

THE FUNNY THING ABOUT  
THE BOY WHO GAVE AWAY  
HIS LOAVES & FISH IS THAT  
HE, TOO, ENDED THE DAY  
WITH A FULL STOMACH.  
- MARK HART -



# God's Providence



WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOUR BEST ATTRIBUTES FOR HELPING OTHERS TO BE?

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CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WERE ABLE TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE, BY USING THE SKILLS OR RESOURCES YOU HAD? HOW DID THAT SITUATION PLAY OUT?

SOMETIMES WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S TALENTS AND ABILITIES THAT WE DON'T CONSIDER HOW GOD HAS GIVEN US WHAT WE NEED, AND CAN WORK THROUGH US JUST AS WE ARE.

## Now Read John 6:1-15



Imagine yourself as the little boy in this story.

- How would you feel when Jesus asks for your simple basket of food?
- Would you worry you'll go hungry?
- Would you be confused as to what Jesus could do with so little?

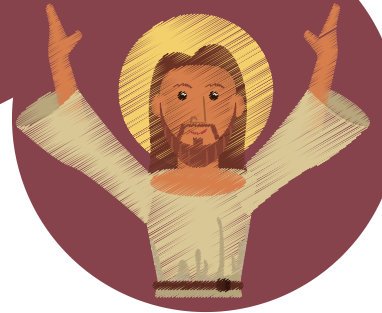
How would you feel when you see the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish happening in front of your eyes? What would you think about your role in it?



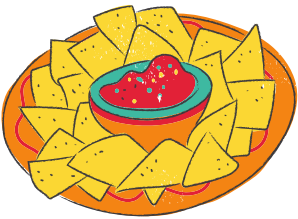
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OUTDONE IN GENEROSITY,  
STILL USES YOU AND ME  
TO HELP OUR BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS.  
- POPE FRANCIS -



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WATCH FR MARK MARY'S VIDEO: "GOD'S PROVIDENCE AND NACHOS"



What do you think about Fr Mark Mary's faith in God's providence?

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Are you surprised that God would respond to such a small request?

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What can such a response teach us about the heart of God? Why do you think God would want us to ask for the small things as well as the big?

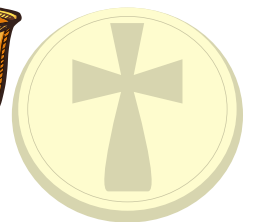
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## THINK ABOUT IT: HOW DOES THIS MIRACLE RELATE TO THE EUCHARIST?

- What does Jesus show He has power to control in this Gospel miracle?
- The loaves and fish satisfied physical hunger; what kind of hunger does the Eucharist satisfy?
- What miracle happens during the celebration of Mass?



## TIME TO REFLECT:

- Thousands of hungry people, a small basket of 5 loaves and two fish - it seemed impossible; but not to Jesus. Are there are problems or situations in your life where you can't see the solution yourself, where you feel overwhelmed, or unable to cope? Invite God into that situation now.
- Next, thank God for the gifts and resources that you have been given, and ask God to work through you and those gifts to serve and enrich the lives of others. Your offering and willingness to hand things over to God might seem small to you, but remember how much Jesus could do with the little boy's offering.
- Take some time as you listen to "[Good to Me](#)" and ask God to provide for all your needs today. He may not provide in the way you expect, but He will provide what you need.



## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU LEAN INTO GOD'S PROVIDENCE THIS WEEK!



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| • <a href="#">Good to Me</a> (Audrey Assad)   | • <a href="#">Waymaker</a> (Leeland)             |
| • <a href="#">Good Good Father</a> (C Tomlin) | • <a href="#">Reckless Love</a> (Cory Asbury)    |
| • <a href="#">God Provides</a> (Tamela Mann)  | • <a href="#">God is able</a> (Hillsong)         |
| • <a href="#">Our God</a> (Chris Tomlin)      | • <a href="#">Miracles Happen</a> (LIFE Worship) |

Click the  
links for the  
YouTube videos  
to listen to some  
suggestions!

