

## Act 2 Scene 17 The Feeding of the 5,000

Taken from [Mark 6:30-44](#), [Matthew 14:13-21](#), [Luke 9:12-17](#); [John 6:1-14](#)

CAST	
<b>JESUS</b>	The Gospel stories tell us a lot about Jesus, from the way he behaved – by the way he spoke and treated the people around him. In this scene, he is becoming really well known for doing and saying amazing things. I wonder what he will do next?
<b>PETER</b>	Peter was one of the closest disciples to Jesus, together with James and John. His faith was strong but he was rash and hot headed at times. His original name was Simon.
<b>CROWD- Children &amp; Parents</b>	In this scene, a large crowd of men, woman and children had followed Jesus and his disciples, on foot and coming from the surrounding towns and villages. They all had their own reasons for being there – some wanted to be healed, others were just curious about this man called Jesus Whatever their reasons, this crowd of people had been listening to Jesus for a long time and were now hungry.
<b>ANDREW</b>	A disciple and the brother of Peter and also a fisherman. Called with Peter and James and John while fishing.
<b>JUDAS</b>	Judas was the disciple who betrayed Jesus. Little is known of him apart from the fact that he looked after the disciples' money bag
<b>JOHN</b>	When Jesus called James and John to be his disciples, they were two ordinary fishermen. John is thought to be one of the youngest and closest friends of Jesus, with the Gospel of John attributed to him.

*For more information on the people that encountered Jesus, see the **'people'** area of the website*

*The crowd are all sitting down listening to Jesus before the disciples begin to suggest it is time to leave.*

*Jesus and his friends start to walk off set.*

CROWD                      *(Running after JESUS)* Jesus, come back! Don't go! We want to come with you!

PETER                      No, you heard the Master. Go home.

CHILD                      I'm hungry!

PETER                      Go away and find food and shelter for yourselves.

PARENT                    We're hungry.

CROWD                    We want more stories! We're coming with you!

PARENT                    We're all hungry!

ANDREW                    Peter, they are far from their homes. They need to eat...

JESUS                     Let us give them food.

PETER                     We haven't got anything.

JESUS                     Can we not buy what is needed?

PETER                     Master, where are we going to do that? This is a remote place and anyway we have no money. Judas how much money do we have in the box? Have you collected any money?

JUDAS                     No Peter, tell him. There's no money in the box. Nothing!

PETER                     We have no money and anyway it would take eight months wages to give each man here a mouthful. Let alone all the women and children. Look at these old dears how are they going to get home without being fed?

PARENT                   And how am I going to feed my children?

PETER                     How should I know!? You should have thought of that before you come here!

JESUS                     Peter, what do we have?

PETER                     Nothing. We have nothing Master. Don't look at me like that. Nothing. *(He asks a CROWD member)* Do you have any food? *(To an audience member)* Do you have any food?

*The FOLLOWERS and CROWD walk amongst the audience, asking for food.*

JOHN                      Master! Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two fishes.

JESUS                     Bring him here.

JOHN                      But how far will that go among so many?

JESUS                     John, bring him to me. And form the crowd into groups. And bring baskets.

PETER                     Come on brothers.

JESUS                     And you will see.

*The BOY is taken to JESUS.*

*The DISCIPLES take their baskets up to JESUS.*

*JESUS prays and then fills the baskets to the brim with loaves.*

*The DISCIPLES distribute bread to the audience, spreading out throughout the crowd and throwing bread to those they cannot reach. The crowd respond with excitement, creating a celebratory atmosphere.*

PETER                               The prophets foretold a Messiah and we have lived to see and hear Him!  
  Thanks be to the living God!

*The CROWD cheers.*

PETER                               Master it is done! All are fed.

JESUS                                Go and gather up all that remains so that nothing is wasted.

*The DISCIPLES and CROWD collect up remaining food.*

