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The bread and fish never ran out. The more they gave, the more food appeared,

Everyone ate until they were full.

When they finished, the disciples picked up the leftovers. There were twelve baskets of food left.

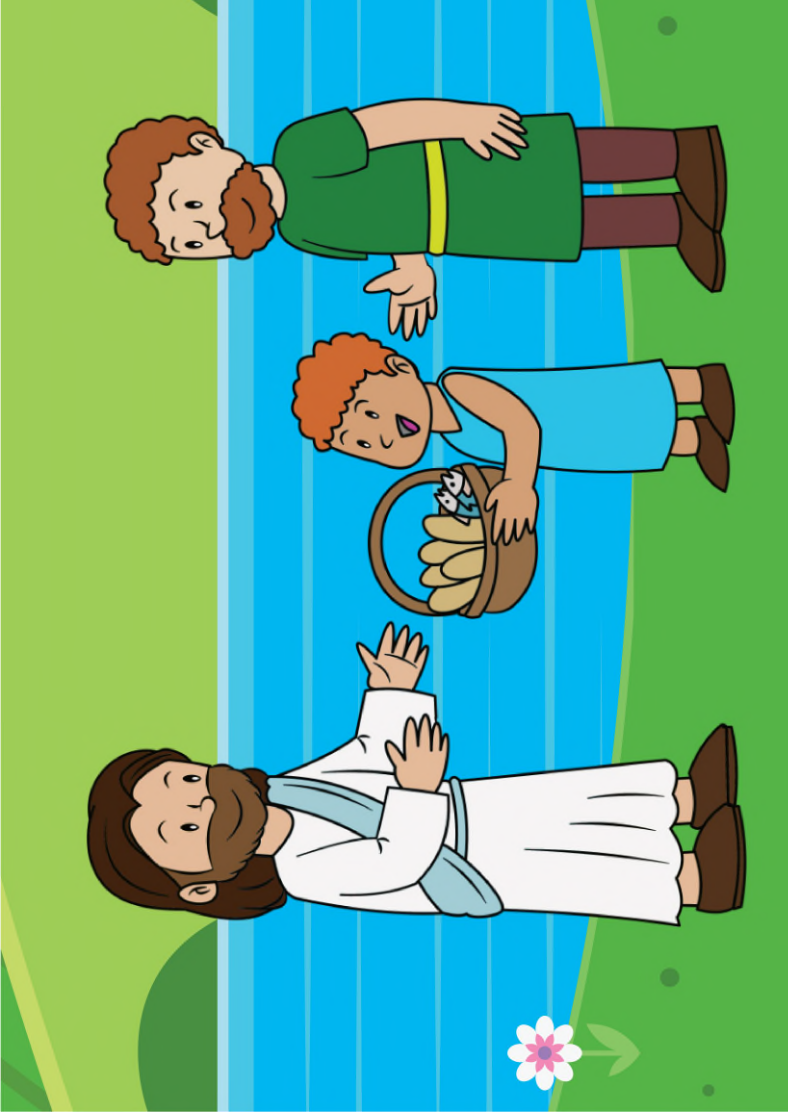
All from one boy's little packed lunch.

Lots of people wanted to hear Jesus teach.

A huge crowd of people followed Jesus to a remote place.

There were more than 5,000 men, plus woman and children.

They were all getting hungry.



The disciples told Jesus to send the people away to find food. But Jesus told the disciples to feed them.

The disciples knew this would be impossible. It would cost too much money.

But Andrew, brought a young boy to Jesus with a packed lunch.



The boy had five bread rolls and two fish.

Jesus took the lunch.

He prayed and said thank you to God for the food.

Next, he began handing bread and fish to people.

Something amazing happened.



# Games and Activities

## Picnic

Children love to have a picnic. It's a great chance to sit down with your child and talk. You could go to a local park, but they will equally enjoy a picnic in the garden or an indoor picnic.

It is also a chance to introduce foods your child may not usually eat.

Ask your child to help you prepare for the picnic. Make the sandwiches, pack the basket, etc. Speak about if you have enough food for the people at your picnic.



## Groups of ...

For this game, you will need at least 12 objects or people. Remind your children how Jesus told the disciples to divide the people into groups. When you say a number, e.g., 2. Children should sort themselves or the objects into groups of two and so on.

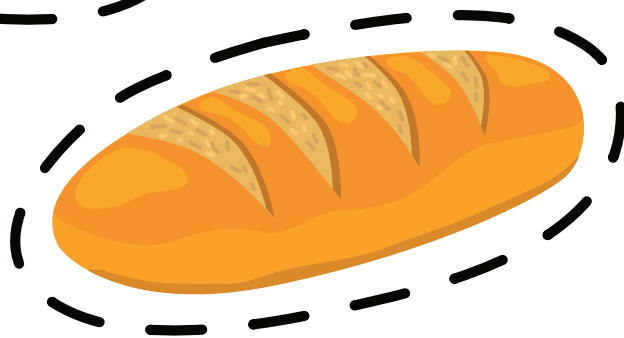
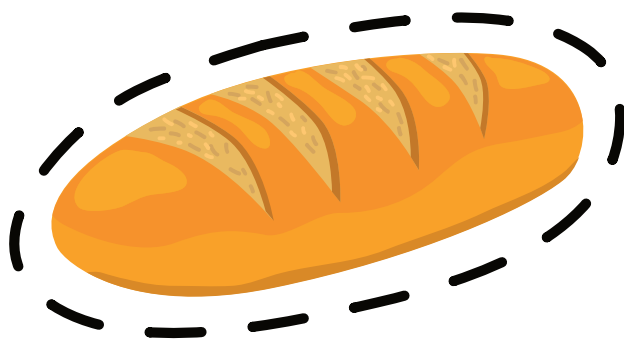
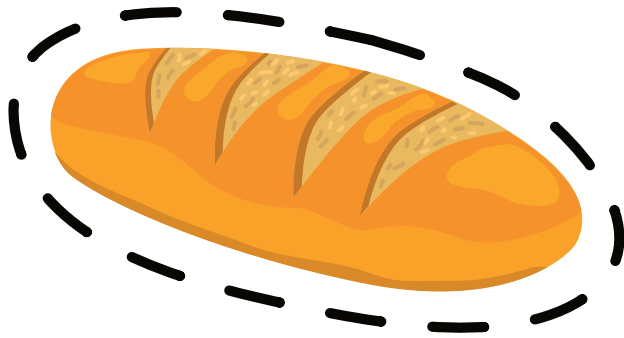
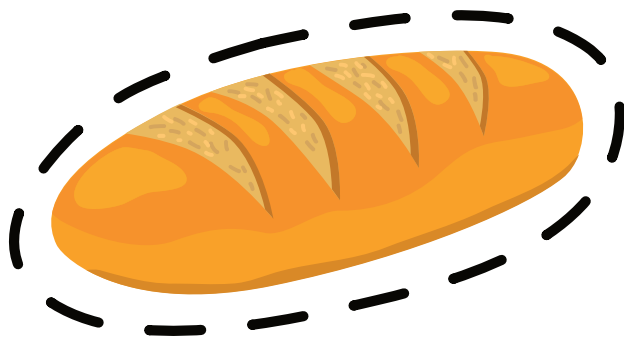
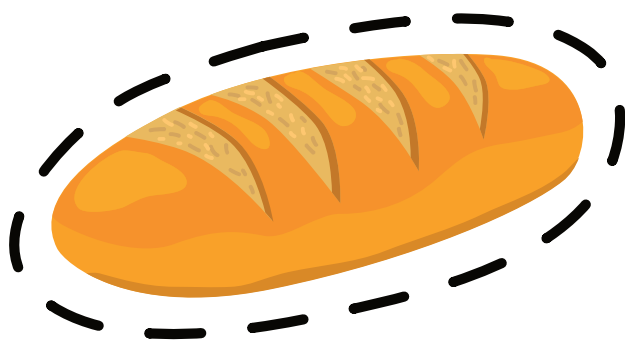
This is a fun game to learn math skills.



## Don't forget your lunch

This is a fun memory game to play with children. You will need a basket or bag and some food items. The first person says, "I have a (food) in my picnic basket." Place the item in the basket. The next player adds a new item and must remember the things already inside. For example, "I have a (new food) and a banana and apple in my picnic basket."







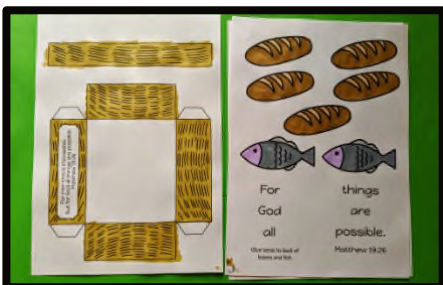
# Basket of loaves and fish



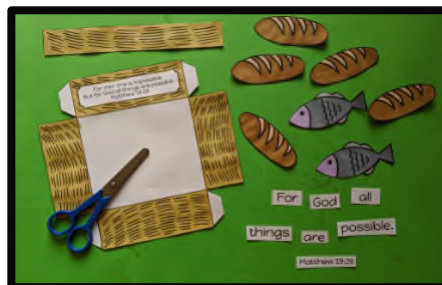
## What you need

Template pages,  
Colouring pencils,  
Scissors,  
Glue.

## What to do



Colour the template pages.



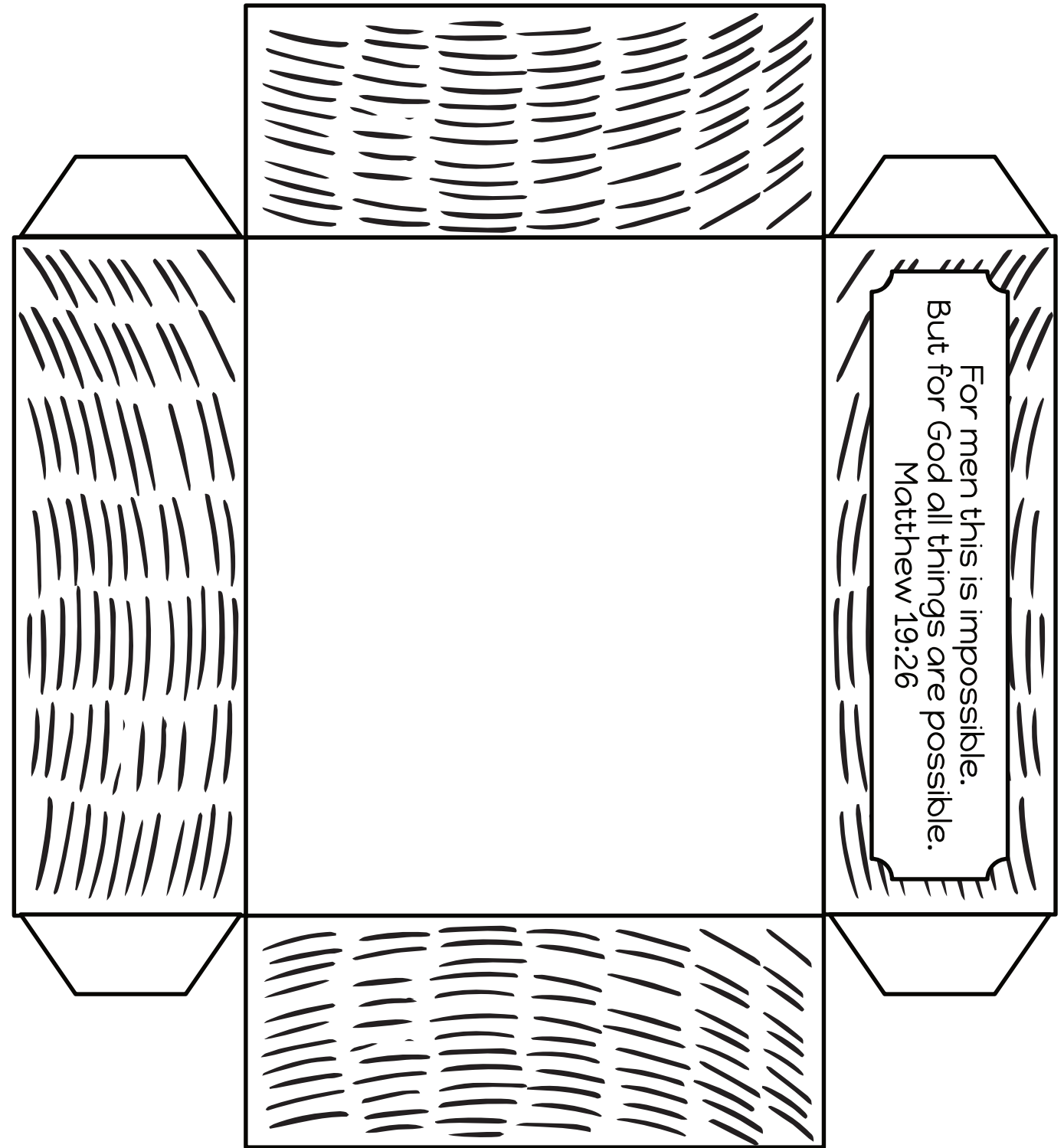
Carefully cut out the basket, handle, loaves, fish and words.



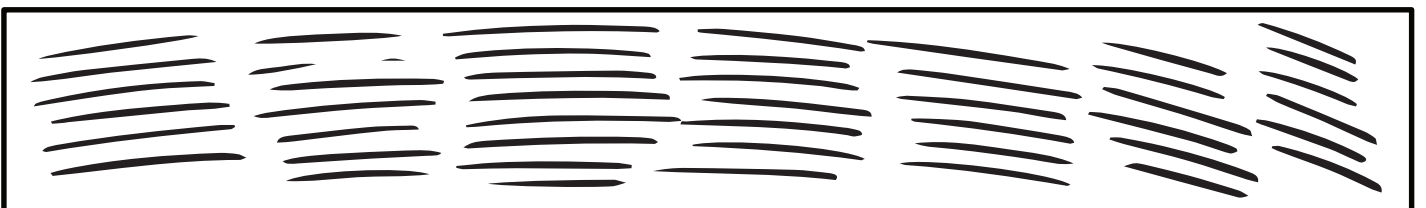
Glue the basket together.  
Glue the words on the back of the loaves and fish

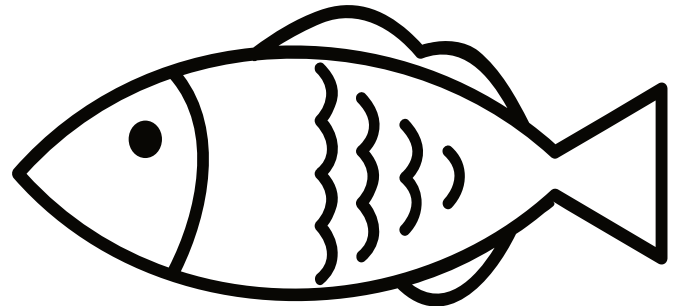
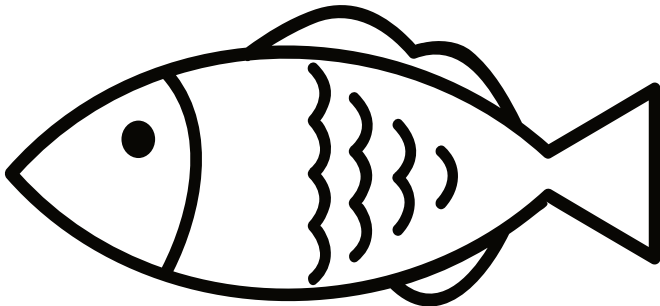
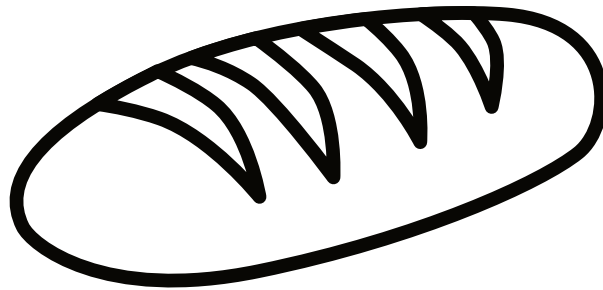
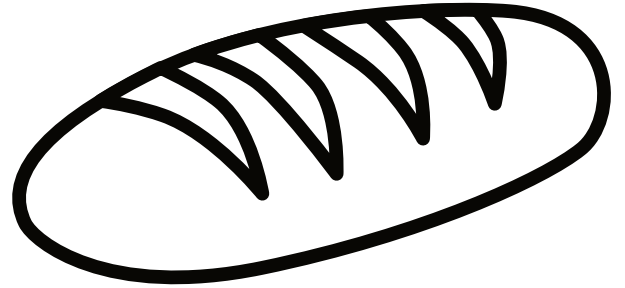
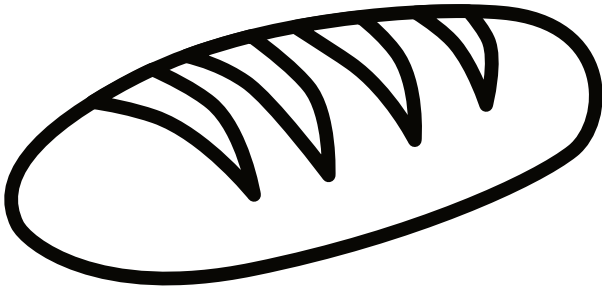
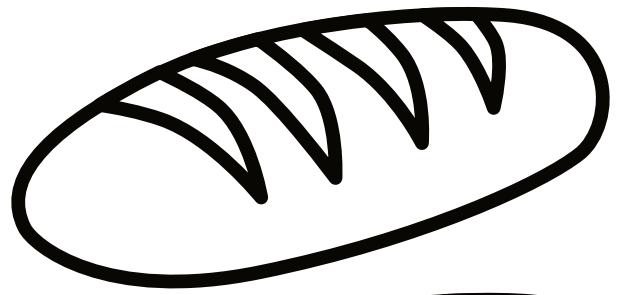
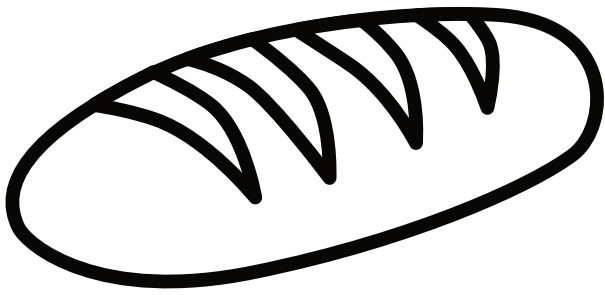
## Memory Verse

Help your child to arrange the loaves and fish to create the memory verses from Matthew 19:26.



For men this is impossible.  
But for God all things are possible.  
Matthew 19:26





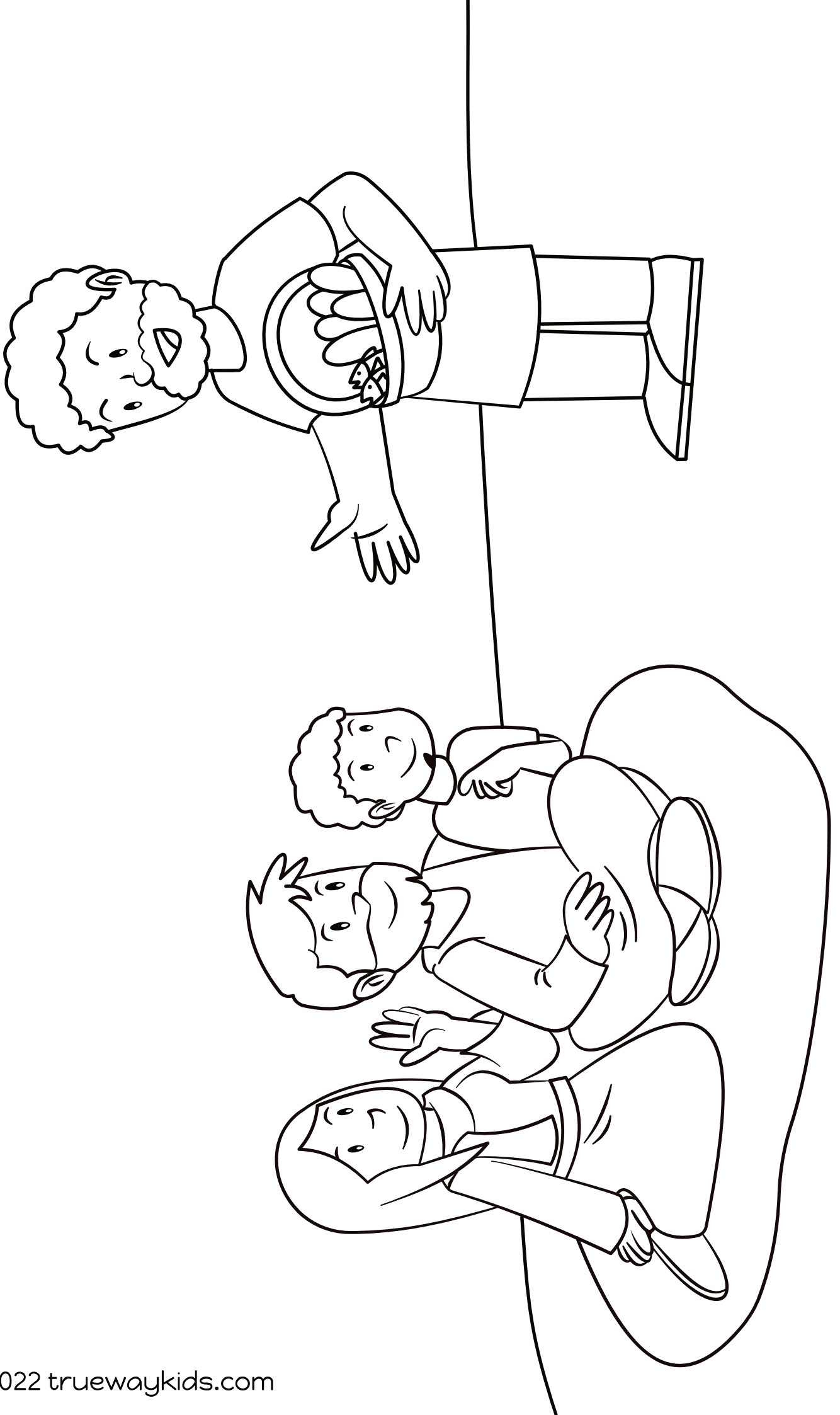
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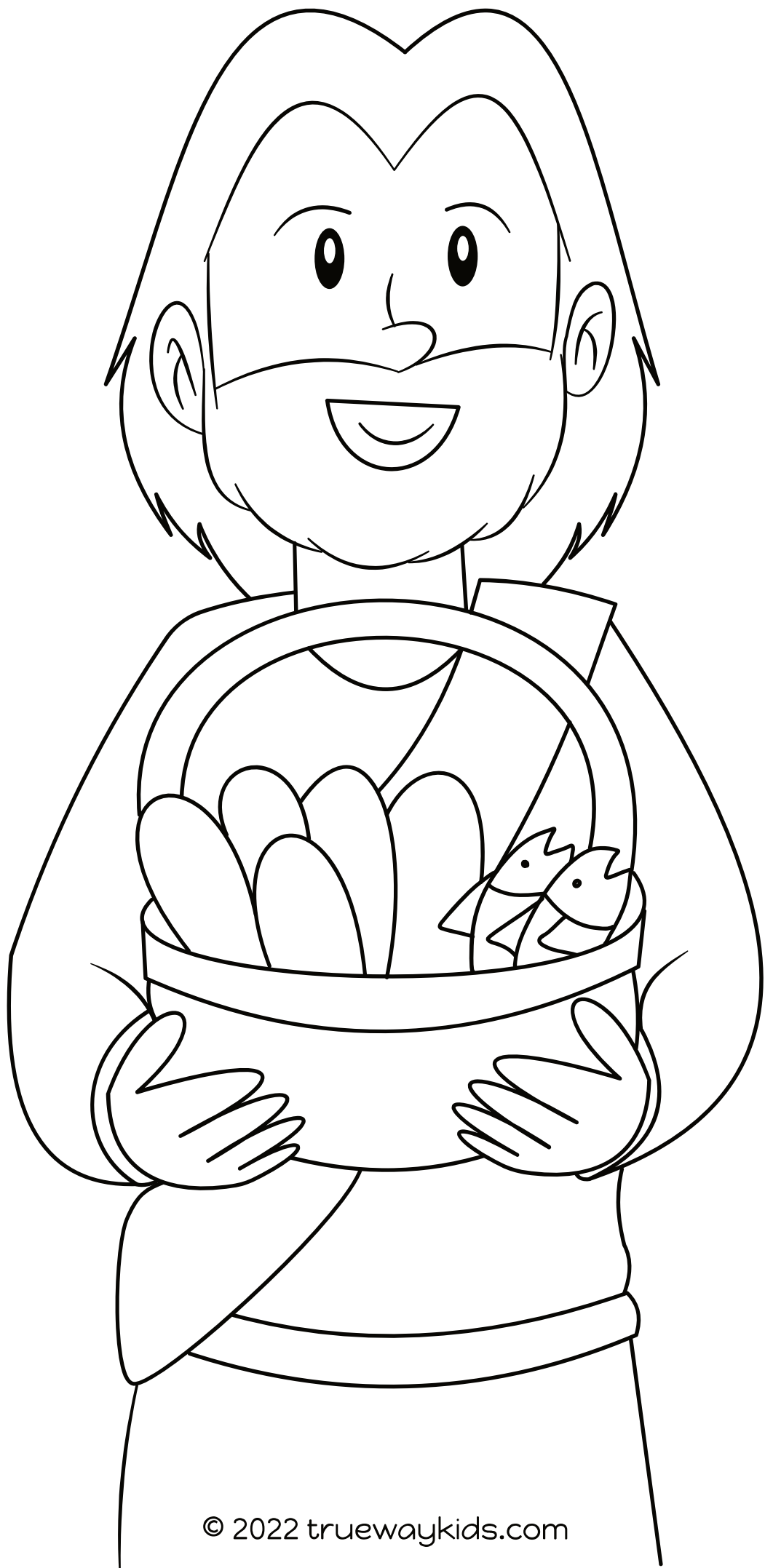
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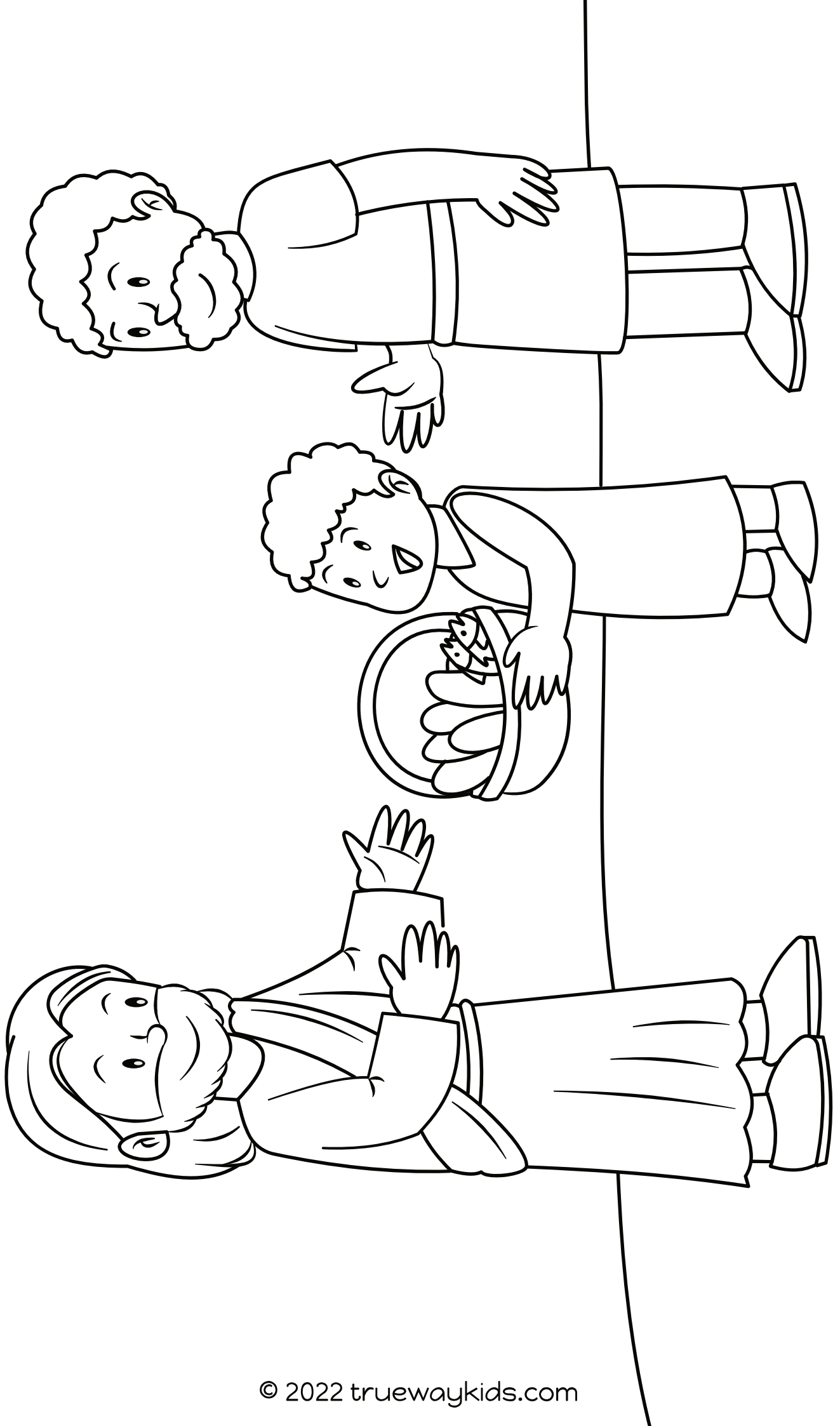
Glue verse to back of  
loaves and fish

Matthew 19:26

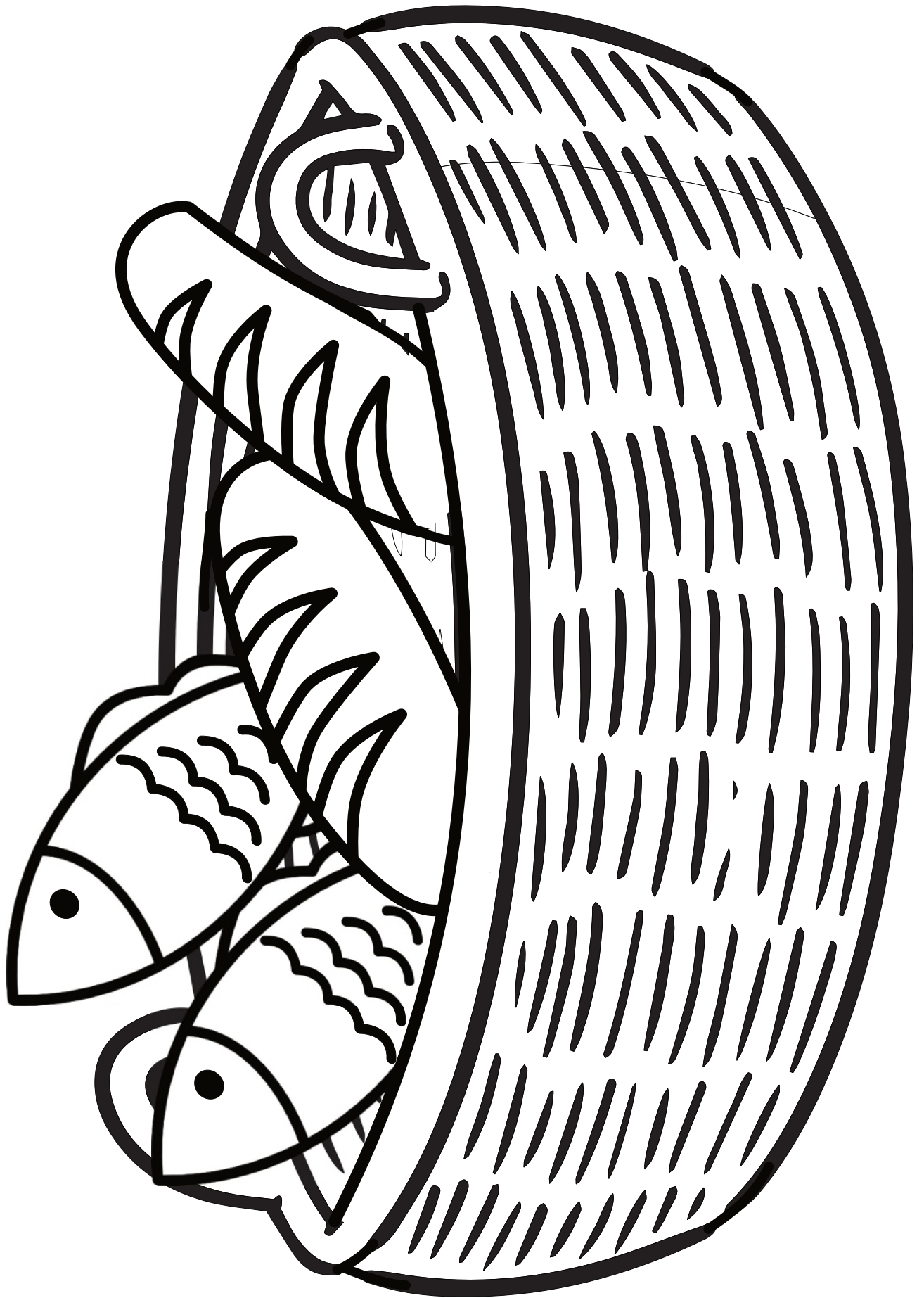




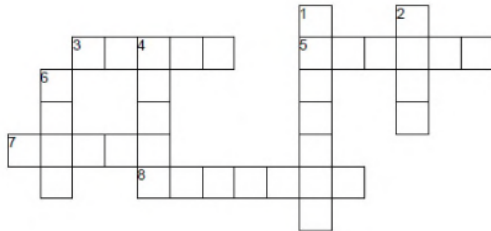








# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

3. The Son of God
5. Filled with fear
7. A liquid necessary for the life of plants and people
8. The later part of the day

## DOWN

1. Traveling on foot
2. A body of water surrounded by land
4. Land along the edge of a body of water
6. A small vessel for travel on water

JESUS	BOAT	AFRAID	WATER
SHORE	EVENING	LAKE	WALKING



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Jesus Walks on Water

John 6:16-21

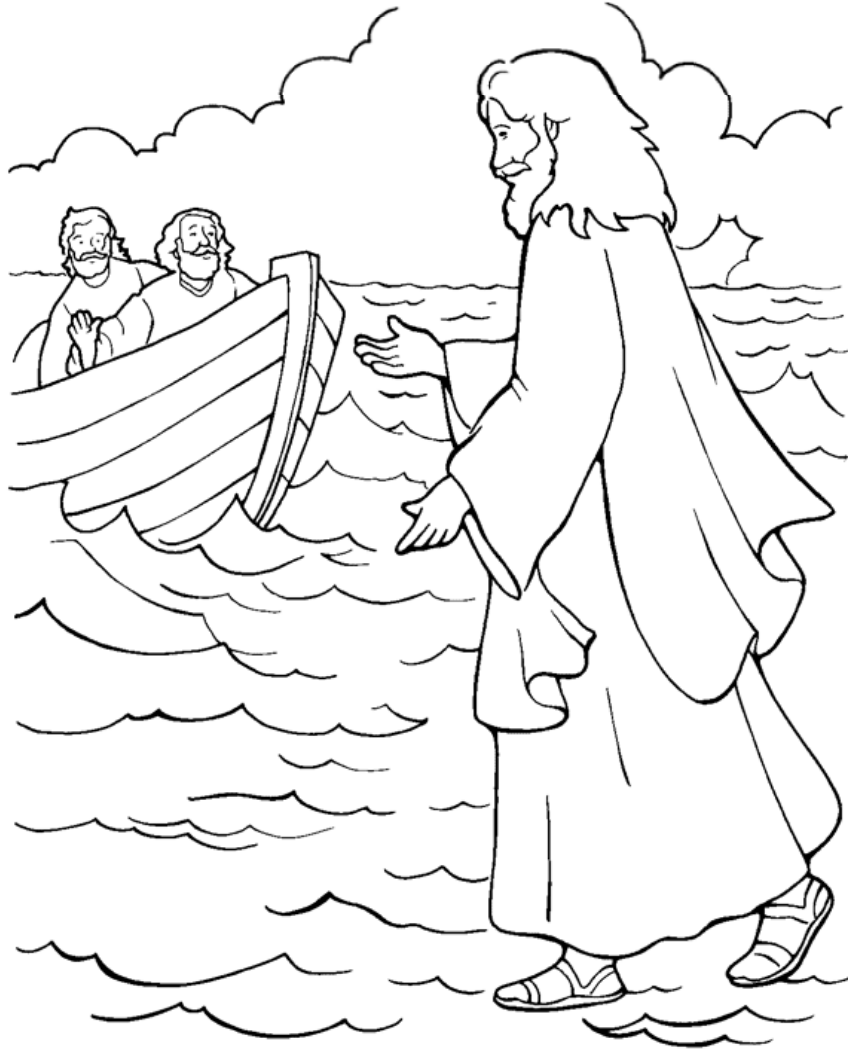
## Word Search Puzzle

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P G N O N T F A D U P N R L X  
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AFRAID	WIND	WALKING	BLOWING
JOINED	BOAT	LAKE	STRONG
JESUS	DARK	WATER	EVENING

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## Coloring Page



Jesus Walks on Water

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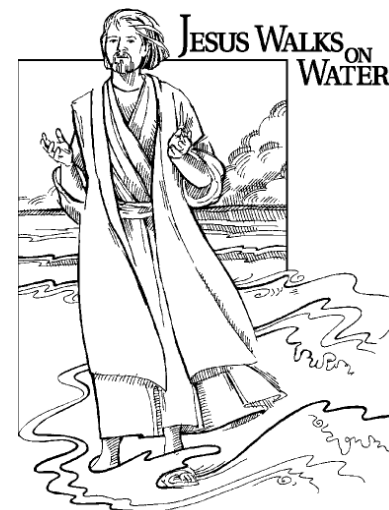
## Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 2-15-1-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-1-12-11-9-14-7 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 23-1-20-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-9-14-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-1-18-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-6-18-1-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT	WALKING	LAKE	EVENING
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## Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 12

YEAR B

God provides  
for his  
people's needs.



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### 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?



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<b>F</b>	<b>Philippians 4:10-20</b>	Christian generosity
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 145:10-18</b>	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.



### PRAYER

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

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### BLESSING

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