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Talk About:

1. Did you know that Jesus fed way more than 5,000 people? Back then only the men were counted. When you include women and children, that number may have doubled. Does that make the miracle more impressive? Why or why not?
2. Do you find it interesting that there were 12 baskets of leftover food? Why didn't Jesus make just enough food for everybody?
3. What does this miracle teach you about God's power?

Pray Together:

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