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In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God.

Amen.













#### Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory. Forever, Amen.



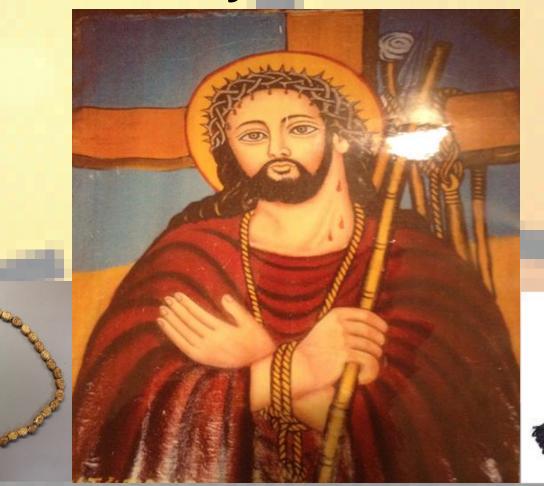
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



## Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.





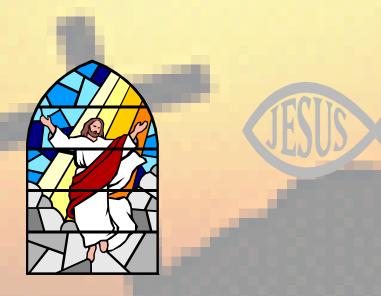
## MEMORY VERSE

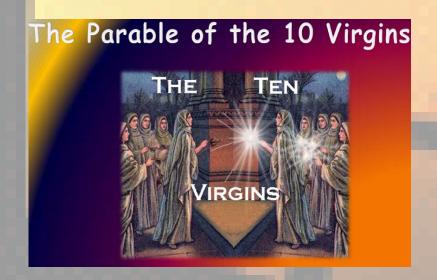
# Can anyone tell me last week's memory verse??

## Recite Last week's memory verse

"Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet Him".

(Matthew 25:6)





## Review





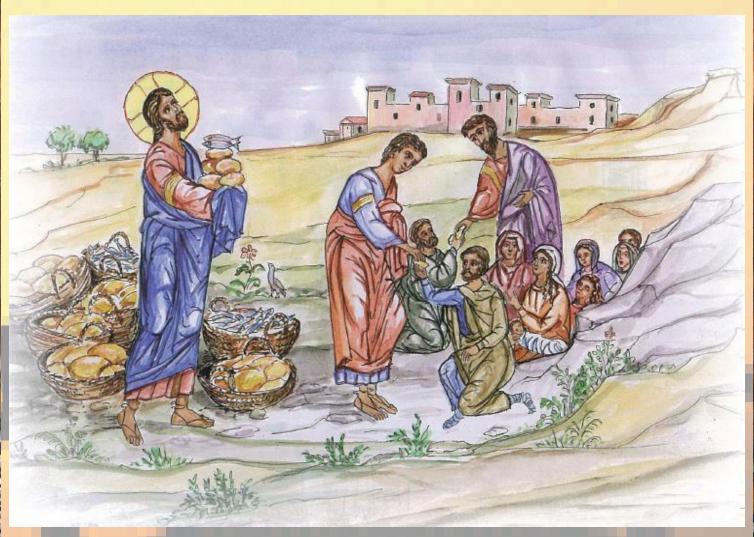
- 1. Why were five of them called wise and the others called foolish? Wise-had oil, foolish did not
- 2. What did all of them do when the bridegroom was delayed? -They all slept
- 3. What the cry heard at midnight? The Bridegroom is here.
- 4. Who are the wise virgins? Those who are ready
- 5. Who are the foolish virgins? -Those who are not ready
- 6. What is the oil? The works, spiritual life with Jesus
- 7. Who is the bridegroom? Jesus Christ

## Class Covenant

I will keep my 🗟 🗟 on my teacher, my in control, my s on God's Word; knowing God is my goal.



#### Jesus feeds 5 thousand



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## Memorize today's Verse "So they all ate and were filled".

(Matthew 14:20)



Practice this verse again during the week.



### Introduction

Today we are going to learn how our Lord Jesus Christ fed five thousand people.

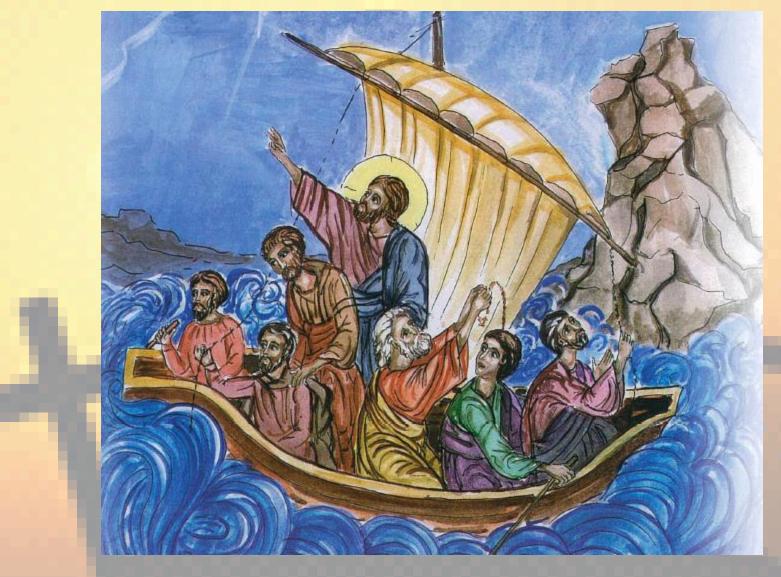
**Objective** 

God takes care of all his children who

follow him.



## Once upon a time Jesus went to a ship and wanted to be alone for a while.



However, he was followed everywhere because they had seen Him heal the sick, and they liked to listen to His teachings.



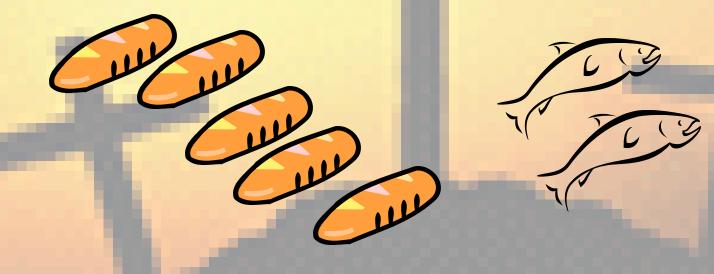
Our Lord Jesus was not upset that they were following him everywhere, but He was actually compassionate and kind towards them and wanted to teach them.



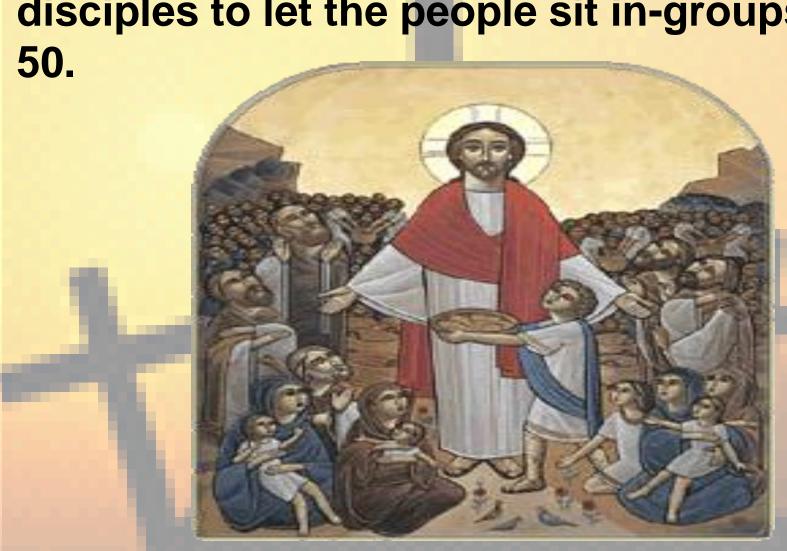
Over 5,000 people had come to see Jesus. When it was evening, the disciples came to our Lord Jesus and said, "This place is a long way from anywhere, and it is already late."

Let the people go to the city, so they could find something to eat. They asked that because they knew that the place they were in did not have any food.

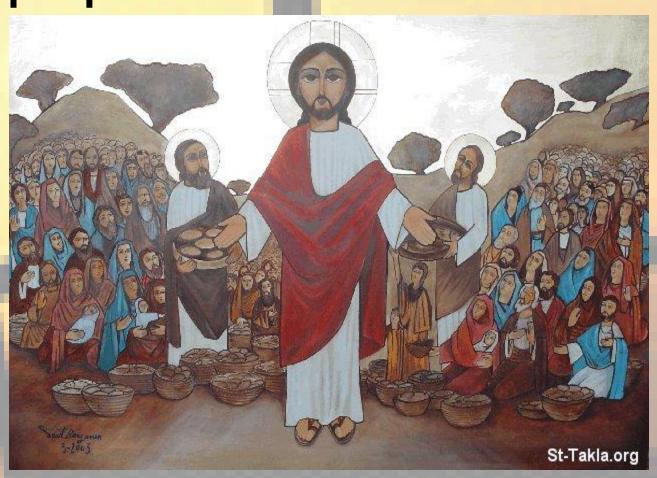
Jesus said, no, they have been with me all day, you should give them something to eat. The disciples said that there is not enough food to feed all these people. Jesus said, "We can feed them. See if anyone has any food to share. One boy shared five loaves of bread and two fish.



Jesus asked them to bring Him those 5 loaves and 2 fish. He also asked his disciples to let the people sit in-groups of 50.



Jesus looked up to heaven, prayed and blessed the food, and all of a sudden it was a lot more food, and enough to feed all those people.



## They all had as much food as they wanted. Everyone ate and was full.



There was also more than what they needed, so Jesus told them to collect the remaining food and it filled 12 baskets. Jesus fed five thousand men, not counting the women and children.

## Applications

- Make a sign of the cross before you eat and pray that Jesus may bless the food.
- The Lord Christ gave food to the disciples and the disciples gave food to the people...
  - This is why we honor and respect Abba and kiss his cross.
  - Jesus gives to Abba and Abba gives to us.



#### Conclusion

- Jesus Christ cares for all our needs. He gives us food to eat, cloth to wear and toys to play. But He also wants us to follow Him and listen to Him.
- He can bless the very little and make it a lot.
- This was a great miracle that shows how kind and caring Jesus Christ is to us His people.
  - He would not let them leave without feeding them.

#### Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKW-iuwhY3w



## Pop Quiz





- 1. Why did the crowds of people follow Jesus?
  - -They wanted to see Jesus heal the sick and teach.
- 2. Why did the disciples ask Jesus to let the people go?
  - -Because there was not much food.
- 3. As evening came and the people became hungry, what question did Jesus the disciples?
  - He ask them to give them food.
- 4. Was there enough food for all those people?

## Pop Quiz





- 5. How much food was there? 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish
- 6. After the people were seated what did Jesus do?
  He looked up to heaven, prayed and blessed the food.
- 7. After everyone had eaten, how much was left over?
  12 baskets full

#### Mezemur

Song

Enamesginew (4)
Amlakachin wiletaw bizu new (4)

Meaning:

Let us praise Him
Our Lord's gift is abundant.





May the love of God the Father and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.

2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.

3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as "Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me."

## JESUS CHRIST

 "For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12)







"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 Any question?

Close with prayer.

