

WEEK 3
LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Wow! Jesus has the power to provide.

BIBLE

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand:
John 6:1–15; Psalm 25:1–10

Whether it's a rocket car powered by soda and mints or a tornado in a water bottle, there's so much in our world that can fill us with awe. The world of STEM is full of things that look like little miracles, but they're nothing compared to the miracles God can perform. In this four-week series, kids will take a look at some of the miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry. Through stories showing the power of Jesus, they'll no doubt go, Wow! Jesus **has the power to heal, to calm our fears, to provide, and to save.**

Wow! Isn't STEM amazing? Magnets can make things stick or move. Gravity pulls us down and keeps us on the ground. Winds can provide gentle breezes or become fierce storms. Even with awesome chemical reactions, volcanic eruptions, and static electricity in this world, there is *nothing* as awesome as the power of Jesus! Let's explore and discover more about this amazing power!

POLL | Too Much, Too Little, Just Enough

- Think about the following things and answer whether you think there is "too much," "too little," or "just enough" of these in your neighborhood.
 - Toy stores
 - Playgrounds
 - Zoos
 - Amusement parks
 - Places to swim
 - Ice cream
 - Trees
 - Traffic lights
 - Your favorite food
 - People you know
- For many things, it's hard to say when it's "just enough" because we generally want more — especially if it's something we love. But God knows everything we really need and makes a way for us to have those things. When the people in the story around Jesus needed something, He provided just enough and He will do the same for you too! Let's learn about how!

BIBLE STORY | Watch the Bible Story from the online lesson from **John 6:1-15.**

DISCUSSION

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**
 - **What problem needed solving at the beginning of today's story?** *There were thousands of hungry people who needed food.*
 - **What food was offered to help meet this need?** *Five loaves of bread and two fish were offered.*
 - **What did Jesus do with the little boy's lunch to help feed the crowd?** *Jesus gave thanks to God and distributed the food. Miraculously, everyone had enough to eat, and there were twelve baskets of leftovers.*

- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- **What are some things that God provides?**
- **What are some things that we can ask God to provide?**

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SCRIPTURE | **Psalm 25:1–10**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** **Read Psalm 25:1-10**
- In math, numbers only increase when they're added to. Jesus can do much more than anything we can figure out using equations and formulas — with just five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus could miraculously feed over five thousand people by increasing their numbers, and they still had twelve baskets of leftovers!
- Like this psalm reminds us, we can put our trust in God for all sorts of things. Verse 3 says that no one who trusts God will be ashamed. God will not only provide us with things we need like food but also other things like courage, wisdom, and guidance. When Jesus provided food for the people, he showed them that it was a good idea for them to put their hope in God!
- I'm sure that after that day, everyone was thinking, "**Wow! Jesus has the power to provide.**" Jesus will continue to because, as verse 10 says, God's ways are always loving and faithful!

PRAYER

- Wow God, you are powerful! You provide for me and meet all of my needs. When I feel like I don't have what I need, or enough of what I need, remind me that you love me and have the power to provide. Amen.

ACTIVITY OPTION #1 | **RESPONSE** | **Problem Solvers**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write this equation on a piece of paper: *Jesus x You > Problem*. Think of things that people around the world might need (like food, water, clothes, homes, peace, safety, or hope) and list them below the equation. Then, brainstorm some things that even kids could do to be part of the solution.
- Math is mostly about trying to solve a problem. Whether it's trying to figure out a quotient for division or solving for the missing number x , we apply the rules of mathematics to find the solution.
- Lots of people in this world have needs, not just us. When we hear about the things other people don't have that we have plenty of, it should make us think about ways to help. **How can we be a part of solving real problems?**
- You might feel like you're too small to make a difference but remember, in today's Bible story, Jesus used the small lunch of a small boy to feed a huge crowd! When we give Jesus the things we have, he can do so much more with them than we could ever imagine.
- **Wow! Jesus has the power to provide . . .** and we can be a part of that equation!

ACTIVITY #2 | Bible Story or Memory Verse Printable

Print either or both the Bible Story and Memory Verse Printable. This will help remind you of the Big Idea for today and also our monthly memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE | **1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)**

- **"In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."**

INSTRUCTIONS: Watch the video from the online lesson page and practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL).



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