



THE CARDBOARD 5000

Narrators tell the story. The other children hold up bits of cardboard with different characters drawn on.

Narrator 1: There once was a quiet little spot where no-one ever went, until one day Jesus arrived.

Hold up a bit of cardboard with a sketch of Jesus.

Narrator 2: It was just himself and his 12 followers.

Hold up two bits of big cardboard either side of Jesus- with six disciples on either side.

Narrator 1: Jesus was there to spend some time with God. But when people heard Jesus was there, they couldn't wait to see him.

Narrator 2: To begin with the crowd wasn't big. Ten people

Someone comes on and stands in front of Jesus holding a small bit of cardboard with 10 people drawn on it.

Narrator 1: Twenty people

Someone comes on and stands in front of Jesus holding a small bit of cardboard with another 10 people drawn on it.

Narrator 2: Thirty people

Someone comes on and stands in front of Jesus holding a small bit of cardboard with another 10 people drawn on it.

Narrator 1: But then there were 100 people! 500 people! 1000 people!

People run on quickly as the narrator speak to add to the crowd. Carrying bigger and bigger bits of cards which have scribbles and circles on them to represent all the people.

Narrator 2: 2000 people! 3000 people! 4000 people!

Narrator 1: Until there were over 5000 people in the crowd.

Narrator 2: And Jesus began to heal people in the crowd, who were very grateful.

People holding cardboard signs put them down and pick up signs which say, "THANKS JESUS!". The people holding the cardboard crowd say:

Crowd: Thanks Jesus!

Narrator 1: But after a while people's tummies began to rumble.

People holding the "THANKS JESUS" signs, put those down and pick up signs which say "RUMBLE" and the people holding the cardboard crowd shake them and say:

Crowd: Rumble! Rumble!

Narrator 2: Jesus asked his followers where they could buy bread for the crowd.

Narrator 1: His followers couldn't believe what they were hearing!

One set of cardboard disciples are picked back up again and say:

Disciples 1: There's too many people!

The other set of cardboard disciples are picked back up again and say:

Disciples 2: It would cost way too much!

Narrator 1: Now, the disciples didn't have any food.

People put down the cardboard disciples and walk off.

Narrator 2: And none of the crowd had any food.

People put down the crowd cardboard. It's just drawing of Jesus left on the stage.

Narrator 1: So it looked like everyone would have to go hungry, but there was a small boy

Someone comes on with a small cardboard drawing of the boy.

Narrator 2: And he had five loaves,

Somone comes on and stands on one side of the boy with a cardboard sign with five loaves drawn on it.

Narrator 1: Along with two little fishes

Somone comes on and stands on the other side of the boy with a cardboard sign two fish drawn on it.

Narrator 2: But obviously that wasn't enough to feed 5000 people. Was it?

Narrator 1: Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food and then got his followers to pass out the food to the big, big crowd.

Everyone comes back on holding their cardboard crowd signs. As Narrator 2 talks, the crowd people turn their signs round so they now say in big letters, "YUM!"

Narrator 2: And each of those five thousand got enough to eat, in fact there was so much food that there were 12 baskets of leftovers.

Narrator 1: Because when we give Jesus our little

Narrator 2: He will always do more than we can imagine!

Narrator 1 holds up a sign which says, "THE"

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Narrator 2 holds up a sign that says, "END"

Narrator 2: End.