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### Losing My Life— Finding Life in Jesus

Imagine if you came to teen club after a long day and were pretty hungry. But when it was time to eat, you found out that we only had one slice of pizza to feed 80 people!!!

How many people would get fed? Or what size portion would you get to eat? It would be ridiculous even to try to serve that many people with such a small amount of food!

#### Did you know???

The Bible records an amazing miracle: Jesus multiplied food! More people witnessed and participated in this miracle than in any other He performed. Jesus used this great visual lesson to teach some important truths about who He was and what it meant to be one of his followers.

Answer the questions below and recite the following verses from memory.

1. Where was Jesus at the beginning of the story?

Find the Sea of Galilee (Tiberias) on the map. Tiberias was the name of the man who was the emperor of the Roman empire. Jesus is actually in Bethsaida, a small town near the sea. Find Bethsaida on the map.

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2. Large crowds were following Jesus as He traveled. Why were people following Him (v. 2)? **List three miracles that Jesus performed.** Circle one that would have interested you enough to follow Jesus around.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

#### John 5:24

*24" Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."*

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Read John 6:1-4 to answer the question.

Jesus sometimes would leave crowds and go to a quiet place alone or with His disciples. He would use these times to explain things He had taught them, to teach them new things, or simply to rest a little. **About what time of year did the story take place (v. 3)?**

#### Did you know???

Passover was one of seven feasts that the Jews celebrated every year. The Jews had celebrated Passover on and off for more than 1400 years. Every year, between 1 to 2 million Jews from Israel and all around the world would crowd into Jerusalem for the feast.

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Read Exodus 12 to answer the questions and recite the verse below from memory.

Exodus 12 explains when the Passover became a Jewish feast. **What was the feast of the Passover supposed to represent?**

When Jesus saw a great crowd coming to Him, He knew that most of the crowd was made up of people traveling to Jerusalem for this feast.

**Describe the Passover and why the Jews celebrated it, using your own words in at least 4 sentences.**

#### Exodus 12:13a

*The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you.*

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Read John 6:5-13 and  
answer the following questions.

1. As soon as Jesus saw the large crowds, He thought of providing for their needs. Which one of His disciples did He ask about the important detail of food?
2. Remember that Jesus and the disciples were in Bethsaida, a small town near the sea. Why did Jesus probably choose to ask this certain disciple about where to find food? (John 1:44).
3. John 6:6 gives a second reason that Jesus asked this disciple the question about food. What is that reason?
4. What does it mean for Jesus to “test” someone?
5. Was Jesus asking the question because He didn’t know the answer or because He did know?

#### Did you know???

Two hundred denarii (v. 7) were about one day’s pay for a person living in New Testament times. Denarii is the plural form for a denarius.

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6. When Phillip answered Jesus, what was Phillip’s primary concern? (v. 7)
7. Andrew, another disciple, introduces a boy to Jesus. How much food did the boy have?
8. When Andrew sees how little food the boy has, what question does he ask (v. 9)?
9. Jesus answers Phillip’s and Andrew’s questions with a command. What was the command (v. 10)?
10. How many men were in the crowd that needed to obey Jesus command (v.10)?
11. Jesus performed the miracle in vv. 8-13. List as many details of the story as you can:

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Read the following passages  
and answer the questions below.

#### John 6:5-13

1. Background Information: how did some people respond when they saw the miracle (John 6:14)?

#### Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Some people believed that Jesus was a true prophet sent from God. They believed Jesus was a prophet that Moses had predicted would come.

2. What words was the true prophet supposed to speak (v. 18)?
3. What did God say about the person who refused to listen to the true prophet (v. 19)?
4. What did God say about a prophet who spoke words that were not from God (v. 20)?

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5. How could people know whether or not they were listening to a true prophet from God (v. 21-22)?

#### John 6:14-15

6. Some of the people thought Jesus was a prophet, and they also now knew He could feed them through miracles. What did Jesus understand that they wanted to do (John 6:15)?
7. How did Jesus respond when He saw what the people wanted to do (v. 15)?
8. Why do you think Jesus would respond that way?

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Read John 6:16-21  
and answer the questions below.

1. Where did Jesus' disciples go after the miracle (v. 16)?
2. Jesus' disciples wanted to sail across the Sea of Galilee to go to the city of Capernaum. Capernaum was the home town of at least two disciples (Andrew and Peter). Circle Capernaum on the map below.



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3. The disciple's boat trip was interrupted by an unexpectedly rough storm. At what time of the day were the disciples' sailing (v. 17)?
4. Was Jesus with them when they started on their journey?
5. How is the storm described in v. 18?
6. How long did the disciples try to make it through the storm?
7. As bad as the storm was, what happened that frightened the disciples even more than the storm (v. 19-20)?
8. What happened to end the disciples' fear (v. 20-21)?
9. How did the disciples respond to Jesus after they knew who He was (v. 21)?

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Read John 6:22-27  
and answer the questions below.

1. Give a short summary of what is happening in vv. 22-25.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are the people trying to figure out and why are they stumped?

Jesus' answer to the people's question in v. 25-26 is not really what the people expected or wanted to hear. They wanted to know what Jesus had done, but Jesus explains what they did.

3. Why did Jesus say the people had been looking for Him (v. 26-27)?

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4. Jesus tried to help them see the differences between two kinds of food. What are the kinds of food?

Which kind of food do you think is the most important?

What kind does Jesus say is the most important?

Recite the following passages  
from memory.

#### John 6:29

*Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."*

#### John 6:33

*"For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."*

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Read the following passages  
and answer the questions below.

#### Background Information: John 6

Jesus has just fed a large crowd with just \_\_\_\_\_ loaves (v. 9) and two fish. They wanted to make Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15) but He didn't want that. He went to a mountain to be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15). The disciples took a boat across the sea, but Jesus came to them by \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19) on the sea. The people knew Jesus had not gone in the boat, and asked how he got across the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22). Jesus said they weren't looking for Him, but for a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 26-27).

#### John 6:25-31

1. The people ask another question (v. 28) that shows they understood Jesus' first answer (v. 26). What did Jesus say was the most important thing one could do (v. 29)?

After this, the people demanded that Jesus do a sign or miracle (v. 30) for them. They tried to make their question sound biblical. They quoted a story from the Old Testament, when God fed the children of Israel with bread out of heaven.

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#### Exodus 16:1-8

1. Who were the leaders in Israel when God fed them with bread from heaven (v.2)?
2. The bread was called \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 31).
3. That name means \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-15).
4. How often did God send the bread from heaven?

#### John 6:28-32

1. Jesus reminded the people of something he had taught before about two kinds of bread. What had He taught them? (John 6:32)
2. What does the true bread from heaven do (v. 33)?

Recite John 6:28-29 from memory.

<sup>28</sup>They said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

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Read John 6:30-38  
and answer the questions below.

1. The people cried out to receive this life-giving bread from heaven. What did Jesus say that startled them (v. 35)?
2. What two words does Jesus use that describe how someone “eats” the Bread of Life (v. 35)?
3. The people believed Jesus could provide food for them to eat, but they still did not believe He was the Bread that God sent down from heaven. What did Jesus teach that should make all of us listen very carefully? (v.37)
4. How will God respond to someone who truly eats of the Bread of Life (v. 37)?

Recite John 6:37-38 from memory.

<sup>37</sup>“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

<sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

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Read John 6:35-51  
and answer the questions below.

1. Jesus came from Heaven not to do His own will but the Father's. What did Jesus say the will of God was (v. 39)?
2. Jesus will give \_\_\_\_\_ life to those who believe in Him. What will happen on the last day? (vv. 39-40)
3. The Jewish people did not believe what Jesus said about himself. What two questions did they ask? (v. 41-42)
4. Jesus gave a Bible explanation for their unbelief. Why were the people not willing to believe Jesus? (v. 45)
5. What does the promise of eternal life mean? (v. 47)

Recite John 6:44-45 from memory.

<sup>44</sup>“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

<sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

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Read John 6:59-71  
and answer the questions below.

The more Jesus taught the people, the more they wondered whether or not they even wanted to listen to or to understand Him. They thought He was teaching them something that was not true.

1. What does it mean when the people describe what Jesus was saying as “a difficult statement” (v. 60)?
2. The disciples actually \_\_\_\_\_ in response. What do you think they mean when they ask, “Who can listen to it [what Jesus is saying]” (v. 60-61)?
3. While people ask themselves whether or not they wanted to listen to Jesus, how important did He say His words were (v. 63)?
4. When v. 64 tells us that Jesus knew what was going on inside of people, what does that teach us about Jesus?

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5. In v. 65, Jesus teaches one of the most important truths we can ever learn. **No one by himself can decide on his own whether or not to listen to Jesus.** What must happen for one to be able to listen to and love Jesus?
6. Since you know God must make it possible for you to listen to and love Jesus, does that make you want to walk away from God or get closer to him? What did most of the people that day decide to do (v. 66)?
7. Why did Jesus’ true disciples decide not to leave Him (v. 68-69)?
8. In the small crowd that stayed, who was the man who stayed who was pretending to follow Jesus? (v. 70-71)?

Recite John 6:51 from memory.

*<sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”*

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