



# Inspire

## Celebrating His Goodness

Worship Idea/Devotion

### Lessons from a Picnic

Summer time is a great time to enjoy a picnic & June 18th is International Picnic Day. All four Gospels record a picnic that Jesus attended—when He fed the 5,000 with a little boy's lunch. The story can be found in Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:10-17, and John 6:5-13. Perhaps spend some time reading all four Gospel accounts of this picnic and compare and contrast what all four Gospels have to say about this account.

This miracle teaches us four important lessons about the ability of God.

1. **God has no limits.** God is not limited by human limitations. There were 5000 men (not including the women and children) and they only had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. That little food wouldn't be able to feed that many people. Jesus was teaching the disciples that when you face a problem do not face it in your own strength and resources. Include God in that situation and it will change the circumstances. Our God is the God of the impossible (Matthew 19:26).
2. **God can multiply.** The little boy had very little to offer, but out of what he had, Jesus found the building materials for a miracle. We may not have much to offer to God, but what little we have, if we offer it to Him, He can take it and multiply it.
3. **God more than satisfies.** The disciples started handing out that food—and it isn't just a little nibble. The Bible clearly says that they all ate and were satisfied. Their tummies were filled. Jesus Christ had totally met the need of every person there. With Jesus there is always enough and more! God provides what we need (Philippians 4:19).
4. **God wastes nothing.** After everyone ate, the disciples picked up the leftovers and collected 12 baskets full. That is one basket per disciple. Each could see first hand not only how God multiplied and satisfied, they also learned that there is no waste when God is at work. Every difficulty is allowed or given by God to enrich and enlarge us. Nothing is wasted; He uses everything to make us to be more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-29).

### Things to Celebrate

#### Education Ideas

June is Aquarium Month and National Ocean Month. Take a trip to a nearby aquarium or a visit to the ocean.

June is National Dairy Month and also National Fresh Fruit & Vegetables month. Have a nutritionist come and teach a WM program on good nutrition.

June is Cancer from the Sun Month. Have a professional come and talk to the WM about protecting their skin from skin cancer.

#### Fellowship Ideas

Have an ice cream social for WM. June 2 is National Rocky Road Day, June 7 is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, and June 20 is Ice Cream Soda Day.

June 8 is Best Friends Day. Have a fun time celebrating friends.

June 10 is National Iced Tea Day. Hold an Iced Tea Party!

June 11 is National Corn on the Cob Day, the 16th is Fresh Veggies Day, the 17th is Eat your Veggies Day, and the 18th is International Picnic Day. Have a vegetable picnic to celebrate the fact summer is here (June 21).

#### Service Ideas

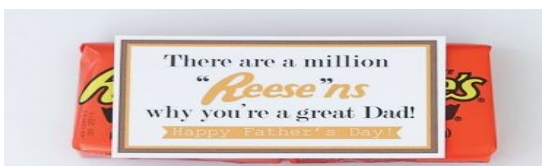
June 13 is National Weed Your Garden Day. Have WM weed the corps flower beds or weed the gardens of some of the elderly or shut-ins of the corps.

June 16 is Father's Day. Have the WM prepare a Father's Day breakfast for the men before church.

For more holidays to celebrate go to [www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/](http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/)

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## INSPIRED Father's Day Favor Ideas



## INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

**Bellingham, WA** started a WM Decision Council.

**Bremerton, WA** have been making baby layettes for the local hospital's NICU.

**Ebeye, Marshall Islands** held a Home League sleepover and proved it's not only the young that enjoy sleepovers.

**Federal Way, WA** has been focusing on spiritual and physical wellness and offers a yoga class.

**Imiej, Marshall Islands** blessed students and teachers alike by surprising them with gifts of books and pencils during education week.

**Kauluwela, HI** has chosen the theme this year of "Others" and a jar is used to collect cash donations each week. Funds from the jar will purchase personal hygiene items to help at the new Comfort station, run by the City of Honolulu, to meet the needs of the homeless.

**Lewiston, ID** held a rummage sale and one of the tables was a prayer table set up so those that were "buying" could come and have someone pray for their individual needs.

**Seattle Temple, WA** started a women's only Sunday School class to help the ARC women connect with the other corps women in relationship building.

## Celebrate National Donut Day (June 7)

During World War I, the Salvation Army workers served coffee and doughnuts to soldiers in the trenches. Rations were poor so the doughnut idea was conceived as a means of bringing the soldiers cheer. Salvation Army workers provided spiritual aid and comfort to the American soldier and his allies, becoming a link with home and family.



### *The Salvation Army Donut Lassie Recipe*

*Yield: 4 doz. doughnuts*

- 2 large eggs
- 5 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 5 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 tablespoon salt
- 1 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tub lard

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients (except for lard) to make dough.
2. Thoroughly knead dough, roll smooth, and cut into rings that are less than 1/4 inch thick. (When finding items to cut out doughnut circles, be creative! Salvation Army doughnut girls used whatever they could find, from baking powder cans to coffee percolator tubes.)
3. Drop the rings into the lard, making sure the fat is hot enough to brown the doughnuts gradually. Turn the doughnuts slowly several times.
4. When browned, remove doughnuts and allow excess fat to drip off.
5. Dust with powdered sugar. Let cool and enjoy.

<https://salvationarmynorth.org/about-us/history/original-salvation-army-donut-recipe-video/>

For the Lord God is a sun  
and shield; the Lord  
bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he  
withhold from those  
whose walk is blameless.  
Lord Almighty, blessed is  
the one who trusts in you.  
Psalm 84:11-12