

## TWO MIRACULOUS FEEDINGS

**H**ave you ever gone a few hours without eating any food? Sure you have. Maybe between breakfast and lunch, or between lunch and dinner. Certainly, you don't eat while you sleep!

But have you ever gone all day without food? No food when you woke up. No food for snack time. No food for lunch. No food after school. No food for dinner. No food before bed. Not even a midnight snack!

How hungry do you think you would be if you went all day without food? You might just be hungry enough to shout, "Mom! Dad! Anybody! I'm starving! Feed me."







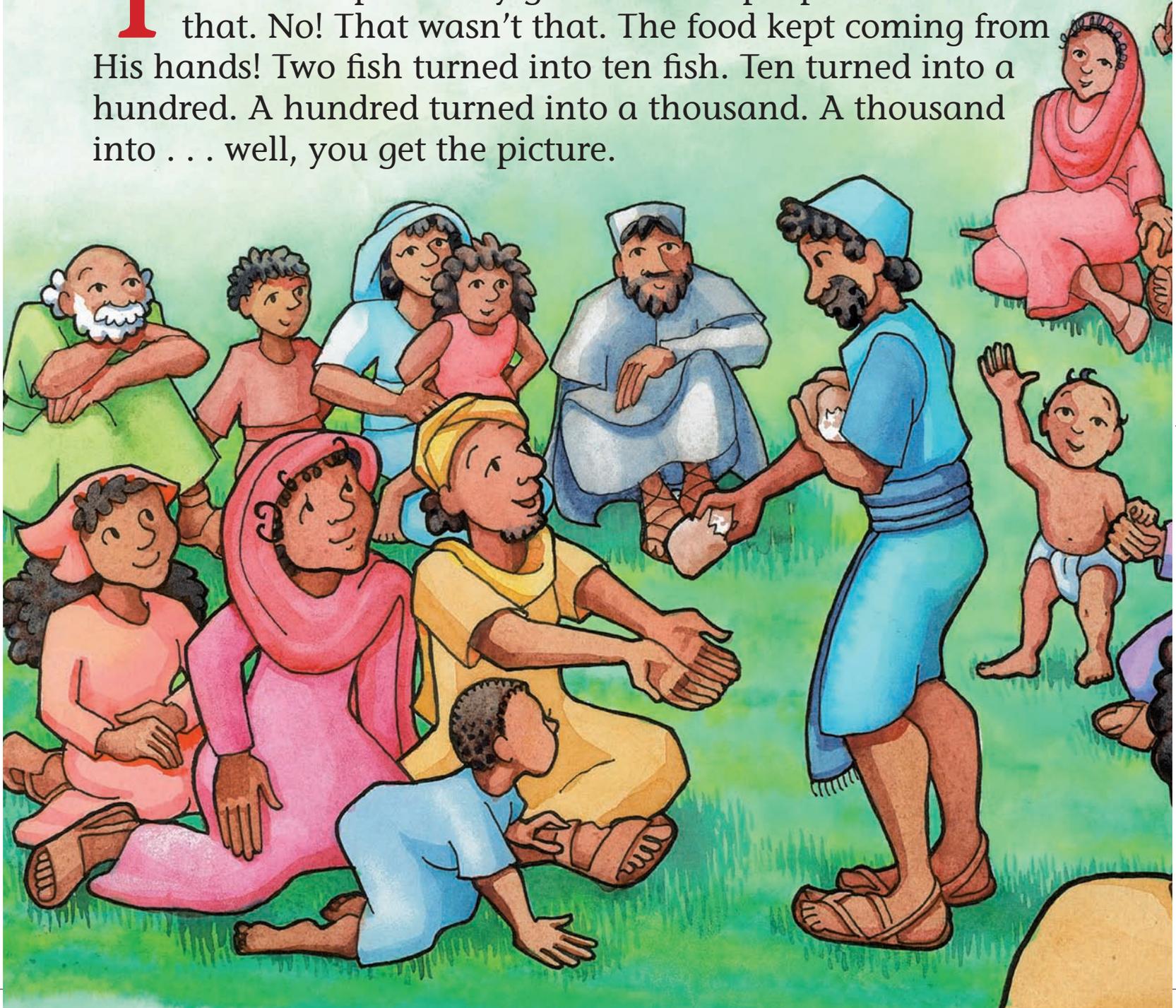
One day Jesus found himself surrounded by a very hungry crowd. Some of them had eaten nothing all day. Jesus' best friends—the disciples—wanted to send all the people away. But Jesus had a more loving idea. He wanted to feed all the people right then and there. But how? How many fish and how many loaves of bread do you think you would need to feed 5,000 hungry men?

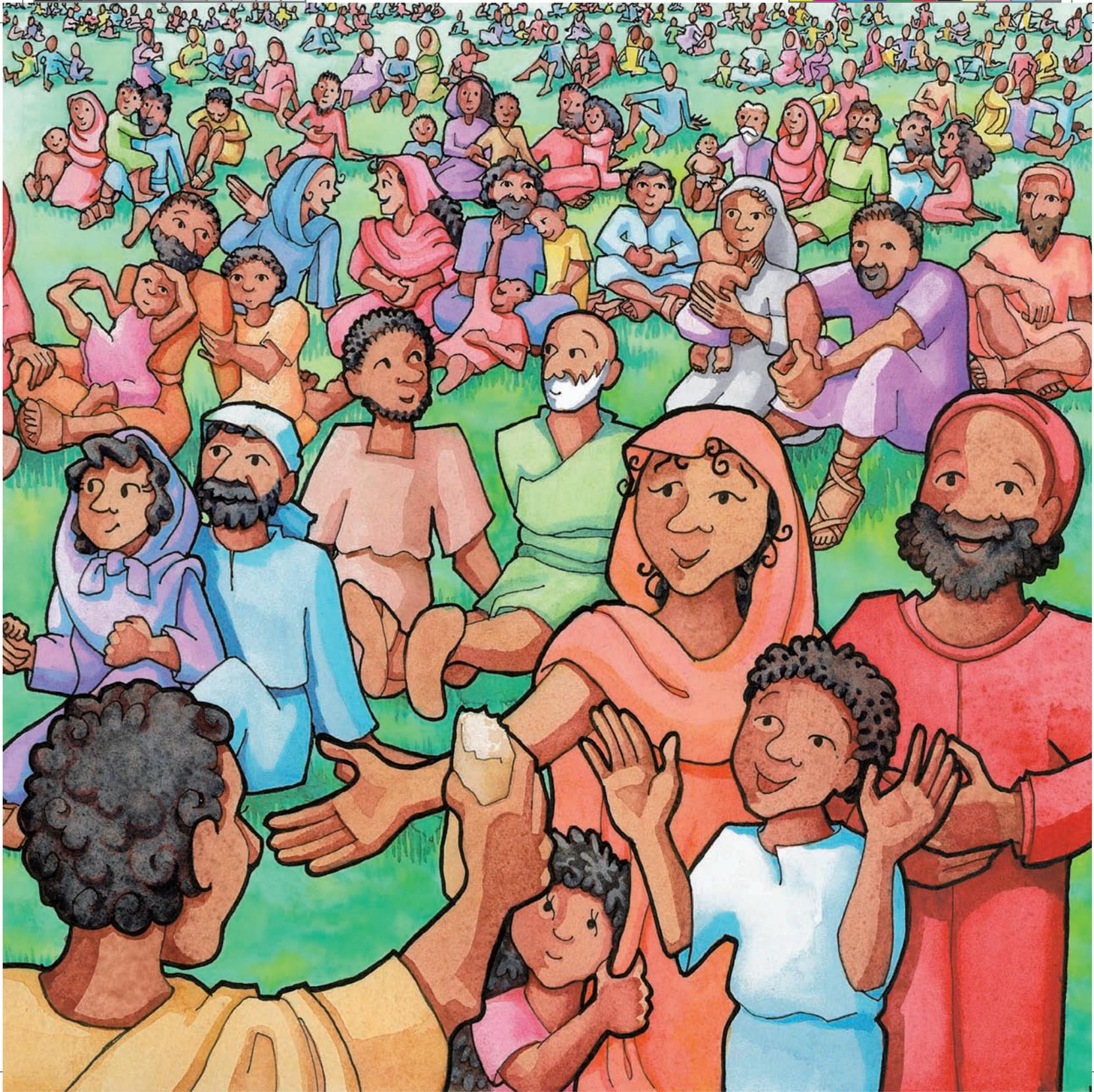
What if you wanted to feed 5,000 hungry families—moms, dads, and children? I would imagine it would take 20,000 fish and lots and lots of loaves. What if you only had two fish and five loaves? Could you feed the hungry crowd? No way! But that was all Jesus had. Two fish. Five loaves.

Now listen to what Jesus did next. Jesus told the crowd to sit down in the grass. What was He going to do? He took the five loaves and the two fish. With the food in his hands, He looked up to heaven and prayed.



**T**hen something amazing happened. He handed the food to the disciples. They gave it to the people. And that was that. No! That wasn't that. The food kept coming from His hands! Two fish turned into ten fish. Ten turned into a hundred. A hundred turned into a thousand. A thousand into . . . well, you get the picture.

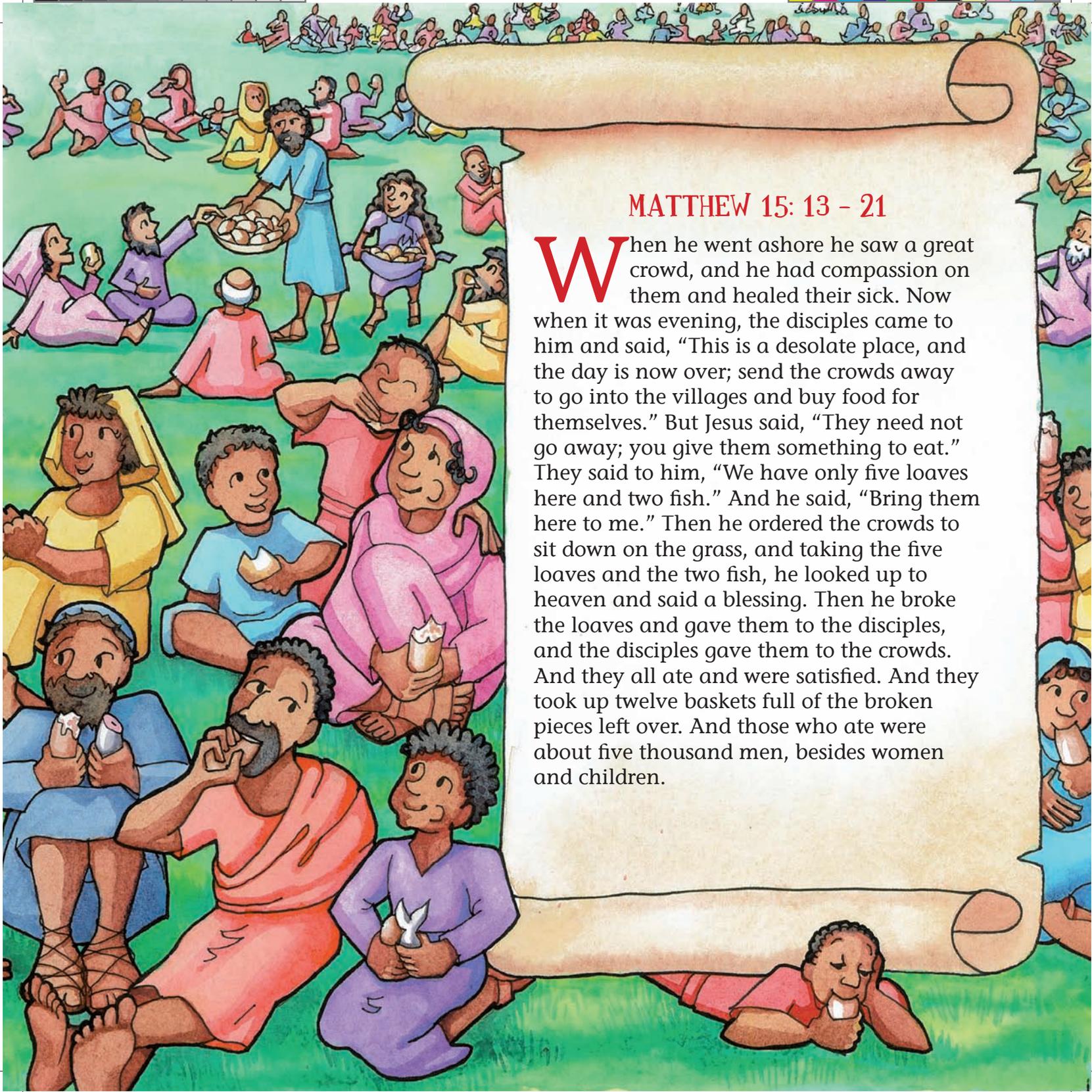




Everyone ate. Everyone was full. They were so full that there were twelve baskets of bread left! This was a once in a lifetime miracle! Unless, of course, you're

**Jesus.**





## MATTHEW 15: 13 - 21

**W**hen he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.