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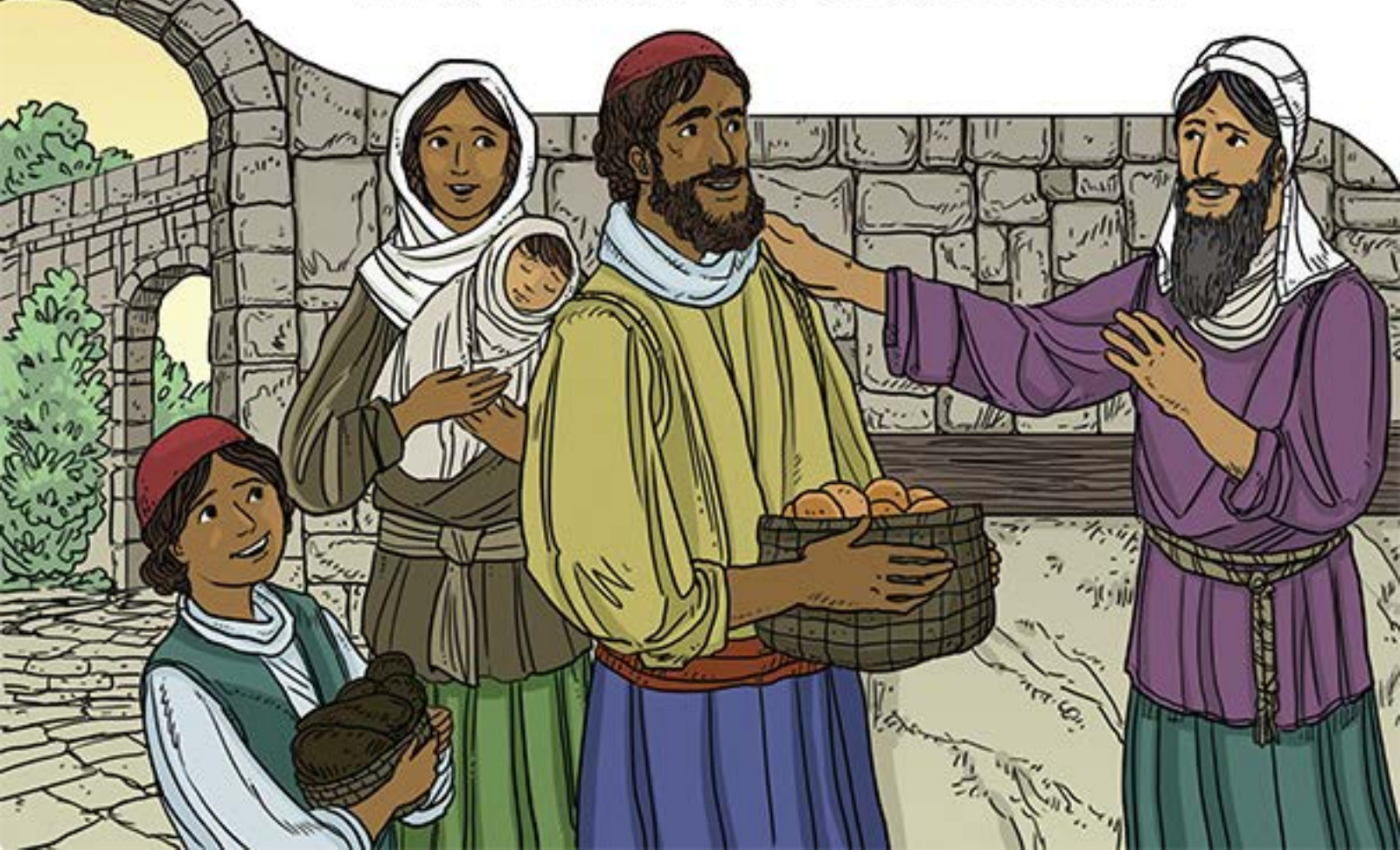
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Then he **distributed** the bread and
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Everyone ate until they were full. The
people said, "We are so full. We ate as
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"It is a miracle!" the crowd cheered.



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They filled twelve baskets with all that was left. The people praised, "Surely this is a **prophet** sent from God!"

We are members of the Church. We are the people Jesus feeds today. He fills us with his love.

We pray to God, "Thank you for giving us the Bread of Life!"





Glossary

barley - a type of grain

compassion - kindness and concern for others; empathy

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disciples - close followers of Jesus

distributed - handed out

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solution - the answer to a problem

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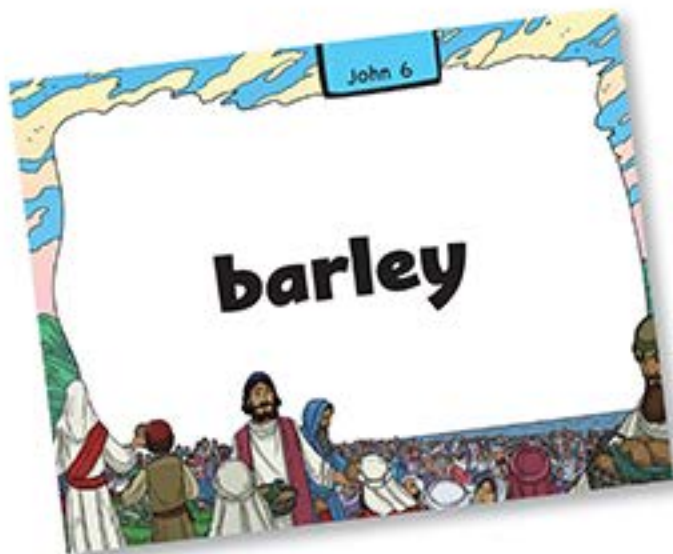
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Reading Level Correlations:

Guided Reading: L

DRA: 26


Lexile®: 750L

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The Crowd

One day Jesus went across Lake Galilee with his **disciples**. They went up a hill to sit and rest. The **crowd** followed. The people wanted to see Jesus perform another **miracle**.

The large crowd kept coming. It was getting late in the day. The people wanted to hear Jesus. Jesus had **compassion** for them. He **continued** to teach the huge crowd.




2

The Hungry People

Some people in the crowd cried, "We are hungry!" The disciples said to Jesus, "We need to send everyone home so they can get something to eat." Jesus did not want to send the people away.

Jesus turned to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" Jesus already knew what he was going to do. He was just **testing** Philip. Philip answered, "It would cost a lot of money to feed this large crowd! I do not think we can do it."




3

The Boy's Food

The disciples started to look for a **solution**. Andrew looked around. He saw a boy with some food. Andrew went to Jesus and said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of **barley** bread and two fish."

By now, the crowd had grown to about five thousand men and their families. The disciples knew there was not enough food to feed the big crowd. They all turned to Jesus.



4

The Plan

Jesus told them, "Have everyone sit down on the grass." Everyone looked to see what Jesus would do. "What is going to happen?" the crowd asked.

Jesus turned to the boy and asked, "May I have your loaves?" The boy gave Jesus the loaves of bread and the fish. The people said, "Jesus has just a little bit of food. Yet, there are so many of us to feed."




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Guiding Comprehension Questions

Literal Questions

- Why did the people follow Jesus?
- What food did the boy have for Jesus to use to feed the crowd?
- What did Jesus do right before he distributed the bread?

Inferred Questions

- Why did Jesus and the disciples need to get up a hill and rest?
- Why did Jesus test Philip? What could Philip have said or done to show his faith?
- How many people did Jesus feed?

Applied Questions

- At every Mass, how does Jesus give himself as our food?
- What do you have that you can give Jesus?
- What will you say to Jesus when you receive His Holy Communion?