

Following Jesus Means Staying Faithful

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 1 • Oct. 17/18/19
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like to go on car rides?*

Give each kid a Bible.

BIBLE

Say: *Today we're going to hear an amazing story about how Jesus took a little boy's lunch and turned it into enough food to feed thousands and thousands of people!*

Read:

- *Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands*

Review:

- *Who made all that food for everyone? (Jesus did)*

PRAY

Pray: *Dear Jesus, Thank you for food! Thank you that you do BIG things. We love you! Amen!*

Before the Activity: Fill a basket with Play Food and Toy Fish. Have an empty basket ready in the center of the group.

Say: *In our story today, Jesus took a little bit of food and filled up basket after basket for thousands of people! Let's fill up OUR basket together and see how fast we can do it!"*

ACTIVITY

- Start with an empty basket and show kids it's empty.
- **Say:** *Oh no, the basket is empty! Jesus needs our Help!*
- Let each kid take a turn, dropping a piece of food in.
- Once it's full, **Say:** *Jesus made enough for EVERYONE!*
- Pass the basket around and let each kid peek inside

Pass out Crayons and the Fish and Loaf Coloring Page if time allows. If you don't have enough time, send the Fish and Loaf Coloring Page home with each kid to be colored.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Week 1 • Oct. 17/18/19
Side 2 • Snack Time • 10 minutes

SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)
- Fish And Loaf Coloring Page (1 per kid, given in Small Group)

PRO TIP

Two-year-olds learn through touch and action, not explanation. Let them physically hold something, then hand it to someone else. The act of giving with their own hands is what makes generosity real at this age.

It's better to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35



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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 2 • Oct. 24/25/26
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you ever shared a toy?*
- *Raise your hand if you ever shared a snack?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Today we're going to hear a story about how Jesus took one little lunch and fed SO many people let's find out how he did it!*

Read:

- Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands

Review:

- *Was it a little food or A LOT of food? (A LOT!)*

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, Thank you that Jesus can do BIG things. We love you! Amen!*

ACTIVITY

What you need: Beach Ball

Say: *Jesus didn't keep all the food for himself he passed it to everyone! Let's practice doing what Jesus did. Every time the beach ball comes to you, say 'Thank you Jesus!' and pass it to your friend!*

- Sit in a circle and pass the Beach Ball around.
- Every time someone receives it, they say, “Thank you Jesus!”
- Keep passing until everyone has had a turn.
- Talk about how Jesus passed food to everyone that day.

Say: Just like Jesus shared with everyone – we can share too!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)

PRO TIP

When a two-year-old shares, even the tiniest thing makes it a big deal. Clap, cheer, do a little dance. At this age, positive reinforcement is everything. They will repeat what gets celebrated.

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 3 • Oct. 31/Nov. 1/2
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you've noticed all the trees changing colors?*
- *Raise your hand if you like to play in the leaves?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Get ready friends we're about to hear how Jesus did something AMAZING with just a little bit of fish and some bread!*

Read:

- Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands

Review:

- *Can Jesus do BIG things? (YES he can!)*

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, Thank you for food! Thank you for taking care of us. You are so good! Amen!*

ACTIVITY

Say: *The little boy only had a small lunch — but Jesus turned it into something BIG! Every time I say, 'small lunch' scrunch down as tiny as you can, and every time I say 'BIG miracle' jump up as BIG as you can. Ready? Let's go!*

- Call out "Small Lunch" - Kids scrunch down tiny
- Call out "BIG miracle" - Kids jump up with arms wide!
- Repeat and get louder and more excited each round.
- When you have finished, **Say:** *Jesus can do BIG things with small things!*

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)

PRO TIP

Two-year-olds are watching everything you do. When YOU give someone a snack, a compliment, your time – narrate it. "I'm sharing my crackers with you because I love you!" They learn generosity by watching the adults around them live it.

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 4 • Nov 7/8/9
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like it when others share with you.*
- *Raise your hand if you like to share with others.*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Today we're going to hear about a day when Jesus did something SO big that everyone went home with a full belly let's hear how.*

Read:

- Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands

Review:

- *Who fed all those people? (Jesus did!)*

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, Thank you that Jesus loves us. Thank you that he takes care of everyone. We love you too! Amen!*

ACTIVITY

Before the Activity: Place 1-5 fish stickers under each of the 4 Solo cups face down on the table.

Say: *Jesus had fish to feed thousands of people let's find out how many fish are hiding under our cups! Lift them up and let's count together!*

- Point to one kid and have them select a cup to flip over.
- Allow that one kid to flip the cup over that they selected.
- Once the cup is flipped over, count how many fish are in that cup.
- Continue flipping cups until everyone has a turn.
- Celebrate every reveal, and **Say:** *"You found fish! Jesus made SO many!"*
- Reset and play again with different amounts each round.

Say: *Jesus had way more fish than we could ever count – enough for EVERYONE! He is SO good!*

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)

PRO TIP

Don't talk about generosity in the abstract. Skip the big words and go straight to the moment "Can we give one of your snacks to your friend?" Simple, specific, and doable. That's a sweet spot for this age.

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Oyster Bay Small Group Guide
Week 5 • Nov 14/15/16
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like snack time.*
- *Raise your hand if you like to eat with friends.*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Today's story is about a really BIG miracle Jesus took a tiny little lunch and turned it into food for thousands and thousands of people!*

Read:

- Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands

Review:

- *Did Jesus take care of everyone that day?" (Yes, he did!)*

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, you always take care of us. Help us trust you every day. Amen!*

ACTIVITY

Before Activity: Take out Pom Poms and Mini paper cups

Say: *In our story today, a little boy only had a tiny little lunch – just a little bit of fish and some bread. But Jesus took that tiny lunch and did something INCREDIBLE with it. Let's see what happens when we start with just a little too!*

- Give every child an empty cup and place it in front of them.
  Say: *Uh oh, our cups are empty! What are we going to do?*
  - Drop just 2-3 Pom Poms in them.
- ***Say:*** *We only have a little bit of food, just like the little boy in our story*
  - Hold up the bag of Pom Poms.
- ***Say:*** *But wait – Jesus can do something AMAZING with just a little!*
  - Go around and fill every cup all the way up.
- ***Say:*** *Look at all that food! It just keeps coming and coming!*

Say: *"Jesus took a little and made A LOT – just like this! "He takes care of ALL of us!" Let's all say, "Thank You Jesus" together!*

Repeat as time allows.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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TAKE HOME

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PRO TIP

Forcing a two-year-old to share usually backfires and creates resistance. Instead, create opportunities where sharing feels like THEIR idea. Offer two options "Do you want to give the red one or the blue one?" so they feel in control of the generous choice.

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