



Growing FAITH at home

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God provides
for his
people's needs.



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July 24 and July 30



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. When have you wanted to make sure you got your fair share of something?
2. One little boy's lunch was used by God to meet the hunger of many people. In what ways might God be seeking, to use you or what you have, to bring help to others?
3. We tend to fear not getting enough in life because we think there is a scarcity of resources. How does the feeding of the five thousand challenge that understanding?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
M	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds a hundred
T	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
W	Exodus 24:1-18	The elders eat with God
T	Mark 8:1-10	Jesus feeds the four thousand
F	Philippians 4:10-20	Christian generosity
S	Psalms 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"You open your hand and satisfy the
needs of every living creature."*

PSALM 145:16





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Set aside time as a household to bake some bread or biscuits.

Package up what you bake and give away to your neighbours.

See how your efforts are multiplied into joy for others when you deliver your gifts.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we breathe and live, accept our thanks for all you give. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

After Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish he told his disciples to gather up what was left over. He said, "Let nothing be wasted."

Are there items in your home that are being "wasted", that are no longer being used but which might benefit someone else?

Take some time to sort through your household belongings. Set aside items to donate to a local thrift shop or charity.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for taking care of us – body, spirit and soul. Amen.



BLESSING

May God who provides for your every need give you a grateful heart.