



MAKING THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE



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Sometimes in life we must make the best of what we have been given. How we respond to these sorts of situations is important. Use Jesus' example at the feeding of the 5,000 to think about this more.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > A Skittle
- > YouTube Video or Children's Bible

GET INTO THE BIBLE: MAKING THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

THEME: MY BIBLE ADVENTURE



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to gain access to the YouTube video or a children's Bible from where they can tell the story. If using the video, then a projector/large TV and speaker will also be needed.




GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

The Best Game Ever!

- 1 Split the group into teams and challenge them to create a brand-new game. Their task is to create a game that can be described as 'the best game ever'.
- 2 Give the groups one skittle each and explain that this is the only equipment they can use.
- 3 After 5 minutes ask the groups to show/describe the game they have created.
- 4 Ask the children how they got on? What did they originally think when all they had was a skittle? Were they able to use that limited resource to still make a great game that is enjoyable?

Feeding of the 5,000

- 1 Sometimes we have to make the best of what we've been given. We don't always get what we want or need and can therefore often find ourselves in situations where we have to make do.
- 2 The Feeding of the 5,000 is a good example of Jesus having to make the best of what he has. Can anyone share what happened? Show the video '**Jesus Feeds the 5,000**' by Saddleback Kids (<https://youtu.be/S6rj9cAJrWE>) or read from a Children's Bible.  **Mark 8:1-9**
- 3 In this miracle we see the disciples feel they have an impossible task of feeding the crowd and worry they can't do it. Jesus instead looks at what he does have (five loaves and two fish) and gets to work using the gifts he has been given to do the best that he can.
- 4 The disciples looked at what they didn't have. Jesus looked at what he did have. Who are you more like, the disciples or Jesus? Do you often find yourself focussing on what you don't have?
- 5 Jesus' example shows us that we should always look and be grateful to God for what we do have, rather than what we don't, always looking for the possibility in the gifts God has provided.
- 6 Finish in prayer, thanking God for everything he gives us and for strength in helping us to see and be grateful for what we do have, rather than what we don't.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

When creating the new game, leaders should supervise this to ensure the game is safe and sensible for the space you are using.