

Outdoor dining with Jesus!

Miracles, miracles, miracles.....here is another miracle story from the Gospel of Mark, which is the one we are listening to on Sundays this year!

This is how it happened: Jesus had been teaching a very big crowd all day, a crowd of more than 5,000 people. When evening came the disciples told Jesus to send the people away because the place they were in was far from any shops and no one had anything to eat. Jesus told his disciples that *they* should give the crowd some food. The disciples were more than surprised to hear Jesus say this, surely Jesus knew they didn't have enough food with them to feed 5,000 people nor enough money to buy that much food?

Jesus asked them if they had any food at all and Andrew told him that there was a boy there with 5 small loaves and 2 fish but if that was divided up, they wouldn't even get a crumb each because there were so many people.



Jesus told them to get the people to sit down on the grass in groups. When the people were all sitting down, Jesus took the basket with the 5 small loaves and 2 fish, he looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food, then he blessed it and divided it out. He told the disciples to give food to everyone there. The disciples were astonished to find that there was so much food that, not only did everyone get more than enough to eat BUT after everyone was finished eating, there were 12 baskets of food left over.



Isn't that an amazing story? I wonder what it would have been like to have been there at that picnic with Jesus? I wonder what the little boy thought of what Jesus had been able to do with the small bit of food that he had? The little boy's food wasn't enough to feed everyone BUT when he offered it to Jesus suddenly it became enough. I wonder what gifts and talents we have that we can offer Jesus for him to work miracles with