one brought that much food!

Finally a young boy came forward and said he would share his lunch. He had only two fish and five loaves of bread with him. Do you think that would feed 5000 people?

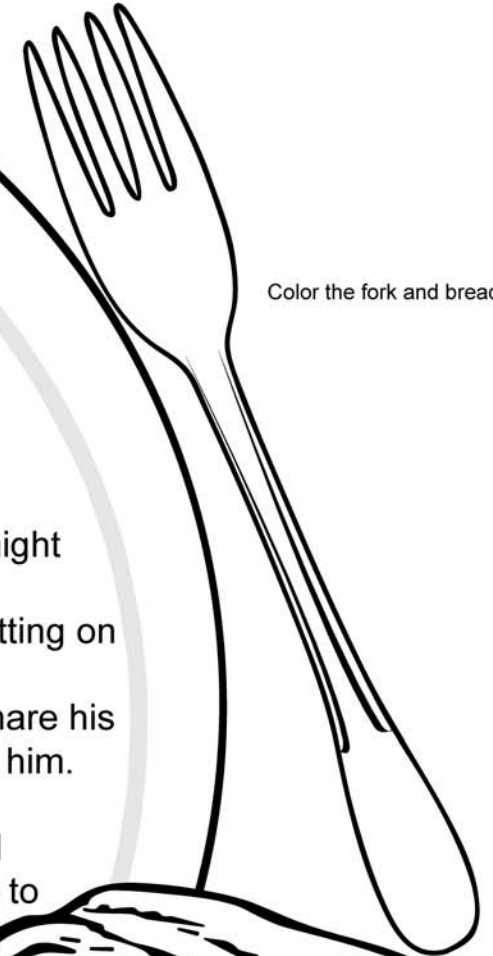
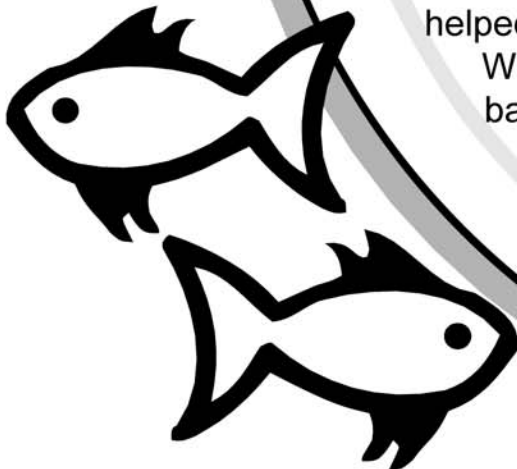
But Jesus had a plan. First he took the boy's lunch and prayed to thank God for the food. Then Jesus told each of his helpers to take a basket. Jesus put some fish and bread into each basket. The disciples walked through the crowd and all the people helped themselves to as much as they wanted.

When they finished eating, the disciples collected 12 more baskets filled with leftovers.

Where did the food come from? Jesus did a miracle right in front of their eyes. He showed the people he is really God because only God can do miracles.



Color the fish



Color the fork and bread.



**GOD GIVES US MANY
WONDERFUL BLESSINGS.**



***Dear Mom and Dad,
Today my teacher brought to class some pictures of bread and fish in her lunchbox. I learned how Jesus fed 5000 people with only a boy's lunch. I know that Jesus feeds me too. Jesus gives me many, many blessings!***

Please read the story to me once again. It is a bit different from the one on my lesson sheet. You could also read it to me from Matthew 14:13-21.

Also, please review my Memory Passage at the bottom of this page.

JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE

Matthew 14:13-21



Jesus was tired! He had been teaching all day long and wanted to find a quiet place to rest. He asked his disciples if they would sail to another side of the lake. There they could rest.

As they sailed along the shore they noticed the people following along the beach. So when Jesus got out of the boat, the crowd was right there to meet him again. They wanted to hear him tell them more about heaven. What was Jesus to do?

Because Jesus loved them so much, he took more time to tell them about God's love. He shared wonderful things about how they too could be saved and go to heaven. He talked and talked, and the people listened carefully until late in the day. Finally Jesus thought it was time for these people to eat some food. Surely they were getting hungry.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Where will we find food to feed all these people?" The disciples searched and searched but all they could find was a young boy who had two fish and five loaves of bread. There would be enough for two people. But the crowd was more than five thousand people. Surely that wouldn't be enough. But Jesus had a plan.

First Jesus prayed and asked his Father to bless the food, just like we can do before we eat. Then he told each of the twelve disciples to take a basket. He put some fish and bread in each basket and told them to go through the crowd and give everyone plenty to eat. They were very surprised. They didn't run out of food at all. In fact, after everyone was finished eating, they went through the crowd again and gathered 12 baskets of leftovers.

The people were amazed! Where did all the food come from? You know, don't you?

Jesus did a miracle right in front of the 5000 people. He showed them that he really is God. Only God can do miracles. Jesus wanted to feed the people with his words and with his food. Jesus fed the people because he loved them just as he loves us.

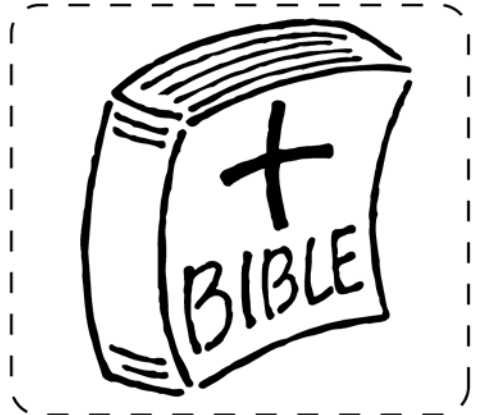
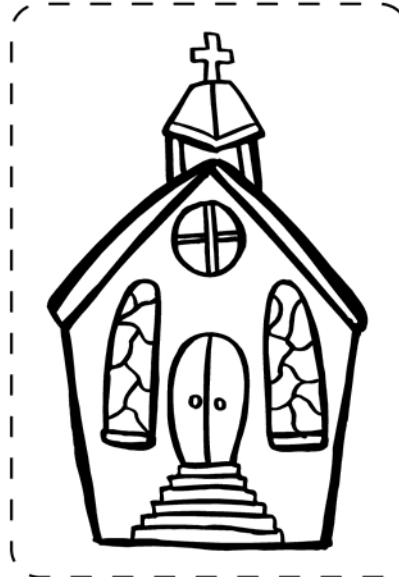
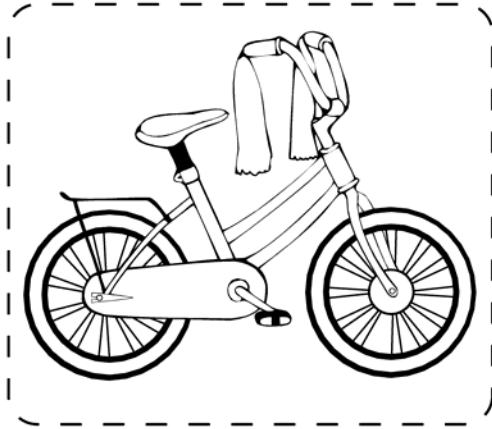
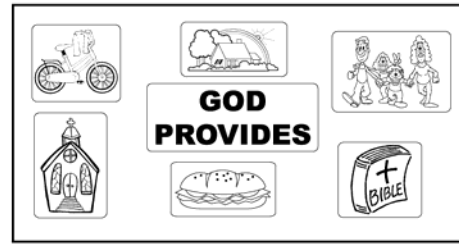
MEMORY PASSAGE:

Psalm 106:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." (NIV)

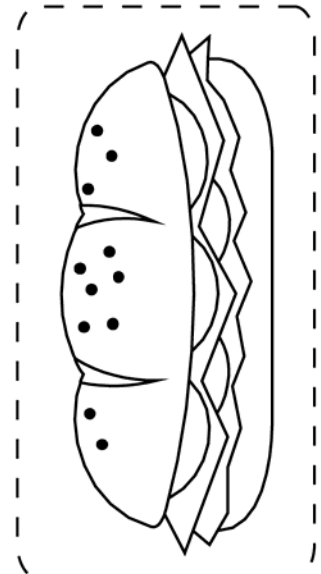
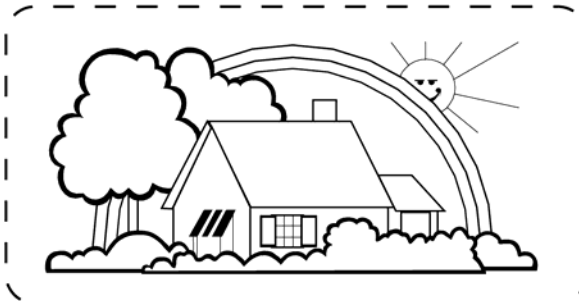


"GOD PROVIDES" PLACEMAT

Color and cut out the pictures below.
Paste them in a circle on a large sheet of
construction paper. In the center paste the
words GOD PROVIDES.



**GOD
PROVIDES**





APPETIZER

GRILLED FISH BREAKFAST

Several fish freshly caught with a side dish of freshly baked bread.
The fish is cleaned and cooked over hot coals until golden brown.

MAIN COURSE

FINGER-LICKING FISH *John 21*

Do you always eat breakfast? Many people begin their day without any breakfast while others say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. What do you like to eat for breakfast? Cereal? Pancakes? Eggs? How about French toast or oatmeal? In our story today we will be sitting down for breakfast with a very important person.

We love to hear about how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. When he died, he took our place and suffered all the punishment that should be ours. All our sins were taken away at the cross. We also love to hear about Easter, the day that Jesus rose from the dead to prove that he was truly God. Only God can raise himself from the dead.

After Jesus rose, he spent several days meeting with his close friends. They loved to see their risen Lord alive again.

Several days after Easter, the disciples went back to live near the Sea of Galilee, waiting to get further instructions from the Lord. One night they decided to set out in their boat and go fishing as they had done many times before. They let down their nets and fished all night with no luck. Their nets were empty, and early the next morning they decided to call it quits and head back to shore.

As they neared the dock, a single man standing on shore shouted to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"None," was their answer.

"Throw your net on the other side of the boat and you'll find some," the



man called again. As they did the fish rushed into the net and filled it to the top. There were 153 fish caught in the net. That was a great catch! How could this have happened?

It took only a moment for John to realize what was happening. "It's Jesus!" John blurted out. "It's Jesus!" When Peter realized what John was saying, he quickly tied his robe tightly and dove into the water. He couldn't wait to get to shore and visit with his Lord and Savior.

As the rest of the men brought the boat to the shore, they noticed he had started a campfire and was ready to bake some bread and cook some of the fresh fish. Jesus wanted to serve them a tasty breakfast. How the men enjoyed eating with Jesus and talking to him once again.

When they had finished, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter answered that he truly did love Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "If you truly love me, then you will go from here and feed my lambs and my sheep." Jesus meant that Peter was to share the good news that Jesus was risen and alive with everyone he met. What a wonderful message for us to share too.

DESSERT

LET'S CHEW ON THIS AWHILE

Jesus has risen! That should mean a lot to us. It proves that just as Jesus rose from the dead, so we will also rise from the dead, because Jesus promised it. One day we will meet Jesus in heaven to live with him forever. That's good news that we should tell everyone.



REFRESHMENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE KITCHEN

1. Why did Jesus want to show himself to the disciples?
2. Why didn't the disciples first recognize Jesus?
3. What tipped them off that it was Jesus?
4. Why did Jesus speak privately with Peter and ask him if he really loved him?
5. How can we feed Jesus' sheep and lambs?

FROM GOD'S COOKBOOK *Acts 17:3*

"Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead."



ROYAL RECIPES

Honey Wafers from Heaven

Instructions:

THIN & CRISPY FOOD FROM HEAVEN

Exodus 16

INGREDIENTS

HONEY WAFERS

Manna was said to be a white flaky food that could be boiled like hot cereal or ground into a flour to bake thin and crispy cakes or wafers. They said it had a honey flavor. It took the people 40 years to complete the trip to the Promised Land. During that time God faithfully provided the manna. When they entered the new land, the manna stopped.



What's in your refrigerator? We all have refrigerators to store food. They help keep food fresh so we can eat it several days from now, and not worry about it being spoiled. Today we'll learn of a very unusual food that sometimes spoiled and sometimes stayed fresh. We must go back many years in history. God's people, the Children of Israel, had just left the land of Egypt where they were forced to live as slaves. God wanted to take them back to their old homeland; the land of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. But to get there, they had to travel through a dreadful wilderness.

God led his people through the desert. During the day he sent a cloud to lead the people, and if they traveled at night, they were led by a pillar of fire. Yet it wasn't long before the people began to grumble about the trip. They were hungry, and wished to be back in Egypt where they felt that at least they had food on their tables. Now they were wandering through a desert that offered little tasty food.

God wouldn't let his people down. He loved his people, and planned well in advance how they were to be fed during their journey. God told Moses, "Tell the people I have heard their grumbling. At twilight you will eat meat and every morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am Lord." And just as God promised, quail flew into camp every night, and in the morning God covered the camp with dew that dried into thin white flakes.

When the Israelites saw the unusual food, they asked each other, "Man hu? Man hu?" which means, "What is it?" "What is it?" And so the food came to be called manna.

God wanted to impress on the people that they needed to trust him for their food every day. So he gave them special rules that had to be followed:

1. Each one is to gather only as much manna as they could eat for one day.
2. No one is to keep any manna for the next day.

3. Only on the sixth day should enough be gathered for two days, for on the seventh day the people were to rest and not gather any manna. Some people refused to follow the instructions. Those that tried to keep it overnight found that it smelled and was crawling with worms the next day. And those who forgot to gather extra on the sixth day went hungry the next day because God kept his promise.

God told Moses to keep a container of this special food as a reminder of these years in the wilderness. This container eventually was kept in the Ark of the Covenant for many, many years.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

OUR LOVING LORD FEEDS US

God sees the needs of each of us. He knows that both our bodies and our souls need to be fed. Because God loves us so much he provides all sorts of blessings for our body, and he also gives us his Holy Bible to feed our souls. What a loving God we have!

A PUZZLING RECIPE

One word is incorrect in each statement. Cross out that word and write the correct word above it.

1. The Children of Israel had just left Africa.
2. During the day, God sent a pillar of fire to lead the people.
3. If you kept your manna too long it would be crawling with snakes.
4. For vegetables, God provided quail.
5. They had to eat the manna for 4 years.

Nutrition Facts

John 6:58

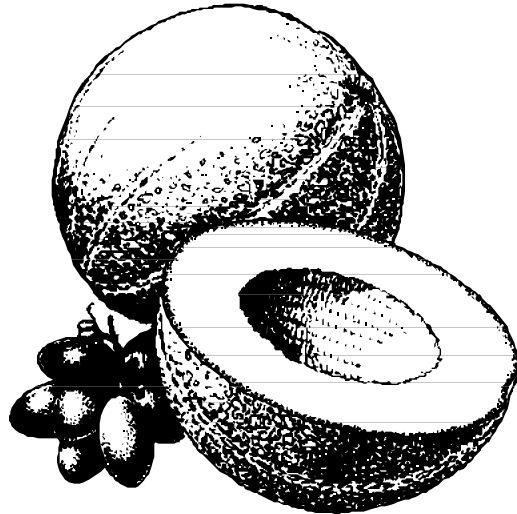
"Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."



SAME OLD SAME OLD?

Exodus 16

Have you ever seen a Giant Granadilla? Did it have two, four or eight legs? Really a Giant Granadilla has no legs at all, but it does have roots. The Giant Granadilla is a fruit that also grow in the warm tropical climates of Hawaii, Ecuador and even India. The vine-like plant climbs up trees, perhaps as high as 150 feet. It produces huge fragrant trumpet-like flowers that later bring forth a melon. Just slightly smaller than our honeydew melon, these have thin greenish-white skins that cover a fleshy melon inside. Many people scoop out the inside and add them to fruit salads made with papayas, pineapples and bananas. Some people use this fruit as a pie filling, while others turn its juice into wine. The Giant Granadilla loves a hot, muggy climate. They will die in cold weather. A good, healthy plant will yield as many as 35 melons!



No, they are not mentioned in the Bible, although Jeremiah 10:5 does mention a melon patch. Rather we're going to take another journey into the Bible to discover another food. Today's food is rather strange – it was concocted by God to serve his people for only 40 years. Today you cannot find it anywhere. Well, not exactly anywhere. Some was kept in a container but that container has been lost for a few thousand years. If you find it, you will be famous!

(By the way, speaking of melons, what did the two melons say when they got engaged? Too bad we cantaloupe! Sorry!)

Did you ever complain about getting the same food day in and day out? Perhaps it's zucchini season and your mom has more zucchini than she knows what to do with. So you start eating zucchini bread and zucchini cake. Then there's fried zucchini, baked zucchini and stuffed zucchini. Perhaps you've even topped your ice cream with zucchini juice. Finally zucchini becomes a same old, same old diet for you. What if you had to eat zucchini for 40 years straight? Not a nice thought is it.

To make matters worse, the food we are about to meet quickly spoiled if you kept it too long. Today we have ways of taking care of old food. In fact, here is the:

SPOILED FOOD TEST or HOW TO TELL WHEN FOODSTUFFS SHOULD BE DISCARDED

Bread: Sesame seeds and Poppy seeds are the only officially acceptable spots that should be seen on the surface of any loaf of bread. Fuzz or hair are good indications that your bread has turned into a science lab experiment.

Canned Goods: Any canned goods that have become the size of a softball should be disposed of. Carefully.



SNACK IDEAS

These snacks have been kid approved, and they work very well with each day's theme. Feel free to make any variations you think are necessary. Each suggestion is easy to make and hard to stop eating!

DAY ONE JESUS FEEDS THE 5000

TODAY SERVING: FISH AND CRACKERS

Jesus fed the 5000 with five barley loaves and two fish. Today's menu includes crackers (with some tasty jelly added) and fish (still swimming in the bowl).

DIRECTIONS:

FISH

YOU WILL NEED:

Blue Gelatin – enough to make one serving per child.

Gummy Fish – about two per child

Clear Plastic Glasses (or a new, clean goldfish bowl to scoop from)

Mix up several packages of blue gelatin. After it has begun to thicken pour into glasses (or goldfish bowl) and add gummy fish. Refrigerate until it is set.

CRACKERS

YOU WILL NEED:

Saltine or Matzos Crackers

Jelly

Spread the jelly on these unleavened crackers. Serve about two crackers per child.

IDEA: If using a goldfish bowl, to add to the fun, suspend a new, clean plastic bobber on a fish line into the gelatin bowl.

DAY TWO MANNA FROM HEAVEN

TODAY SERVING: QUAIL EGGS AND MANNA

The Children of Israel grumbled, and God provided. In the desert God provided quail and manna for the Israelites to eat – for 40 years. Today we will serve quail eggs in a sweet nest, and manna with honey.

DIRECTIONS:

QUAIL EGGS

YOU WILL NEED:

Crispy Rice Cereal

Marshmallows

Butter

Green food coloring

Muffin Pans

Assorted jelly beans

Mix up the crispies as you would crispy treats. Be sure to add the green food coloring to make them look like a grassy nest. Mold them into muffin pans, leaving an indentation in the middle. Drop a few jelly beans in each crispy nest.



JESUS SERVES BREAKFAST

SERVANT'S SANDALS (We walk in Jesus' footsteps)



Materials:

2 peanut shaped cookies (Made by Nabisco)

Plastic knife

Frosting

Bubble gum strips (2 - 3" x 1/4" and 2 - 3" x 1/2" strips)

A piece of corrugated cardboard cut to any shape (heavy sandpaper also works well).

Directions:

1. Cut bubble gum strips to size.
2. Attach strips to cookies with frosting (wider strip for front of sandal and narrower strip for heel).
3. Glue pair of sandals to corrugated cardboard (sandpaper) with frosting.

In His Precious Word

Words & Music by Reynold Kremer
Arrangement by Charles Cushinery



Voice

Piano

F

1. Take the Bi - ble, read the stor - y,
2. Smell the treats that God is mak - ing
3. Ev - ery day my Je - sus greets me,

Pno.

4 Gm C F B \flat F

Of God's won - der, grace, and glo - ry, And sal - va - tion He won for me,
Love and joy and peace He's bak - ing. Heav - enly trea - sures for our tak - ing,
Fills my needs and al - ways feeds me, Show - ing me the way, He leads me,

Pno.

6 Gm C7 F B \flat F

In His pre - cious Word. Sup - er sized and thin and crisp - y Hot and Spic - y, Oh so tast - y,
In his ho - ly Word.
With his pre - cious Word.

In His Precious Word

2
9

C F B \flat

Hold the on-ions, so de-li-cious, Fin-ger-lick-ing, it's nu-tri-tious. Sweet as hon-ey to your di-et,

Pno.

9

Detailed description: This system contains the first three measures of the piece. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/9 time signature. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand treble staff and a left-hand bass staff. The right-hand staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes. The left-hand staff has a bass clef and contains a bass line with chords and eighth notes. Chord symbols C, F, and Bb are placed above the vocal line. The piano part is marked 'Pno.' on the left. Measure numbers 9, 10, and 11 are indicated at the start of each measure.

12 F C F C7 F

You'll want plen-ty, once you try it. Feed your soul with meals un-end-ing In His pre-cious Word.

Pno.

12

Detailed description: This system contains the last three measures of the piece. The vocal line continues in the same treble clef and key signature. The piano accompaniment continues with two staves. Chord symbols F, C, F, C7, and F are placed above the vocal line. The piano part is marked 'Pno.' on the left. Measure numbers 12, 13, and 14 are indicated at the start of each measure. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

SAMUEL'S SNACK MIX

Prep. Time: 10 min.
Cooking: 2 min.
Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS

3 plain rice cakes (broken in pieces)
1½ c. bite sized shredded wheat
¾ c. pretzel sticks (halved)
3 T. melted butter
2 t. Worcestershire sauce
¾ t. chili powder
½ t. ground pepper

Preheat oven to 300°. Combine rice cakes, wheat biscuits and pretzels in 9"x13" baking pan. Combine melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder and pepper in a small bowl. Drizzle over cereal mixture and toss to coat. Bake, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes.



SARAH'S SNACK-A-Roons

Prep. Time: 20 min.
Cooking: 15 min.
Serves: 8

INGREDIENTS

1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
¾ c. flour
¾ c. coarsely crushed rice cereal
½ c. chopped walnuts
½ t. garlic
⅓ c. softened butter
6 slices bacon (cooked and crumbled)
4-5 t. water
Paprika

Mix all ingredients together and drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake for 15 minutes in 350° oven.



SOLOMON'S SAVORY SNACK

Prep. Time: 10 min.
Cooking: 15 min.
Serves: 8

INGREDIENTS

3 c. toasted whole grain oat cereal
3 c. corn chips (broken)
1 c. thin pretzel sticks
1 c. unsalted peanuts
⅓ c. melted butter
½ t. chili powder
½ t. garlic powder

Heat oven to 300°. Mix cereal, corn chips, peanuts, and pretzels in large bowl. Mix melted butter, chili powder, and garlic powder and pour over cereal mixture. Toss until coated. Spread on pan and bake uncovered for 15 min., stirring once. Cool and serve.

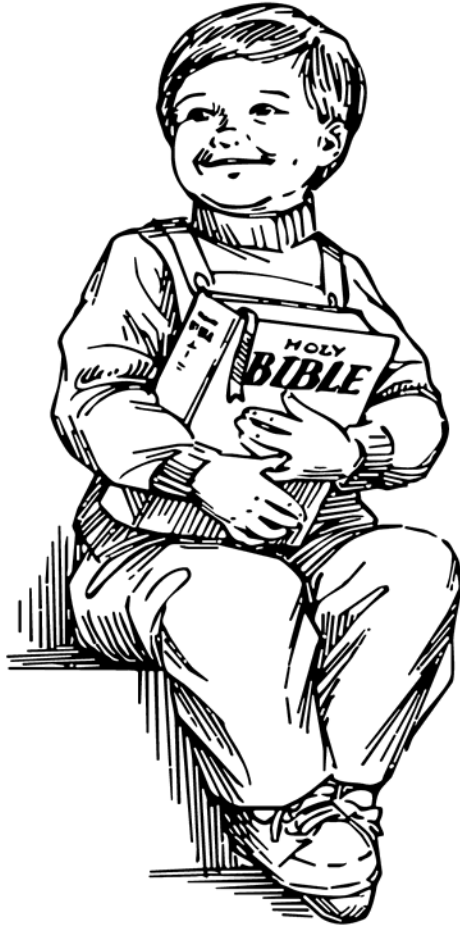


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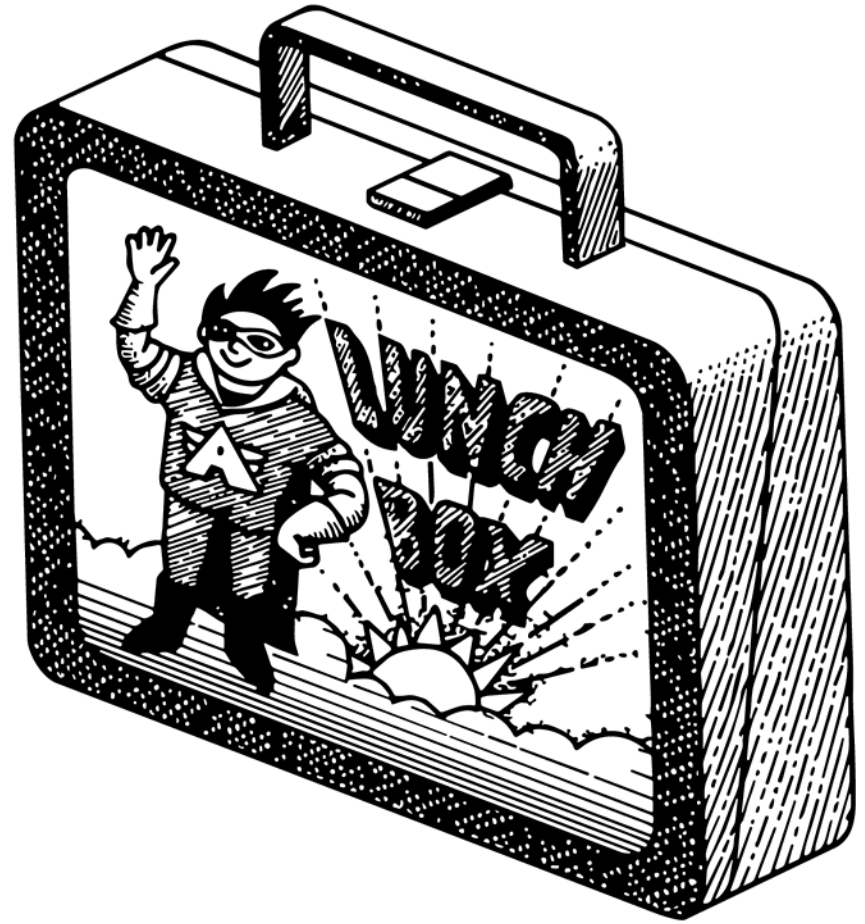
MORNING PRAYER

Father, lead me day by day,
Ever in your own sweet way.
Show me what I ought to do;
Teach me to be kind and true. Amen.



BEFORE MEAL PRAYER

O Bread of Life, from day to day,
Be Thou our Comfort, Food and Stay. Amen.



MORNING PRAYER

Father, thank you for the night
And the pleasant morning light;
For health and friends and loving care,
And all that makes the world so fair. Amen.

AFTER MEAL PRAYER

We thank you, Lord,
For meat and drink,
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.