

Jesus Is the Bread of Life

Theme

Jesus is the Living Bread.

Object

"Signs" printable - one copy

Scripture

John 6:24-35

We see signs all around us every day. As we walk down the halls at school, we may see signs that tell the different rooms in the school such as the cafeteria, office, library, computer lab, or music room. Each classroom probably has a sign by the door with the teacher's name on it so students will be able to find their classrooms.

When we travel around our town, we see signs that tell us what we should or should not do. I have some pictures of some **signs** that you probably see every day. Let's see how many of them you know. (Hold up each of the signs and invite kids to tell what they mean.)

Our lesson today is about signs of a different kind--not a sign you can touch, but something that would prove to people that Jesus really was sent by God. Like when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. That was a sign that Jesus was from God, but the people totally missed it. They wanted even more signs, more proof.

The Bible says when people realized Jesus had left that place and gone somewhere else, they went looking for Him. They found Him way over on the other side of the lake.

Jesus said to them, "You came looking for me not because you saw God in my actions, but because I fed you. You shouldn't be so concerned about things like food. Instead, you should be seeking the eternal life that I can give you."

Here's how the people responded: "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? After all, Moses gave our ancestors bread from heaven to eat when they were in the wilderness. Can you do that?"

Jesus answered them, "The true bread of God is the One who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

"Give us that bread! Give it to us every day," the people said.

Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Some people today are still asking for some special sign that will prove that Jesus was sent from God. But God has given us all the signs we need right here in the Bible. All God wants is for us to believe in the one He sent.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. We don't need a sign. We believe in Him, which means He gives us life forever with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Interactive Group Activities
by Carol Williams

Sermon Title: "Looking for a Sign"

Scripture Reading: John 6:24-35

SIGN RACE: Divide the children into two teams. Give each team a poster board and some markers! One member from each team will run to the poster board and quickly draw one line or shape and run back to the team. The next player will come and draw another line or shape. This will continue until the entire team has had a turn. (The object is to try to create a sign.) When each team is finished, each team will try to guess what the other team's SIGN is. This will be fun and probably funny to see what SIGN is made with everyone adding lines or circles! Tell children that our story today is about a SIGN.

BREAD RELAY: Children will be divided into groups of three. Give each group the same amount of bread, rolls, or muffins and see which team can finish their "bread" first. Make sure that juice or water is available as well! Tell children to listen to the story and about the BREAD today!

BREAD BIBLE VERSE: Cut pieces of paper into the shape of loaves of bread. Print words from John 11:35 on the pieces of paper and place them around the room on the floor. Let the children recite the Bible verse together a few times. The boys can read one phrase and the girls can read another phrase. When they are familiar with the verse, let the children take turns HOPPING to the BREAD WORDS on the floor in the correct order.

LIVING BREAD: Give the children pieces of paper in the shape of loaves of bread. Let the children write words on the loaves which relate to today's lesson. (Suggested words: Jesus, Bread of Life, Heaven, Eternal Life, The True Bread, Never Hunger, Believe.) Glue the completed loaves in random order on a large piece of poster board and put it up on the wall.

FLOOR BREAD BASKET: Give the children some masking tape to tape on the floor in the shape of a large loaf of bread. Place a basket filled with small muffins, cookies, or cupcakes. Ask the children questions about today's Bible story. Each time a child answers a question correctly, they may go to the basket and get one treat. After all the children have earned a treat, let children enjoy their snack while sitting on the floor around the bread shape.

BIBLE LACING: Provide each child with black or brown construction paper for a book cover and some plain, white paper for the pages. The teacher should have punched holes along one edge of the papers so that the children can lace the pages together with yarn to create a "Bible". (The teacher may need to assist them in this.) When the children have finished creating their "Bible", have them write words or draw pictures in their "Bible" that represent what we have learned in today's lesson.

BIBLE ON A STICK: Let the children color and cut out 2 copies of a loaf of bread. Write B-I-B-L-E and draw crosses on the bread. Stuff with a tissue and tape together. Stick a craft stick into the bottom of the Bible and tape or glue it in place. Let the children tell today's Bible story as they wave their BIBLE ON A STICK.

Sing a Song: "Bread of Life" arr. by Charles Kirkpatrick

Words and Music (pdf)



MP3 Demo Track

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Carol and her husband have served churches in Illinois, Minnesota, Mississippi, Michigan, and Indiana. Carol loves to work with children so you will find her teaching in Junior Church and children's Sunday School. She also has clowning ministry in which she is known as Bubbles the clown).

Monkey Bread Recipe

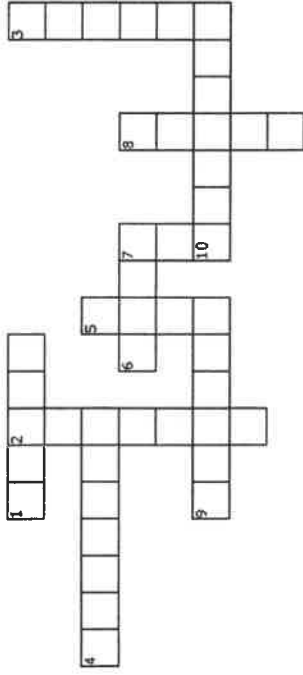
INGREDIENTS

- 4 ten count tubes of canned biscuits
- 1 Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1 Stick Butter/Margarine
- 3 Tablespoons of Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix sugar and cinnamon
3. Quarter biscuits and roll each in the above mixture until coated
4. Put all the coated quartered biscuits in a greased bunt pan - just pile them in there.
5. Melt the butter and mix it with the extra cinnamon and sugar mixture
6. Pour the mixture from #4 over the biscuits in the bunt pan
7. Bake for 30 minutes.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
4. To accept something as being true
6. The period between birth and death
9. The place where God and the angels live
10. To have a desire for water.

HEAVEN	ETERNAL	WORLD	HUNGRY	SIGN
EAT	THIRSTY	BREAD	BELIEVE	LIFE



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Looking for a Sign

John 6:24-35

Word Search Puzzle

H B B U Y R Z H L G L I F E H
P C E L K A F L W U A G C E
H B L M G J S B Q B L V E B A
B I R T Q Q N B W T R U E V
F S E Y H R I K N I O R G L E
L F V D U V U P A M O S E S N
F F E H N H Y T P Z D C O G A
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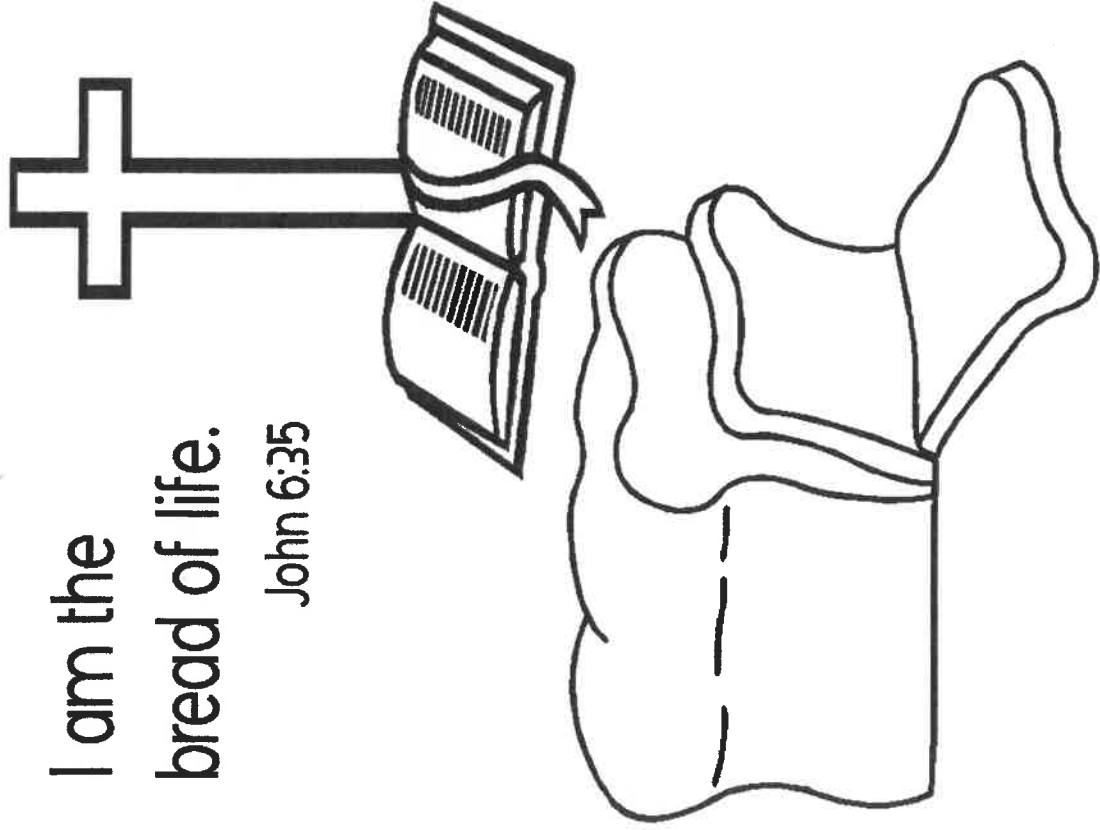
LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD

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Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Put the letter for that word in the blank next
to the definition.

1. To accept something as being true
A. think B. hope C. believe D. wish
2. To have a desire for water.
A. hungry B. thirsty C. tired D. weary
3. To last forever; to be without end
A. eternal B. short C. long D. brief
4. The period between birth and death
A. youth B. life C. childhood D. adult
5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
A. picture B. word C. sign D. believe
6. The place where God and the angels live
A. heaven B. Jerusalem C. earth D. eternal
7. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
A. manna B. bread C. corn D. candy
8. The earth with its inhabitants
A. heaven B. desert C. bread D. world
9. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
A. drink B. eat C. sleep D. thirsty
10. To have a desire for food
A. thirsty B. eat C. hungry D. tired



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