

The Big Bible story of Famine and Feast

Action	Script	Bible reference
	What is God's Word like?	
<p>Spread out a bright plain circular tablecloth. As you tell each part of the story, you will be setting out another 'place setting' around the edge of the cloth. There are five around the edge and one in the centre.</p>	<p>It is like our daily bread. It is like a feast on a table. Some parts of it are hard to digest. Some parts are as sweet as honey. But we need every part.</p>	<p>Matthew 6:11 John 6:60 Psalm 119:102-104 Matthew 4:4</p>
<p>Sprinkle some sand around the first 'setting'. On it, place an open serviette, and on this some pieces of wafer and some wooden bird shapes.</p>	<p>Long ago, God led his people out of Egypt. He led them on a long journey across the wilderness. The wilderness is an empty place and it's hard to find enough to eat. But every day God sent them a sort of bread to eat, called manna, and a sort of bird to eat, called quails: day by day God fed his people in the wilderness.</p>	<p>Exodus 16</p>
<p>Spread a piece of blue ribbon between the previous setting and the next one.</p> <p>Set an overflowing fruit basket on the other side of the 'river' in the next setting.</p>	<p>But God wanted his people to live in a land of plenty. When they arrived at the River Jordan, Moses sent Joshua and some other spies into the land to see what it was like. The spies came back with pomegranates, figs and a bunch of grapes so big it took two men to carry it on a pole! There was plenty to eat in the land.</p>	<p>Numbers 13</p>
<p>Place some dried-out grasses between the second and third settings.</p>	<p>Even in the land of plenty, there were times of famine when there was no rain, so there wasn't enough to eat. During one famine, the prophet Elijah met a woman who was collecting sticks. She told him she was going to make a fire and use the last of her oil and flour to bake a little loaf of bread for</p>	<p>1 Kings 17:7-24</p>

<p>Place a roll of bread and a small jug of oil on a plate in the third setting.</p>	<p>herself and her son, and then they would die, as there was no food left. Elijah asked her to use the last of her flour to make a little loaf for him as well. He promised her that God wouldn't let the flour or the oil run out until it rained again. The woman kindly baked him some bread from the last of her flour. And God kept the promise Elijah had made, and she never ran out of flour or oil.</p>	
<p>Spread some confetti between the plate and the empty wine cup.</p> <p>Pour wine into the cup.</p>	<p>Many years later, Jesus was at a wedding when his mother told him that the wine had run out. The feast would be ruined. But Jesus changed some huge jars of water into jars of wine and the feast could carry on even better than before.</p>	<p>John 2:1-11</p>
<p>Place smiling faces between the cup and the serviette.</p> <p>Spread out a serviette like a picnic rug. On the serviette place five rolls and two fish shapes, tear some of the bread and scatter it in a trail that links the serviette and the last plate and cup.</p>	<p>Jesus enjoyed many meals with his friends. In fact, he enjoyed so many meals that some people told him off for eating with the wrong people!</p> <p>One time Jesus was out in the wilderness with thousands of people, who were very hungry. One boy gave Jesus his food, and Jesus turned those five rolls and two fish into enough food for all the thousands of people.</p> <p>Jesus told everyone: 'I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.'</p>	<p>Luke 5:30-33 Luke 15:2</p> <p>John 6:1-15</p> <p>John 6:35</p>
<p>Place a plate and wine glass in the centre of the cloth.</p>	<p>The last meal he ate with his friends before he died was a feast to remember the time God led his people out of Egypt. Jesus took the bread and said, 'Take this and eat it. This is my</p>	<p>Matthew 26:17-30</p>

<p>Tear a bread roll in two and place it on the plate as you speak. Pour out wine into the cup as you speak.</p>	<p>body, given for you.' He took the wine and said, 'Take this and drink it. This is my blood poured out for you.'</p>	
<p>Spread some party streamers or party poppers over the table around and between the plates. Sit back and spread out your hands over the table in enjoyment.</p>	<p>Jesus always said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a wonderful feast, with food for everyone to share! A feast that goes on and on and on!'</p>	<p>Matthew 8:11</p>
	<p>I wonder where we see that feast happening today? I wonder why there is famine as well as feast in this story? I wonder why Jesus said that people don't just need food to eat; they need every word that comes from God?</p>	



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