The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a notebook. A silver pen lies horizontally across the middle-right of the frame. A black pencil is visible on the left side, angled upwards. The notebook pages are lined, and some numbers like '30', '18', and '19' are visible on the lines. The overall tone is muted and professional.

Beginning of the School Year

Assembly

Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

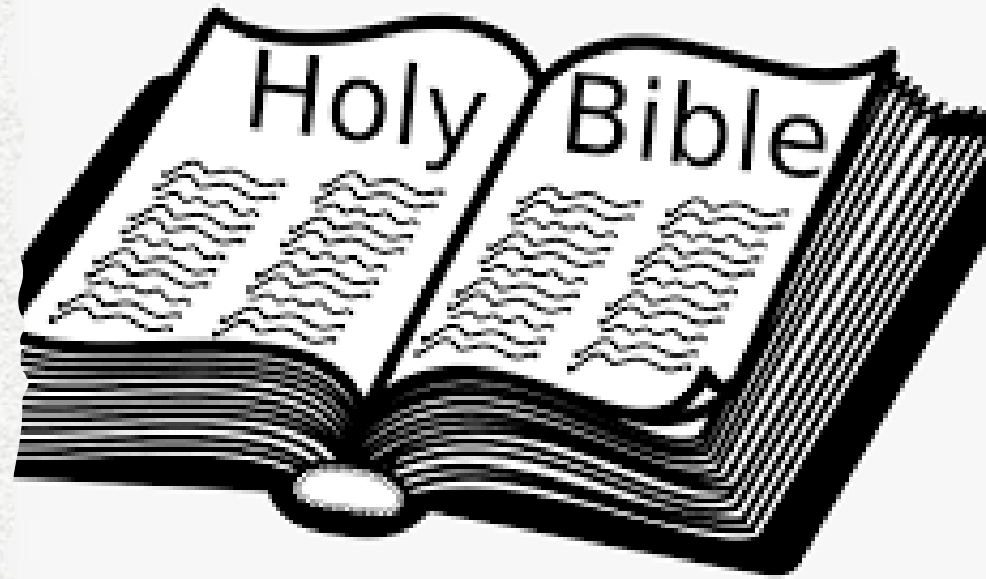
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Jesus feeds 5000

Matthew 14:13–22, Mark 6:31–46, Luke 9:10–17, John 6:1–13



The disciples returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told Him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, 'Let's get away from the crowds for a while and rest.' So they left by boat for a quieter spot.



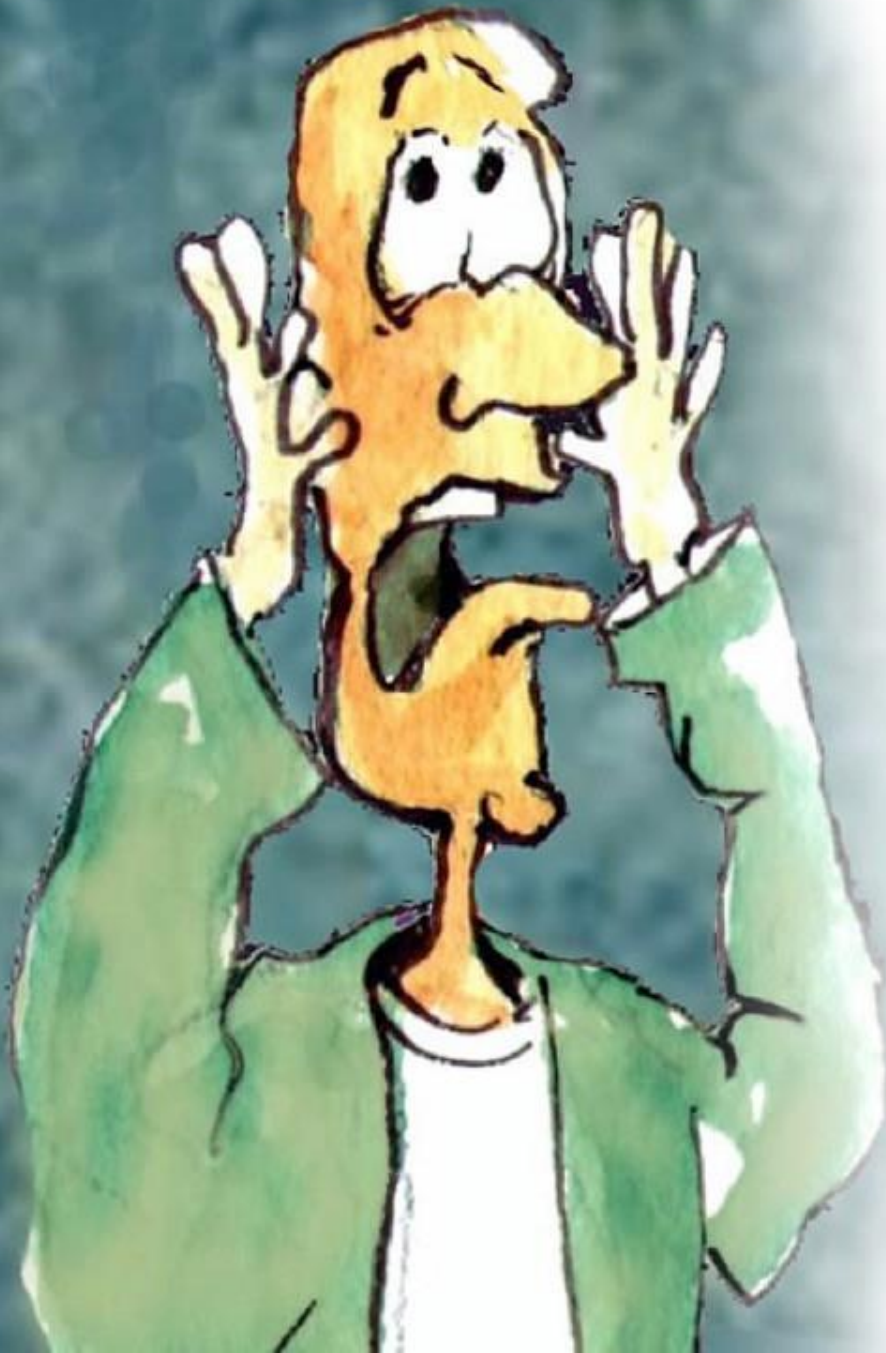
But people saw them leaving, and ran ahead along the shore and met them as they landed. A huge crowd greeted them as they stepped from the boat. Jesus felt sorry for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.



So Jesus sat down with His disciples and began to teach the vast crowd that had gathered.

Late in the afternoon the disciples came to Jesus and said, 'It is getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy food.' But Jesus said, 'You feed them.'





‘With what?’ Philip asked. ‘It would take a small fortune to buy food for all of these people!’
‘How much food do you have?’ Jesus asked.



Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up.
'There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish.



‘But how could that possibly feed this huge crowd?’



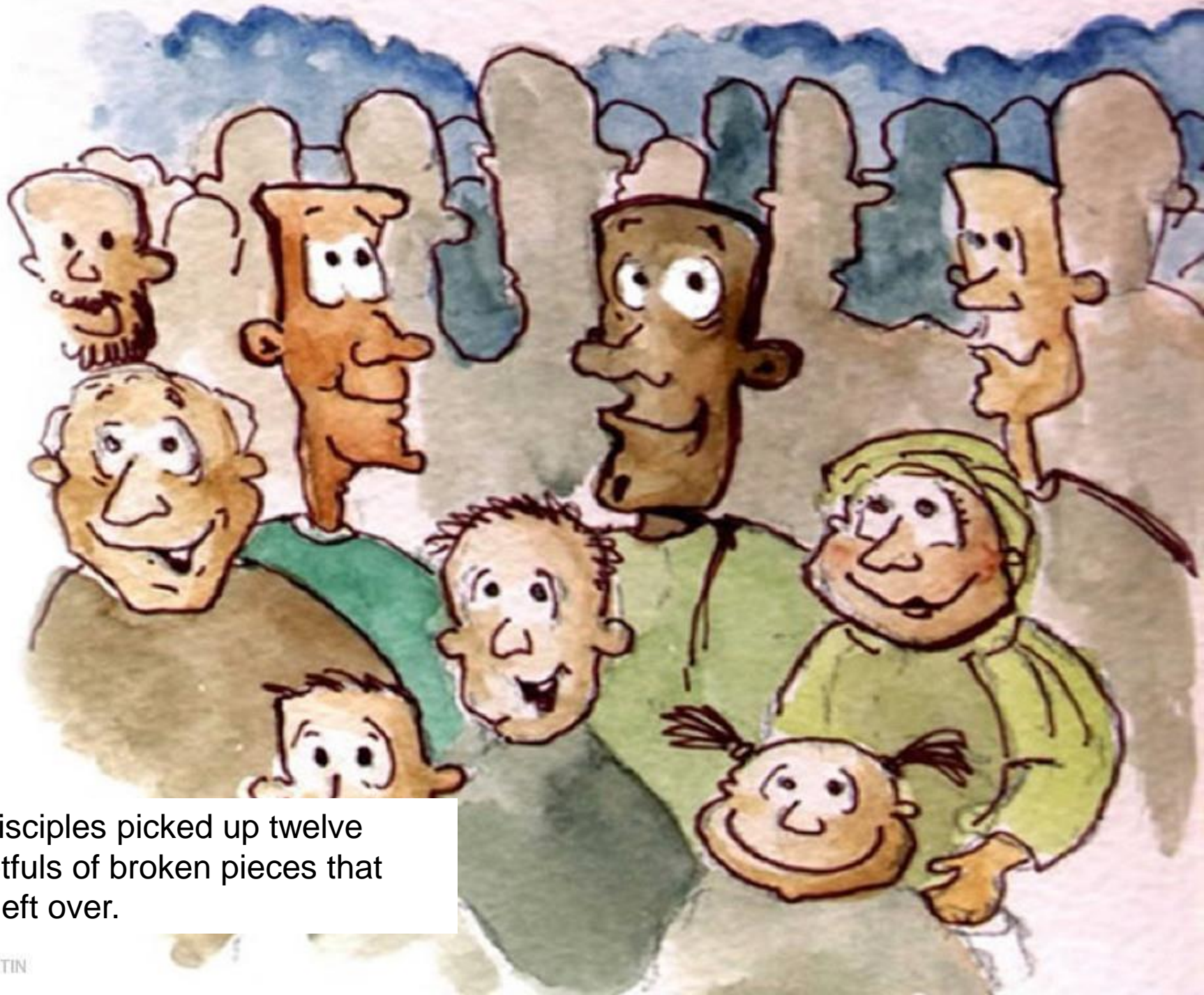
'Tell the boy to bring me the loaves and fish,' Jesus said. Then He told the disciples to get everyone to sit down.



Jesus took the five loaves and two fish. Looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke them. Then He gave the pieces to the disciples to go around and feed the large crowd – at least 5,000 men plus women and children.



And they all ate until they were full. 'Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted,' Jesus told his disciples.



The disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



Small becomes big - and little becomes much
when placed in the hands of God!



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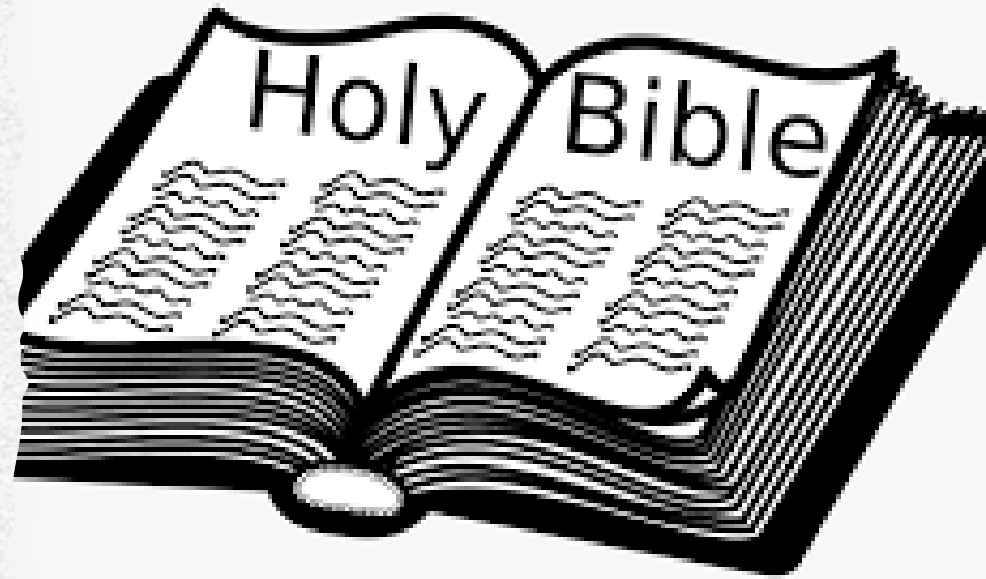


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Think about it....



This is a very famous story about Jesus

It is a special story as it tells us a lot about Jesus:
People liked listening to stories Jesus told about God and
God's Kingdom.

Jesus always showed children they were important.

In school Assembly and RE we explore lots of stories about
Jesus, stories that are still important for Christians
throughout the world.

Sit quietly and think...

Think about the term ahead

Think about what you are looking forward to.
Think about things you might not be looking forward to.

The boy in the Bible story helped other people by offering his food to Jesus.

Think about what you can do to make your classroom and school a happy place.

A prayer for the start of a new school year

Dear Lord, as we begin a new school year, help us to remember that wherever we are going or whatever happens, you are there with us.

Let's be grateful for healthy bodies and minds to enjoy the gift of each new day. We know there will be all sorts of days; happy, sad, challenging, exciting, but you are beside us all the time.

During this year, help us to work as a team in school, to look after each other, to be there for our friends and to do the very best we can whatever each day brings.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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A prayer for the start of a new school year

Dear God, at the beginning of the new school year we pray that you will help us to make the best of this new start and go forward with confidence and enthusiasm. Fill our school with warm welcomes, happy hearts, love of learning, contented classrooms, friendship and fun. Help us to work hard together to make our school a place of love, happiness and respect. Amen.

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The background of the image is a peaceful sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow light across the sky and reflecting on the calm water. To the right, the dark silhouettes of bare trees stand against the bright sky. The overall mood is tranquil and hopeful.

At the start of a new school day

Father God, we welcome this new day. We thank you for keeping us safe as we travelled to school.

God, we pray that you will help us to be kind and friendly to everyone we meet in school today, to smile at someone who seems sad, or to help someone that might need help.

**Show us God, how we can treat people as we'd like to be treated ourselves and to love everyone in our school community as we love ourselves.
Thank you God. Amen.**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.



Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil ar talamh
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu.
Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an chumhacht
agus an ghlóir, trí shaol na saol. Áiméan



Song or Music



Let us pray

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore.

Amen



Sending Out

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

