

## **FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS**

### **Session 7 Jesus Cares for You – SEVEN – So Much Bread!**

**Memory Line:** “You are precious to me.” (Isaiah 43:4 NLT)

**Welcome:**

**Theme Song:** to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

*Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.*

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

### **Number and Topic:**

SEVEN is a harder number to find, but you can if you know where to look. A rainbow has SEVEN colours. And there are also SEVEN days in a week. Hold up seven fingers and let’s say them together – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

### **Bible Story: So Much Bread! (Matthew 15:29-39, Mark 8:1-10)**

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Helpers and crowd (you can use a lot of cuddly animals for the crowd)

**Materials needed:** (feel free to swap the materials with what you have)

Seven loaves of bread (you could use real bread, or rolled up socks)

Seven baskets (you could use seven bowls instead)

Some fish

### **Reflective Time (interactive):**

Ask the children – It is good to care for others, just like Jesus. You can care by saying nice things to them, like ‘How are you?’ or ‘Please, can I help?’

**Bean Bag Prayer:** “Dear God, thank you for all the people who care for me. Amen.”

**Sing a song:**

“Every Toddler COUNTS” card for this session:



### **Story 7: So Much Bread (Jesus feeds a crowd - Matthew 15:29-39, Mark 8:1-10)**

People heard that Jesus was close by. They packed their lunches and ran. It was all so exciting, they stayed for three days!

By the third day, 4000 tummies rumbled. They really RUMBLED. Jesus could hear it. His helpers heard it. So, Jesus said, "These people are hungry. They mustn't leave without food. They might faint on the way home."

His helpers stared. "Jesus," they said, "there are 4000 people! We're in the middle of nowhere! Where can we find food for all of them?"

Jesus smiled. He knew what to do. He asked, "How many loaves of bread do you have?"

The helpers looked in their pockets and bags. They pulled out ONE. TWO. THREE. FOUR. FIVE. SIX. SEVEN! "We have SEVEN loaves," they said.

Jesus smiled. He called out to the crowd, "Please sit down." And everyone did. But everyone whispered, "What is Jesus doing now?"

Jesus took all SEVEN loaves into his arms. He looked up to heaven and said, "Dear God, thank you for this food." Then he broke the loaves in pieces and gave them to his helpers.

The helpers did the same. They broke the loaves in more pieces and gave it to the crowd. And they kept on breaking those loaves, until everyone had a piece.

Then one of the helpers found some fish and Jesus thanked God for these. He gave them to his helpers and the helpers gave them to the crowd.

EVERYONE ate! EVERYONE had enough! And there was so much food, the helpers went around and picked up the leftovers. SEVEN baskets-full!

Jesus called to the crowd, "You can go home now. Thanks for coming."

Everyone stood up. Their tummies had stopped rumbling. As they walked home, they said, "Jesus really cares." And guess what... Jesus still cares today.