



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

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### **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*With your help, every kid can do great things. We offer all that we have to you and ask you to use it for your kingdom and your glory.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

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*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure. " - 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Choose four kids who think they know the verse. Line them up on stage. Have the kids recite the memory verse, with each kid saying one word, starting left to right. When you get to the kid on the right, go back to the kid on the far left. Keep going until they get through the whole verse.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Have the kids create a picture puzzle that spells out the memory verse. Write the memory verse on a piece of paper. Give the kids 3-5 minutes to decorate the page with something that reminds them of the memory verse. Then cut the page into puzzle pieces, mix the pieces up and let the kids put the puzzle back together.



## SKIT

### JUST KIDS CLUB, PART FOUR

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Table  
Chairs  
Tray  
Cans of soda

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Billy – 10 year old  
Sally – 10 year old  
Timmy – 10 year old  
Mr. Horton – Timmy's dad

*Billy, Sally and Timmy are seated around the table.*

SALLY: I call this meeting of the Just Kids Club to order.

*Mr. Horton enters with a tray of drinks. He sets the tray on table.*

HORTON: I brought you kids some drinks for your meeting.

TIMMY: Thanks, Dad.

SALLY/BILLY: Thank you, Mr. Horton.

HORTON: Carry on.

*Horton starts to leave, but decides to stay and observe the meeting.*

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SALLY: Our first item of business is the toy drive.

BILLY: We collected over 100 toys this year.

TIMMY: Wow. That's twice as much as last year.

BILLY: It was a really great idea asking our classrooms at school to get involved this time.

TIMMY: I think that next year, we should reach out to even more classes. Let's see how big we can get this.

SALLY: Definitely. Our next item is the tutoring program that we started last month.

TIMMY: We already have 7 people signed up to be tutors and twice as many people who need help with their school work.

BILLY: It looks like this program is really going to take off.

SALLY: Next item: I was thinking that it might be neat to start a kids' prayer group. We could get together once a month – anybody who wanted to – and just pray for each other, our families, and friends.

BILLY: That's a great idea.

TIMMY: Why don't we do it once a week instead of just once a month?

BILLY: That'd be even better.

HORTON: How do you kids do it?

*The kids are startled to see Mr. Horton is still there.*

SALLY: How do we do what, Mr. Horton?

HORTON: All of it. The toy drives. The tutoring program. The service projects and the bake sales and just all of it. You're just a bunch of kids, but you are able to do so much good for so many.

TIMMY: Well, for one thing, we work together. We can do a lot more that way.

BILLY: And more importantly, everything we do, we commit it to God.

# SKIT

SALLY: In our own strength, we have so little to offer. But when we give even that little bit to Jesus, he is able to take it and make it into a great big something.

HORTON: And he certainly has made some great big things out of what you have given him. I am so impressed with you kids. It makes me wish I were a kid again, just so that I could join your club.

TIMMY: Thanks, Dad.

BILLY/SALLY: Thanks, Mr. Horton.

SALLY: Final item of business. New members. Any suggestions?

BILLY: Tina is interested in joining.

SALLY: So is Marcus. We can talk to both of them tomorrow at school.

TIMMY: What about my dad?

SALLY/BILLY: Your dad?

HORTON: Me?

BILLY: But he's just an adult.

TIMMY: I know he's a grown up and all. And sometimes grown ups don't have too much to offer. But weren't we just saying that Jesus can take what little we have and turn it into something great?

SALLY: I did say that.

BILLY: He's always bringing us snacks and sodas.

SALLY: And he gives some pretty good suggestions sometimes.

HORTON: I appreciate this, kids. But I don't want to intrude.

TIMMY: And let's face it, he's always hanging around anyway. We might as well make it official.

SALLY: All those in favor of making Mr. Horton an honorary member of the Just Kids Club say "aye."

# SKIT

TIMMY: Aye.

BILLY: Aye.

SALLY: Aye. Congratulations.

HORTON: Thanks, guys. I feel just like a kid again.

*END.*



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEM NEEDED:

Fishing net (a fishing pole will work if you can't find a net)

Has anyone here ever gone fishing? Did you catch any fish? How many? How big?

*Give kids a chance to answer.*

Those are some impressive stats. How were you able to catch so many? Whenever I go fishing I never catch any. The fish all swim away when I jump into the water. And then when I stick my hands under the water and try to grab a fish, it always swims away before I can lift it up. What am I doing wrong?

*Let the kids set you straight on how to fish. Show the kids the net.*

The method I described for catching fish isn't a very good one, is it? Catching fish with your own hands takes a lot of time and energy – and you don't end up with very many fish to show for it. It makes a lot more sense to use a fishing pole, or even better a fishing net. It's a whole lot less effort and you catch a lot more fish.

Each of you kids have unique strengths and talents. But if you only use them to make yourself look good or try to accomplish things on your own, it's like trying to catch fish with your bare hands.

You need Jesus. When you give your strengths and talents and stuff to Jesus, and ask him to work through you, it's like using a net. You'll catch boatloads of fish and you don't have to work so hard to make things happen.

Give everything you have to Jesus. That's something each of us can do, no matter if we're old or young, big or small.



## LARGE GROUP GAME

### LEFTOVERS

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

6 - Buckets  
Bean bags

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Place the buckets in a line on the ground, one foot apart.

Choose 1 kid to play. Have the player stand so that he is 1 foot from the first bucket, 2 feet from the second bucket, and so on. From a standing position, he needs to throw leftovers (bean bags) into each of the 6 buckets. Missed tosses are returned to the player. If the player can successfully toss a bean bag into each bucket, in 60 seconds or less, he wins.

Have multiple kids play as your time permits.

#### VARIATION:

For younger kids, use fewer buckets or buckets that are larger in size (creating a bigger target). You may also extend or eliminate the time limit.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

When Jesus used a boy's lunch to feed the five thousand, there were enough leftovers to fill 12 baskets. God can take the little we give him and make much from it.



## LARGE GROUP LESSON

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

John 6:1-13. Jesus feeds five thousand people.

### **INTRO**

"But you're just a kid." That's a phrase that gets tossed around a lot. It means that you're too young or too inexperienced or too small to do certain things.

For the last few weeks, though, we've seen that kids can do much more than some adults give them credit for. The Bible is filled with tales of kids doing amazing things. We saw through the story of David and Goliath that a kid can win great victories. We learned through the story of young Miriam that a kid can help and protect others. And 8 year old King Josiah proved that a kid can even be a great leader.

These kids were able to do great things because they had one thing in common: they turned to God and let God use them. They gave what they had to God. He took their little and transformed it into a lot.

The last story in our series is all about giving God everything that we have and watching him make it into something great. Let's see what Jesus did with what one small boy gave him:

### **READ John 6:1-13.**

### **MAIN POINT**

A great crowd had gathered to hear Jesus preach and hoped to see him perform some miracles. The Bible says there were five thousand men there.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

There were also women and children there – so the total number of people might have been around ten thousand! That’s a lot of people to hear Jesus preach.

These people had left their towns and come to the mountainside to hear Jesus. As time went by, these folks grew hungry. But the people were in the middle of nowhere and they had not brought food with them. Jesus loves people. He wanted to provide for them. He decided to feed them. Remember, there are about ten thousand people there. That’s a lot of people to feed.

Jesus had already proven that he had great power. He could open the eyes of the blind. After meeting Jesus, lame people were able to pick up their mats and walk. Jesus had even raised people from the dead. Jesus surely had the power to perform a miracle for this hungry crowd. But the question was, how would he do it?

There was a boy in the crowd. We don’t know much about him. We don’t know if he was there alone, or if his family was there too. We don’t know which town he had come from. Was this his first time hearing Jesus preach? Had he seen Jesus perform miracles before? We don’t know.

But here’s what we do know. This boy had food. He had brought provisions for the trip to the mountainside. As far as we know, he was the only person in that crowd of thousands who had planned ahead.

The other thing we know about the boy is that he was willing to give what he had to Jesus. It wasn’t much – five small loaves of bread and two small fish – but he gave it willingly. And as we see, Jesus took that small offering and transformed it into something great: enough food to feed the entire crowd. There were even leftovers, enough to fill twelve baskets.

## **DRIVE IT HOME:**

Each of us – young or old, big or small – have something to offer. It’s different for everyone. Some of us are good singers. Some of us have a talent for hospitality, which is being friendly and making people feel welcome. Some of us are good speakers.

Regardless of your gift, you can give it to God. If you’re a singer, sing praises to God. If you’re hospitable, use it to comfort hurting people and share the love of Jesus with those who need it. If you’re a good speaker, tell people the good news about Jesus.

You might think that what you have to offer isn’t much, but that’s okay. That boy didn’t have an incredible amount of food, but he gave it gladly to Jesus. It was Jesus who made it into something great. If you offer up your time, talents, and stuff to Jesus, he will do great things with it. Much more than you could do alone.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

When people see the amazing ways that God is using you for his kingdom, they won't believe their eyes. They turn to each other and say, "How is that possible? You're just a kid."

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER**

*Dear God,*

*With your help, every kid can do great things. We offer all that we have to you and ask you to use it for your kingdom and your glory.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER

What's your favorite lunch time meal?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

1 Timothy 4:12

Have the kids create a picture puzzle that spells out the memory verse. Write the memory verse on a piece of paper. Give the kids 3-5 minutes to decorate the page with something that reminds them of the memory verse. Then cut the page into puzzle pieces, mix the pieces up and let the kids put the puzzle back together.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Cut out the shapes of "loaves and fishes" from construction paper. Have a relay race, where runners carry their loaf of bread or fish from one end of the space to an empty basket on the other end, then return to tag the next runner.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read John 6:1-13.**

Why were the crowds following Jesus?

How many people were in the crowd?

What did the young boy give to Jesus?

How much leftover food was gathered after everyone had eaten?

What can you give to Jesus?

### SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Like the boy with the loaves and fishes, every kid has something to give to Jesus. Use our time, talents, and stuff to do great things for your kingdom.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER

If Jesus had used your lunch that day, what would the crowds have been eating?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

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### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Provide magazines, paper, scissors, and glue sticks. Have kids create collages depicting stuff that they can give to God.

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Why were the crowds following Jesus?

Why didn't Jesus just tell the hungry crowds to go home and eat?

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### SIMPLE PRAYER

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### FILL IN THE BLANKS

The crowd followed Jesus because they saw the miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ that he had performed.

SIGNS

There were \_\_\_\_\_ men in the crowd, not counting the women and children.  
5,000

Andrew found a boy who had 5 loaves of bread and \_\_\_\_\_ fish.  
2

Jesus took the loaves, gave \_\_\_\_\_, and distributed the food to the people.

THANKS

If we give what we have to \_\_\_\_\_, he can do great things with it.

JESUS

# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: A KID CAN GIVE



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Today we learned that kids can do big things for God and with God's help. When the crowd of 5,000 people grew hungry, Jesus was determined to feed them. A young boy in the crowd gave his lunch of 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread to help Jesus. It might not have seemed like much, but Jesus was able to transform the boy's offering into a meal that fed the multitude. John 6:1-13.



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

If we give them to Jesus, he can take our time, talents, and stuff to do great things. Kids may need help seeing how that plays out practically. This week, encourage them in their gifts, and suggest possible ways they can offer them to God.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How was Jesus able to feed the five thousand?
- What did the little boy give to Jesus?
- What can Jesus do with the things we give him?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

The crowds came to hear Jesus in the hopes of seeing him perform miracles. They received a miracle when Jesus fed the entire crowd with a boy's small lunch. Take some time this week to think about the miracles that you have witnessed in your own life. Then spend some time in the word, listening for Jesus to speak into your life.

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can!

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# Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below and fill in the blanks.

SSUEJ

\_\_\_\_

HIFS

\_\_\_\_

SAVELO

\_\_\_\_

LGEAILE

\_\_\_\_

Now unscramble the words in the boxes to fill in the blanks below:

No matter how young you are, you can \_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

# ANSWER KEY

Jesus

Fish

Loaves

Galilee

Give