

1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open and dispaly images and / or play your chosen music.

2. Introduction

Today we're going to find out how a little can go a long way...from one the miracles that the Bible tells us Jesus performed during the three years he spent preaching and teaching. Jesus knew the importance of sharing and offering what little we have to help others. And in the story we're going to watch he used someone to help him that no one expected. A child - a small boy.

A really huge crowd had gathered to hear Jesus speak. Everyone in the crowd was hungry, because they'd been waiting for Jesus all day and no one had brought anything to eat. No-one except the small boy, who had brought his packed tea that his mum had made for him - five small loves and two small fish.

And there were about 5000 people sitting waiting to be fed. Can you imagine what 5000 people looks like? [Reflect on how many are currently sitting in the hall compared to 5000. Show the image of one figure (in red) among 5000.] So now we're going to find out what Jesus did to feed 5000 people with just five small loaves and two small fish...

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 28". Final words: 'Keep at it!'

4. Time to talk

- Who has seen any cookery competitions on TV? How do you think the disciples did? Do you think it was a fair contest? Why?
- The real story from the Bible didn't take place on a cookery show of course. Jesus didn't need any gadgets or a competition to perform his miracle. He simply blessed the food and asked his disciples to hand it out to the crowd. Now imagine you were one of his disciples. What would you expect to happen very quickly? [Gather responses.] Yes for the food to run out. But it didn't. Not only did every single one of the 5000 people eat their fill but there was food left over. Who can remember how much? [12 baskets.]
- What do you think we can learn from the story? [Gather responses.] Jesus used the smallest of boys with the smallest amount of food to perform one of his biggest miracles. It shows us that even though we are small, we can have big dreams and achieve big things. And it also shows us that a little kindness can mean a lot to many people.

Link to video page



5. Opportunity to reflect

Jesus used the small amount of food from the boy to perform a miracle because he wanted to show people that something amazing can come out of something small...

Can you think of anytime in your life when you have felt too small or too weak to do something..?

There are big issues in the world at the moment - for example, how to protect our planet from ongoing pollution...
Can you think of any other big issues that you have heard about..?
Can you think of something you can do, no matter how small, that might

do, no matter how small, that might make a difference..?

Can you think of any small things you can do at school or at home that might make a big difference to our friends, teachers or family..?

7. Opportunity for prayer

Thank you that even though we are small, we can be used to do mighty things. Help us think about the small changes we can make at school and at home. Help us think of others and how we can make the world a better place. Help us to have confidence in ourselves and trust that we can make a difference. Amen.