

INTRODUCTION

A simple definition of stewardship is the responsibility and care for the resources God has given us for His purposes in the world. Resources include creation, gifts and talents, money, time, and the Gospel.

Sometimes we ask the question: "How could God possibly use what I have?" In John 6, we see how God used a small offering to create a big miracle.

One day, Jesus was sitting on a hillside with His disciples when He saw a large crowd of people walking to Him. They were amazed by the teaching and miracles He performed and wanted to learn more. Jesus felt compassion towards them so He began to teach.

At the end of the day, the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd away to find food. Jesus asked Philip, a disciple, where they could buy food for the crowd. Philip responded that they would all have to work for a month to have enough money to feed everyone, and even then, everyone would get only a small piece of bread.

There was a boy in the crowd with five loaves and two fishes. Jesus asked the people to sit down in groups. He took the five loaves, gave thanks for them, and then gave them to the people who were ready to eat. He did the same thing with the two fish and told His disciples to give as much as anyone wanted. When everyone was finished, the disciples collected 12 large baskets of leftover food.

No gift is too small for God to use. God can use one gift in more ways than we can imagine. We can trust God to provide. The people were hungry to hear the teachings from Jesus, so they came to Him. Jesus understood the physical needs of the people He was teaching, so He fed them.

BIBLE TRUTH

Any gift you give to Jesus will be used more than you can see or imagine.

SCRIPTURE

READ: John 6:1-14

(There are other accounts of this story in Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 9:10-17, and Mark 6:30-44.)

- Why did the people want to be around Jesus?
- What did Jesus feel for the people?
- Who had the two fish and five loaves of bread?
What did Jesus do with them?
- What does this make you think or feel about Jesus?



ACTIVITY

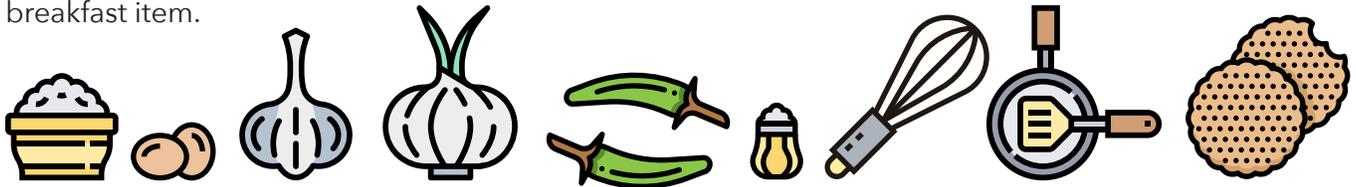
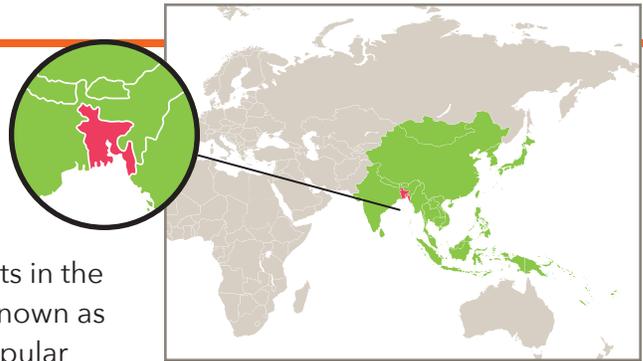
Take a slice of bread. Cut it or tear it into as many pieces as you can. Count the number of pieces you have after you are finished. Now, eat the bread until you are full.

APPLICATION

Did that one slice fill you up? How many slices do you think you need to be full? If you can, multiply your number of slices by 5,000 (you can ask your parents to help). In the Bible, Jesus took a small gift of five loaves and two fish from a little boy and fed 5,000 people. Could you imagine what God is going to do with any gift you give Him?

HAVE BREAKFAST IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, people usually do not eat sugary treats in the morning, they prefer savory foods. Hot **chapri**, also known as **chapti** in some areas, is a savory pancake that is a popular breakfast item.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ½ cup rice flour
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon garlic paste
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- ½ teaspoon cumin powder
- 1 cup cilantro, chopped
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 2 green chilies, chopped (optional)
- 1½ cup water
- Salt to taste
- Oil, to brush or spray on pan

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Whisk together egg, garlic paste, turmeric, cumin powder.
2. Add both flour kinds to the mix. Add water. Batter should be slightly lumpy.
3. Add all other ingredients.
4. Heat a griddle on medium high heat and spray/brush oil.
5. Pour ¼ cup of batter onto griddle.
6. Once bubble starts forming, flip and cook the other side.
7. Once both sides are cooked, stack on a plate to serve.

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