

Children's Message  
7.30.06  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Materials: 5 small loaves of bread, 2 cans of tuna fish

Good morning!

I am so hungry! I forgot to have breakfast this morning. Did anyone else forget? Are you hungry?...hmmm...I wonder if anyone else in the church is hungry...hmmm. I wonder how much food I'd need to feed everyone in the church. Good thing that I planned ahead and brought some food to feed all of these hungry people.

*Bring our loaves of bread and tuna fish.*

How many people do you think we could feed with these 5 loaves of bread and these 2 cans of tuna?

The Bible tells us about Jesus who was with a crowd of 5,000 people...and they were hungry! Jesus turned to one of his disciples, named Philip, and asked, "Where are we going to buy bread to feed all of these people?" Phillip said, "You have got to be kidding!" No, he didn't really say that- but I bet he thought it. He did tell Jesus that 8 months of money from a job wouldn't be enough to buy that much bread. But then, another of Jesus disciples, Andrew, had a good idea. He brought a small boy who had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to Jesus.

What happens next?

Right!

It really is an amazing story. And there are so many lessons to be learned in the story. Think about these things:

It's amazing that so many people were fed with so little food.

It's amazing that so much food was left over.

It's amazing that the boy was willing to share what little he had.

It's amazing that Jesus used a little boy to work this miracle.

You know, Jesus uses us to do amazing things today. We can reach out to others to tell them about Jesus, we can help those in need, and we can encourage each other to grow in our faith.

Pastor Sue Ann, will you please lead us in a prayer?