



Supplies

- Fed and Forgiven* DVD
- DVD player
- Cue the DVD to “Sharing God’s Gifts,” the fourth PreK-K video segment

Parent Tip

Ask parents to participate in the gestures and words that Bess and Malachi ask the children to repeat.



Supplies

- Bible
- Optional:** A picture book that tells the story of the feeding of the multitude (see suggestions, p. 156)
- Grocery bag (paper or cloth) filled with five boxes of crackers (unopened), two cans of tuna fish, and an offering plate
- “Jesus Calls Us to Share” learner leaflets and rebus story stickers

Parent Tip

Encourage parents to remember that learning to share is a lifelong journey for all of us. This is especially important to remember when you observe your child having trouble sharing.

Hear the Word

Bess and Malachi Video

If you are using the PreK-K video segments on the *Fed and Forgiven* DVD, show the fourth episode, “Sharing God’s Gifts,” featuring Bess and Malachi (5 min.). The video emphasizes the theme of **sharing** present in this session. As you watch, encourage children to participate actively when Bess and Malachi invite them to do something. When you are done watching, ask:

- **What did Bess and Malachi share with Simon? The pig? Esther?**
- **How did Bess and Malachi feel when they shared their things?**
- **How do you feel when someone shares something with you?**

Jesus Feeds Hungry People (John 6:1-14)

Let’s hear the word. Pause. **Today the word is from the gospel book of John in the Bible.** Show Bible or picture book. **A large crowd kept following Jesus. The people saw the wonderful things Jesus was doing. The crowd of people followed Jesus up a mountain. Jesus sat down and watched the crowd. Then he said “Where are we going to get food for all these people to eat?” One of the disciples, named Philip, said, “We don’t have enough money to buy food for all these people.” Andrew, another disciple said, “There is a boy here who has five loaves of bread and two fish.”**

Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” All the people sat down on the grassy mountain. Jesus took the bread and fish and thanked God for it. Unload the grocery bag and spread the food in front of you, then silently pray over the food. **The disciples gave the bread and fish to the people.** Open one box of crackers and distribute them throughout the group. **When all the people were done eating, there was still bread and fish left over. There was enough food to share with even more people.** Load the unopened food back into the bag. **The people were amazed!**

The boy in the story had five loaves of bread and two fish. What did he do with his food? Pause for children’s responses. **The boy shared his food with all the people.** Pause for children’s thoughts. **During holy communion God shares again with us the promise of love and forgiveness. Because God loves and forgives us, we can share love and forgiveness with other people.** Pause and hold up the offering plate. **What is this?** Pause for children’s responses. **Yes, this is an offering plate. What do we do with this offering plate?** Pause for children’s responses. **We put stuff in it!** Pause. **Yes we put money in the offering plate. We share what we have with our church and with people all over the world who need our help. Jesus taught us to share.**

Pass out the “Jesus Calls Us to Share” learner leaflets and rebus story stickers. Have parents help their children read the rebus story on page 1 and place stickers on the numbers 5 and 2, the bread, and the fish. While completing this activity ask one or more of the following and allow time for responses:

- **Who are the people in the story who shared?**
- **What happens when people share?**
- **Tell a story about a time when you shared something.**