



Jesus Satisfies Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- Sinners have both physical and spiritual needs that keep them from being happy.
- Jesus is God, and He provides for our physical needs.
- Jesus is God, and He provides for our spiritual needs.

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus [said,] "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,"—John 6:35a

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Matthew 7:9-11
- 2) John 6:1-14, 26-35, 51b



LESSON SUMMARY

C. S. Lewis once commented that the problem with people was not that our desires were too strong, but that they were too weak. He said it this way:

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and...when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.¹

In the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, people sometimes conclude that Jesus simply meets our physical needs—even in miraculous ways. And while it is true that Jesus is able to meet those needs, we, like the crowd, are so easily pleased with bread that we fail to see the greater need He promises to meet. However, in the Gospel of John, Jesus goes on to reveal a much deeper need and desire that sinners have, namely, the need for true spiritual happiness. This is the need He ultimately came to fulfill. Jesus came to satisfy souls that are hungering for true and lasting joy by offering Himself to us as the Bread of Life.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that God would strengthen your longing for Him, that you would know and savor Jesus as the One who satisfies the deepest desires of your heart.*
- *that God would give both you and your child eyes to see your greatest need: salvation in Jesus.*
- *that you would seek and be satisfied in Jesus to meet your needs.*

1. Lewis, C.S. *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1965), 1-2. (To read the complete quote, see an article by David Mathis titled "We Are Far Too Easily Pleas'd" on the [desiringGod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/we-are-far-too-easily-pleas'd) website: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/we-are-far-too-easily-pleas'd>)

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Place a favorite food on the table for your child.

- What do you feel like after you have filled up your tummy with your favorite food? Does it make you feel happy? Will that happy feeling last the whole day? Why not?
- Suppose you are lonely, would you want to play with a friend or eat the food? If you were afraid, would you want your daddy or the food? Can food always make you feel happy? Why not? What do people need more than full tummies?
- Read and talk about John 6:35a
How is Jesus able to make someone happy forever?
- This week when you are eating, what should you remember? Who does all your food come from? How can you praise and thank God for giving you food? What else should you remember? [Jesus gives sinners something that is even better than food.]

ACTION STEP

This week before every dinner meal, recite John 6:35a for your family, and then share one reason why you are thankful for Jesus.



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