



# **A RECIPE FOR SHARING**

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Text: **John 6:1-15**

Introduction: The story is told about a young man who shared his meal. Do you know the difference between the stories of the feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000? This story is told in all four gospels, but we are going to study the story as it is recorded by John. Let's study together....

## Discussion:

### ***I. God Intimately Shares With His People***

Moses (**Exodus 3:11; Hebrews 11:26**).

David (**Psalms 40:17; 70:5; 86:1; 109:22**).

John the Baptizer (**Matthew 3:4**).

Jesus (**Matthew 8:20**).

### ***II. God Informed His People To Share***

Sabbath year (**Exodus 23:10-11**).

Differing requirements for the atonement of lepers (**Leviticus 14:1-18**).

The corners of the field, gleanings of the vineyards (**Leviticus 19:9-10; Ruth 2:1ff**).

Unclaimed goods sold, returned at Year of Jubilee (**Leviticus 25:25-28**).

### ***III. God Inspired His People To Share***

It is a sign of true commitment (**Matthew 19:21**).

It is a sign of faith (**Luke 14:13-14**).

It is a product of love (**I Corinthians 13:3**).

It is a reason why we work at our chosen vocations (**Ephesians 4:28**).

### ***IV. God Instituted Sharing in His Work***

Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:8**).

Macedonians (**Romans 15:26; II Corinthians 8:1ff**).

Paul (**Galatians 2:10**).

Jesus (**Philippians 2:5-8; II Corinthians 8:9**).

### ***V. God Inwardly Changes Us When We Share***

We learn to realign our priorities (**Matthew 6:33**).

We understand the blessings (**I Corinthians 15:1-2**).

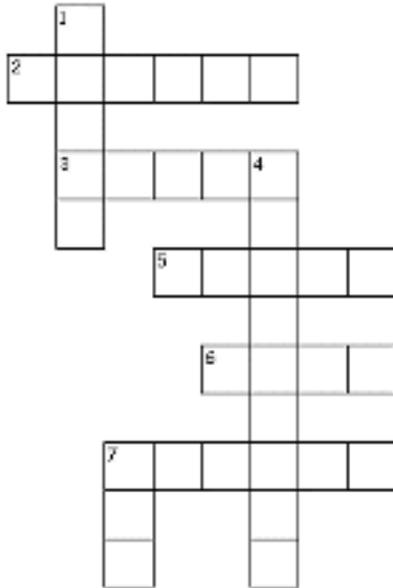
We do not lose heart (**Galatians 6:9**).

We press on toward the mark (**Philippians 3:12-14**).

Conclusion: The story clearly reveals that when people share their blessings, many can benefit. God is able to use small things to make a big difference. Most of us only give God a limited amount of our time, our talents, and our money, but what would happen if we all shared more? Are you ready to share?

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 F F J A N L I X U C K H O A O  
 X I R I R H C S T R K S A B O  
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 A V O T A F I C Y N H Y U J I  
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**Across**

2. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
3. a large group of people
5. Who was the group of people trying to see?
6. How many loaves of bread were there?
7. How many baskets of food were left over?

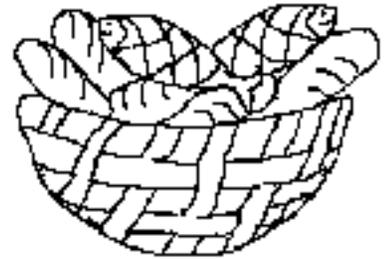
**Down**

1. What did the boy share?
4. Jesus' friends are called \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many fish were there?

BASKETS  
 BLESSED  
 BOAT  
 BOY  
 BREAD

DISCIPLES  
 FISH  
 FIVE  
 FIVETHOUSAND  
 HILL

HUNGRY  
 JESUS  
 OFFERING  
 TWELVE  
 TWO



### QUESTIONS:

1. The people came to see Jesus because of the \_\_\_\_\_ and they wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their sicknesses.
2. Jesus had just learned of the death of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus crossed the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in a boat, but the people followed him.
4. There were about \_\_\_\_\_ men in the crowd besides the women and children.
5. Jesus asked \_\_\_\_\_ where they could buy bread to feed the people.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ brought a boy who had a lunch.
7. The boy's lunch was five \_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit in groups of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ before he broke the bread.
10. After everyone had eaten there were \_\_\_\_\_ baskets full of leftovers.

*Sea*  
*500*  
*Healed*  
*Loaves*

*Andrew*  
*Philip*  
*Fish*  
*Peter*

*Baptist*  
*50*  
*5,000*  
*12*

*Thanks*  
*100*  
*John*  
*Red*

*Miracles*  
*Barley*  
*Galilee*  
*20*