

Grade 7 Life Orientation Worksheet

Oral traditions

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow:

Feeding Five Thousand

Everyone wanted to meet Jesus and to hear his wonderful stories, called parables. (A parable is an imaginary story that is told to teach a moral or spiritual lesson.) Jesus told his stories to teach people to be kind and good and to obey God. Wherever he went huge crowds followed him. Once, when he had been talking to the people all day, he said to his disciples, “Let us go away by ourselves now, to some lonely place, so that you can all get some rest.” So they set off in a boat.

But the people had all rushed ahead of them and the minute Jesus stepped ashore everyone crowded around eagerly. His heart filled with love for them; they were like sheep that had no shepherd. And although he was very tired, he started preaching again.

The day wore on and on and his disciples began to worry. “It is getting late,” they said. “Send the people away now to the villages round about, to buy themselves something to eat.”

‘You feed them,’ Jesus replied.

“How can we buy food for so many?” Philip wanted to know. “There must be about five thousand people here.” Then Andrew came up and said, “There’s a lad here, Master, with five barley loaves and two fish. But that won’t go very far.”

“Make everyone sit down,” Jesus commanded, so they all settled themselves on the grassy slopes.

Then he took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks to God, and passed the food to his disciples to share out. Everyone ate till they were satisfied and at the end there were enough crumbs and bits of fish left over to fill twelve baskets.

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Questions – Answer True or False

1. Jesus was popular with the people because they wanted to hear his stories.
2. A parable is a story of an actual event.
3. Jesus and the disciples were tired and needed to rest.
4. Jesus was angry that the crowd disturbed their rest.
5. Jesus loved the people and thought they were like sheep without a shepherd.
6. The disciples bought food for all the people from the villages.
7. There were about five thousand people who had followed Jesus.
8. The only food they had to share was five barley loaves and two fish.
9. The disciples passed the food around but there was not enough and the people were hungry.
10. After everyone had eaten there was enough left over to fill 12 baskets.

2 marks per answer = [20 marks]

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Suggested Solutions

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. T