

God's Abundant Presence

Five Loaves and two fish

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Reading: John 6:1-21

Make a mobile that celebrates God's abundant provision for all of us.
On the back, write 'In God's world, there is plenty for everyone.'

You will need:

- ♦ paper plates
- ♦ brown paper, recycled cardboard, stuffing and alfoil for fish and bread shapes (see next page)
- ♦ catalogues and magazines with pictures of people's faces
- ♦ coloured felt pens
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ glue sticks
- ♦ hole punch
- ♦ stapler
- ♦ ribbon or string

What to do:

- ♦ Punch a hole in the top where you will thread the ribbon to hang the mobile with.
- ♦ Cut out pictures of faces from the catalogues and magazines.
- ♦ Glue them around the edge of the paper plate being careful not to cover the hole!
- ♦ Make five bread rolls and two fish following the instructions on the next page.
- ♦ Glue them in the middle of the plate.
- ♦ On the back, write 'In God's world, there is plenty for everyone.'
- ♦ Thread the ribbon through the hole and hang the mobile from a light fitting, the ceiling or any other suitable place, so people can see the message.



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Loaves and Fish Craft: Simpler idea for younger children

Materials:

Brown paper/ brown paper bags, alfoil, cotton wool or tissue paper for stuffing, paper plates, cardboard (use recycled cereal or biscuit packets), scissors, staplers, glue

Each child will need:

- ♦ a small paper plate
- ♦ 10 loaf shapes cut out of brown paper
- ♦ cotton wool or tissue paper for stuffing loaves
- ♦ 2 alfoil fish shapes
- ♦ 2 cardboard fish shapes

Preparation:

LOAVES and FISH: Helpful hint:

To cut loaf and fish shapes, first cut out templates of the shapes. Using the loaf and fish shapes below, trace shapes onto cardboard or a **plastic icecream lid** (these are a bit tougher to cut, but can be cut with scissors, and are virtually indestructible.) You can use them yourself to cut out shapes for younger children, or make enough for older children to trace and cut their own shapes.

Each child will need 10 brown paper loaf shapes, 2 cardboard fish shapes and 2 alfoil fish shapes. **NB: alfoil shapes should have an extra 1cm all round so the alfoil can be folded over the edges to the back of the cardboard.**

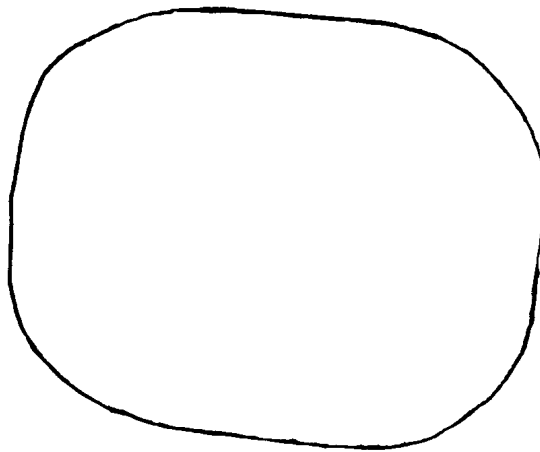
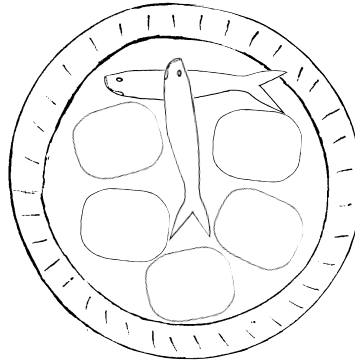
Method:

Loaves: For each loaf, staple 2 brown paper shapes together around the edges, leaving a gap at one end to stuff the loaf. Gently push enough cotton wool or tissue paper into the hole to give the loaf some shape, then staple the end.

Fish: Glue alfoil fish shapes onto cardboard fish shapes (one side only). Fold excess alfoil over to the back to finish the edges neatly. You may find you don't need to glue the alfoil on.

Assemble:

Position loaves and fish on paper plate, then glue in place with a dab of craft glue.



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