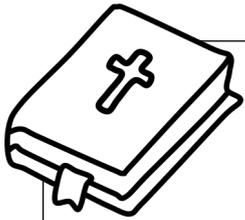


# Kids @ HOME

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Today we are looking at Compassion. Here are some activities you could do as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like.



## BIBLE PASSAGE

Mark 6:30-44

Read the story together—choose a Bible translation or children’s story version that best suits your family.

Or you could watch the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>

Saddleback kids—Jesus feeds the 5000

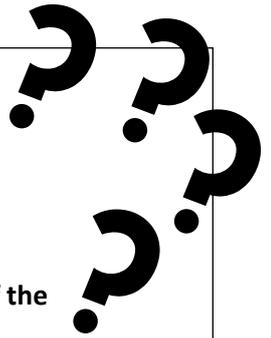
## BIG QUESTIONS

What do you think ‘compassion’ means?

What’s your favourite food?

What would you have done if you were one of the disciples?

The disciples were tired, they had been with Jesus, teaching all day. Jesus’ cousin John the Baptist had just been killed so they were probably upset. Then they saw all these people after a long day and probably thought ‘I don’t want to have to do anything with you now, I just want to sleep’. They tried to send the people away, but Jesus had compassion on the crowd; he felt sorry for them describing them as ‘sheep without a shepherd’. Even though he was tired and upset, he cared for the people and used a little boy’s picnic to feed all 5,000+ of them, with food left over. It probably wasn’t their favourite meal, but Jesus did a miracle with what the disciples had because of his compassion for the people.



## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that You are a compassionate God, that You care for us more than we can know. Help me to become more like You today and to love everyone around me like You do.

Amen

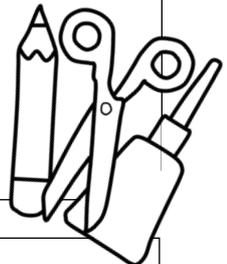


## Activity

### Tuna Time

For this activity you will need: bread, tuna (or other kinds of sandwich fillings and good conversation

Eat tuna sandwiches (or other types if you don’t have/like tuna) and talk about your faith, favourite Bible stories and worship songs, and anything else you want to!



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## MEMORY VERSE

Mark 6:31

**"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."**

Try to learn this verse together. You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together, and then put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week. You could write each word on a separate piece of paper (use scrap paper or old envelopes) mix them all up then try and put them in to correct order.



## GAME

**(Un)compassion(ate) Cards**

**For this game you will need:**

A deck of playing cards (or snap cards)

A tip-top table

And absolutely nothing else

**Aim:**

Get as many cards as possible

**How to play:**

Give the cards a good old shuffle, making sure they're properly mixed up

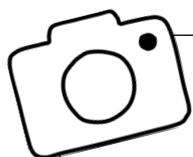
Divide the cards into the number of players you have

One at a time, place a card down in the middle, to form a pile

When a pair is made (of numbers), everyone races to put their hand on the pile first

Whoever gets there first, wins all the cards

Keep going until all but one person runs out of cards



## SNAPSHOT

Take a photo or video of something you have done this week and send it into us. Let us know if you are happy for us to share it.

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## FAMILY WORSHIP

Hungry (Falling on my Knees) – Kathryn Scott/  
Vineyard Worship -

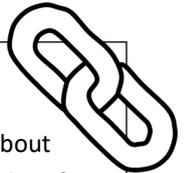
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMf53OBPFp0>

Worship together as a family, this could be doing the actions together (if you don't have any actions, you could make new ones up as a family, or ask the children to teach you the actions they might know) or listen to the song and chat about what it means to you, dance around the room together, sing loudly, sing softly.



## LINK THE STORY

Back in the Old Testament, there's a well-known story about a guy called Joseph. You might remember that he had a bit of a tough life. He was sold into slavery by his brothers and spent many years in prison for something he didn't do. God had a plan though and He helped Joseph to interpret dreams. Pharaoh took a liking to Joseph and promoted him to the highest rank in the government. Joseph warned Pharaoh about a famine that was coming. Soon the famine hit but the country was ready because of how God spoke through Joseph. His brothers came for food and didn't recognise him. Joseph had every right to be not nice to them because of what they'd done, but he had compassion on them, forgave them, and gave them more food than they needed because he could see how God worked through the situation and loved them.



## CREATIVE PRAYER

**Soaking like fish**

Spread out around the room and put on this week's family worship song. You might want to lie down, or sit, or dance, just be aware of what other people want to do too. And just let God speak to you. Perhaps take a Bible and some paper and pens with you to where you're going to be, ready to write what God says or draw any pictures.

