

**Lesson #1-24****Feeding of the 5,000**

Matthew 14:13-33

Key Verse:

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

The Point:

Great things can be accomplished through faith.

Unit Theme (February 17—March 3)

God's Power

Pipe Cleaner Praises

Praise God for God's awesome power.

You will need:

- † Activity Sheet
- † Chenille stems (pipe cleaners)

Preparation:

1. Make one copy of the activity sheet for each participant.

Instructions:

1. **In today's story, Jesus' disciples worship him for his amazing power. They do this after they see him perform some amazing miracles. Sometimes we see God's awesome power in our lives, too.**
2. Hand each student a couple of chenille stems. **Today we are going to make sculptures using these chenille stems.**

- Think about something that shows you how awesome God's power is. Maybe it is a blessing God has given you. Maybe it is something that God created. You can use more than one chenille stem if you want. Your sculpture does not have to look like what you are thinking of. You can make it look however you want.**
3. Give participants a few minutes to create. Invite them to share their creation. **Let's praise God for these amazing miracles!**
 4. Invite participants to participate in the liturgy found on the activity sheet.
 5. **Just like the disciples, we also praise and worship God for the awesome miracles we see. Take home your sculpture and activity sheet and use them to remind you of God's amazing power!**

Pipe Cleaner Praises

Praise God for God's awesome power.

Leader: God, you are awesome! Your power is all around us.

People: You are awesome, God.

Leader: We see your wonders everywhere.

People: You are awesome, God.

Leader: You made everything in the universe.

People: You are awesome, God.

Leader: You protect us from things that wish to hurt us.

People: You are awesome, God.

Leader: We bring you these thanksgivings for your awesome power. (*Hold up your pipe cleaner creations.*)

People: You are awesome, God.

Leader: We thank you, God, for the miracles we see today.

People: You are awesome, God. Amen.