



## Week of Aug 13 - a

### Scripture: Mt 14:18-21

**Main Idea:** Jesus feeds this crowd of 5000 men, not counting women and children. They all ate and were “satisfied,” or as we might say, “full.” We know this because they collected what people didn’t eat, which was 12 baskets full of broken pieces. This miracle teaches us a number of things, one of which is that God is a generous giver. Not only did Jesus feed this crowd, but it fed them well.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Jesus was very generous with the multiplying of food. Do you think Jesus is still generous with us?

**Grade school:** What points can we learn from this story? (after naming some, consider the following) What was Jesus trying to teach? God can do the impossible. God cares about our needs. God can use small things to do great things.

**Teen:** Do God’s resources ever run out? Can God make big things happen out of things we might think are small or inadequate?

**Adult:** When was the last time you were hungry? Really hungry...not just that it had been 3 hours since you ate last? When Jesus asked the crowd to sit, what did they think? Did they know they were about to see something miraculous? They've been seeing miracles all day according to earlier in the chapter. I've always wondered what this miracle looked like. Did Jesus continue to break the loaves and they didn't become smaller? What do you think the disciples felt as they continued to take more bread to the crowd?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For us to be more thankful and trust God and how he provides for us richly

#### August Memory Verse:

**1 Peter 5:7 (ESV)**  
**7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.**



## Week of Aug 13 - b

### Scripture: Mt 14:22-33

**Main Idea:** Jesus walks on water in this passage, which was another showing of his power in a miraculous way. Peter has the courage to ask to step out and walk to Jesus. He did well, until he saw the wind, and then he began to sink. Had he kept his eyes on Jesus, surely he would not have begun to sink.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Is it important to keep your eyes (focus) on Jesus so you don't start to doubt his power?

**Grade school:** Have you ever taken YOUR eyes off Jesus? Maybe you were taking a test in school and didn't know the answers and tried to cheat? Or you got really mad and screamed at your family? Or you chose to sleep in and not go to church? What's another way you may have forgotten Jesus?

**Teen:** Did even Jesus need quiet time with God? When Peter stepped out of the boat it was on faith. What happened when Peter walked by faith? What happened when he walked by sight? When his faith waivered Jesus was there to help him. Can you think of a time when Jesus has been there to help you?

**Adult:** Are there stories that you love to tell? Something that happened in your past that made such an impression anyone close to you knows about it? And you repeat it often? Do you think this story was one Peter told? At least till the point where he began to sink? Can you imagine the other disciples or grandchildren asking him about it and how it felt. Maybe his grandchildren tried to recreate that scene and came in all wet? What story of your faith do you tell? Does your family know that as well as they know about the other accomplishments you tell? Choose one to tell your children or grandchildren.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For God to help us stay focused on Jesus and following him

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