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# The Bread of Life

**Bible Reading: John 6.25-40**

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*This dialogue follows on from **That Lunch**. It could in fact be used on the following Sunday, though originally we have not done so. How could people's interest be focussed, not on more food - or another miracle - but on Jesus and his teaching?*

# The Bread of Life

Jabez is a young lad of ten who lives with his mother in Capernaum. He went with Micah, a family friend, to hear Jesus on the other side of the lake. Jesus used the lunch his mother had packed – five barley loaves and two fish – to feed the great crowd. Micah took Jabez home, but with a promise to come back for him in the morning, “if it’s OK with Mum”, so he could hear Jesus again. They join the crowd looking for Jesus near Capernaum.

Reader: **John 6.25-33.**

MICAH: That lunch of yours has brought everyone back together again, Jabez!

JABEZ: It’s not my lunch that has brought them, Micah – but Jesus!

MICAH: That’s right! What I meant is that many of them want more food – or another miracle...

JABEZ: ... instead of Jesus and what he says! I always love the story about the manna – why did they bring that in, Micah?

MICAH: That was another time when God fed the people.

JABEZ: And that’s what’s happened here!

MICAH: I would have thought that was miracle enough for them. Yet they seem to be looking for extra proof!

JABEZ: Mum was amazed when I told her about my lunch!

MICAH: Be careful with that lunch she packed for you this morning, Jabez!

JABEZ: But that’s not what people need, Micah.

MICAH: You’re right, Jabez! They need Jesus!

Reader: **John 6.34-40.**