



## Day 3: Jesus Feeds the 5,000



### Overview

Today we'll discover that Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion – which included action! Compassion is not just a feeling; it's feeling combined with action. Jesus provides an incredible example of compassion, and it is this example that we want to teach campers today. What does it look like for us to move from a place of feeling to a place of action and doing something to make the situation better? That is what Jesus is calling us to do. Take action, make a difference, and people will know we are followers of Jesus by the love we show.

**Memory Verse:** “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” **Matthew 7:12 NIV**

**Bottom Line:** Do Compassion! Compassion is caring about others and helping people in need.

### READ

#### Matthew 14:13-21

“Jesus heard what had happened to John. He wanted to be alone. So he went in a boat to a quiet place. The crowds heard about this. They followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus came ashore, he saw a large crowd. He felt deep concern for them. He healed their sick people. When it was almost evening, the disciples came to him. ‘There is nothing here,’ they said. ‘It’s already getting late. Send the crowds away. They can go and buy some food in the villages.’ Jesus replied, ‘They don’t need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ ‘We have only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered. ‘Bring them here to me,’ he said. Then Jesus directed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke the loaves into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples. And the disciples gave them to the people. All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces. The number of men who ate was about 5,000. Women and children also ate.”

### WATCH

Go to [resurrection.church/vbc](http://resurrection.church/vbc) to watch Day 3 of The Jesus Tour.

## CREATE

Add to the Do Unto Others poster with words, drawings or phrases that stand out to you from today's Bible story.

## REMEMBER

Recite the memory verse with your handshake or song. Take a video and send it to family members or friends. Invite them to learn it and send a video of them doing the same back to you!

## ACTIVITY 1

Supplies: Items suitable to toss, several bags or containers for catching items.

**DO:** Set bags various distances away from a tossing line. Ask the following questions to your camper. If they get a question right, award 3 tosses of the item into the bags. If the items tossed go into the bag, award 10 points. Consider higher points for bags further away.

1. What book of the Bible is today's story from? *Matthew*
2. Where were Jesus and the crowd? *Wilderness; a deserted place*
3. When Jesus saw the crowds, what did he feel and show by his actions? *Compassion*
4. How did Jesus show compassion? *Healed the sick, fed the hungry*
5. How many people were there to see Jesus? *Over 5,000*
6. What was the disciples' suggestion to feed the people? *Send them away to find it themselves*
7. How many loaves of bread did the disciples have? *5*
8. How many small fish did the disciples have? *2*
9. What did Jesus do before feeding the people? *Prayed or blessed the food*
10. How many baskets of leftovers were there? *12*
11. What does compassion mean? *Caring about others and helping people in need*
12. How can we show compassion? *use your best judgement for these answers*
13. How could we show compassion in our activities/sports teams? *use your best judgement for these answers*
14. How could we show compassion at school? *use your best judgement for these answers*

**Say:** Jesus gives us an amazing example of what compassion looks like. Compassion is not just feeling sad for someone with a problem, it's then doing something about it! Sometimes it is hard to help others. Can you think of some reasons why it might be hard to help others? (*Allow responses*) Thanks for sharing. Showing compassion is something we get better at the more we practice it. That's what being The Jesus Tour is all about!

## ACTIVITY 2

Supplies: Index card and a pen

**DO:** Divide the card into 4 sections with the pen. Write a number in each section, 1, 2, 3, 4.

- In box 1 write the name of someone to whom you can show compassion
- In box 2 write/draw where you usually see this person.
- In box 3 write/draw one way you are going to try and show compassion
- In box 4 write "The Golden Rule"

**PRAY** Dear Jesus, thank you for your love and the stories in the Bible that help show us how to live and follow you. Please help us show compassion to others. We want to care for others by helping them. Show us opportunities every day for us to show compassion to others. Thank you for all the fun we're having on The Jesus Tour. Amen.