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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 112

Read: [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Gospel Summary

Jesus was still very sad about John the Baptist's death. But even in his sorrow, Jesus remembered the needs of others. As he tried to go to a deserted place, the crowds followed him in hopes that he would heal the sick among them. When it was late and everyone was hungry, the disciples suggested that everyone go away and buy something to eat. Instead, Jesus told the disciples to give them something to eat. They brought five loaves of bread and two fish which turned out to be more than enough for the crowd.

Reflection for Families

How many times as parents are we presented with a crisis to resolve? The disciples presented a problem to Jesus and seemingly without effort he resolved it. One of our nation's great educators, Barbara Coloroso has a piece of advice: When children recognize they have a problem, the teacher or parent responds, "You have a problem (name it). What's your plan?" We can help our children resolve their problems, but we should also be quick to point out that when God is involved, there is far more than enough.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

At the very least, this Gospel today is about sharing. As you look around at your family's resources, you probably think you need everything you have. But look again. Try to find some things you can share with someone else and make plans to see that it happens. Maybe you have some toys, clothing, or household items you can give to someone else. Maybe you have some time to visit with someone who might be lonely. Maybe you have the health and energy to do a chore for someone who does not.

Discussion Starters

1. The hardest part about this Gospel for me to live is . . .
2. I often go to God in prayer for things I want, but the real abundance I have found in my life is from God providing for my needs. An example of this is . . .
3. Usually, my resources are greater than my generosity would indicate. A way for me to reconcile this difference is to . . .

Connection to Faith First®

Faith First At Home Family Guide, Theme 8

Faith First Kindergarten, Chapter 16

Faith First Grade 1, Chapters 13 and 14

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Faith First Grade 2, Chapter 15

Faith First Grade 3, Chapter 16

Faith First Grade 4, Chapter 12

Faith First Grade 5, Chapter 14

Faith First Grade 6, Chapters 15 and 16

Faith First Junior High—Liturgy and Morality, Chapters 6 and 7

