## Come, Follow Me

## **NEW TESTAMENT 2019**

## LOAVES AND FISHES GAME

## Matthew 14:13-21

The miracle of the five loaves and two fishes--also referred to as "the feeding of the 5,000" -- is a story told in Matthew 14:13–21, Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:5-15. A boy shared his small lunch of five little loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus broke the bread, giving thanks and prayer, and his disciples passed out the food to a hungry crowd. Once all 5,000 were satisfied, there were still 12 baskets of food left over. Teach children about this miracle with the following game.

**Materials:** two baskets full of fish-shaped crackers ("fish") and pretzel sticks ("loaves"), two empty baskets, two plastic spoons.

**Game:** Choose two children, and provide each one with a plastic spoon. Place the empty basket at the "starting line" and the full basket on the other end of the room. Each person must race to the full basket, pick up a spoonful of crackers, then race back to the empty basket and dump the food in as many times as necessary until the full basket has been emptied completely. The person who transfers all the food from one basket to the other first wins. (*Variation: play this game like a relay race by dividing into teams and have players rotate bringing spoonfuls to the empty basket*).





