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MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL

JOHN 6:1-14

Jesus liked being with other people, but sometimes he needed to be alone. Once, Jesus slipped away by boat to a quiet place. But someone saw him, and word got out where he was. Soon crowds of people from the nearby villages came to find Jesus, hoping to be healed. They climbed all over each other to get to him, just to touch his clothes and receive a blessing.

Soon, stomachs started to rumble. Children started asking their parents for food. Parents started to wonder how they would feed their families. They had not planned to be out on the hillside listening to Jesus for so long.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Tell the people to go home so they can eat."

Jesus said, "They don't need to leave. We can feed them."

"How?" they wondered. "There is only a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But that won't be enough."



But Jesus was not worried. The boy gladly offered what he had to feed the people.

Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit on the grass on this hillside." Jesus took the five loaves and two fish from the boy, blessed the food, and gave it to the disciples. As the disciples shared the food with the people, somehow there was enough for everyone! The people all ate until their bellies were full! Afterward, the disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand people had been fed.



The people realized that God was at work among them in the miraculous way that the boy with the bread and fish—and Jesus—had fed them all.

Jesus often taught the crowds about God's generosity. In God's reign, there is more than enough food, more than enough water, and more than enough love to go around. There is more than enough for all of us, forever. In God's reign, each of us, like the boy with the loaves and fishes, has something to share that will help all people, creatures, and the planet live well. What do you have to share that can make the world and all of creation better? What you have will be just enough!

