

## THE BIG PICNIC RAP

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Once upon a time to Bethsaida town,  
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Jesus along with His disciples went down.  
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Some crowds heard about it and followed Him,  
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They went to find healing and to see the Kingdom.  
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Yes, they went to find healing and to see the Kingdom.  
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Jesus saw the crowd and had pity for them.  
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They were sheep without a shepherd and needed Him.  
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He began to teach them many things  
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'Bout the Kingdom of God, and healed the sick.  
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The sun it was beginning to set  
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The 12 disciples went to Him and said.  
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"It's getting late, this is a lonely place,  
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Send the folk away so they can feed themselves."  
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"They don't have to leave", Jesus did entreat,  
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"You yourselves give them something to eat."  
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The disciples were puzzled and began to frown,  
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"On bread we'd have to spend 200 silver coins."  
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It happened that among the crowd, there was a lad.  
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Five soda farls two mackerel were all he had.

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He offered them to Andrew who was standing there.  
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He had listened to Jesus and he wanted to share.  
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There must have been 5,000, there at least  
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"Let the people sit down in groups of 50 each  
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Yes let the people sit down in groups of 50 each."(pause)  
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Jesus took and blessed the fishes, also the bread.  
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Hungry people from that simple food were fed.  
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Jesus said to the disciples after feeding so many.  
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"Gather up the pieces, let us not waste any."  
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They gathered every bit of what was left  
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And filled 12 baskets with that blessed bread.  
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And if you'll learn a lesson from that story there  
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Then think of the lad who wanted to share.  
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For if we offer our talents to the Lord.  
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He will multiply them 5,000 fold.  
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