

Mark 8:1-13 (New International Version)

Bible Reading

- Mark 8:1** During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said,
- Mark 8:2** “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.
- Mark 8:3** If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.”
- Mark 8:4** His disciples answered, “But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?”
- Mark 8:5** “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied.
- Mark 8:6** He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so.
- Mark 8:7** They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them.
- Mark 8:8** The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
- Mark 8:9** About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away,
- Mark 8:10** he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.
- Mark 8:11** The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven.
- Mark 8:12** He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”
- Mark 8:13** Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

Summary

A large crowd followed Jesus everywhere he went. He had compassion for them because they had nothing to eat. Jesus' friends said, “There's nowhere nearby that we can get bread to feed them.” Jesus then asked how many loaves they had and they said, “Seven”. So, Jesus told them to sit on the ground. He thanked God for the food and shared the bread with the people. Everyone ate until they were full. The religious leaders then asked Jesus to do a miracle. He replied, “Why do you keep asking for a sign to show who I am? I will not do a miracle for you.” Then Jesus got into a boat and crossed the lake.

Prayer (Here is an example of how you can talk to God about these verses.)

God, it is comforting to know that you are concerned if we are hungry. Thank you for giving us food. Help us to see how you provide for us today. Please help us to know you. Amen*

*(Saying amen is like saying 'I approve' or 'This is what I want to say.')

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Vocabulary

A. Read these four words out loud and then match each word to the best picture.

1. eat (vs. 1)

2. home (vs. 3)

3. ground (vs. 6)

4. basket (vs. 8)



a.



b.



c.



d.

B. Read the words and definitions out loud. Then match each word to the best definition.

5. collapse (vs.3)

e. to fall down or become unconscious because you are weak

6. test (vs.11)

f. to breath and make a long sound to show you are sad, tired or bored

7. sigh (vs.12)

g. to put someone in a difficult situation to know something about them

sentence _____

8. distance (vs.3)

h. a large area of a country or of the world without exact limits

9. region (vs.10)

i. the amount of space between two places or things

10. truly/truth (vs.12)

j. the facts about something, rather than what is guessed or untrue

sentence _____

C. There are three question words in these verses: *where* (vs. 4), *how many* (vs. 5), and *why* (vs. 12). Read the sample questions and then create your own questions.

11. where (vs. 4) sample sentence - Where do you like to sit in our classroom?

student sentence _____

12. how many (vs. 5) sample sentence - How many students attend your ESL class?

student sentence _____

13. why (vs. 12) sample sentence - Why do you like to come to this class every week?

student sentence _____

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Questions

1. Jesus had compassion (verse 2). What causes people to feel compassion?
2. Tell us about a time when you showed compassion to someone else or someone else showed compassion to you.
3. Verse 4 refers to a “remote place.” What are the characteristics of a “remote place?” What words can be used to describe a “remote place?”
4. Tell us about a remote place you have visited.
5. Jesus’ followers wondered where to find bread in a remote place (verse 4). How would you find food in a remote place?
6. If you had to feed thousands of people, what things would you need to do?
7. Religious leaders tested Jesus (verse 11). Let’s make a list of different kinds of tests.
8. What kind of tests do you like? Which do you not like?
9. Jesus “sighed deeply” (verse 12). What kinds of physical expressions do people make when they are: frustrated? scared? angry? surprised? happy? disappointed?
10. What kinds of things do people say when they are: frustrated? scared? angry? surprised? happy? disappointed?
11. In verse 12 Jesus refused to do what the religious leaders requested (show a sign). When do you do what others want you to do? When do you refuse to do what others want you to do?
12. Tell us about a time when you refused to do what others wanted you to do.
13. Jesus asked his followers to distribute the bread and fish and 4000 people were fed (verses 6-9). What would you like Jesus to do for you?

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Pictures for Basic Vocabulary Small Group



BRIDGES BEGINNER CLASS

(read 8:1-9)

SUMMARY Mark 8:1-13 (Book of Mark, chapter 8, verses one to thirteen)

Directions: Read the sentences out loud. **Bold** words are in the vocabulary.

- 1 Many people had no food.
- 2 Jesus felt **compassion** for them.
- 3 He asked his followers,
“How much bread do you have?”
- 4 They had **seven loaves** of bread.
- 5 Jesus thanked God.
- 6 He gave **pieces** of bread to everyone.
- 7 They also shared a **few small fish**.
- 8 Everyone ate until they were **full**.
- 9 There were seven **baskets** of leftovers.
- 10 About **4000** men ate.



VOCABULARY

Directions: Read the words out loud. Talk about their meanings. Match each to a picture. Make a sentence.

- 1. loaves
- 2. fish
- 3. baskets



sentence _____

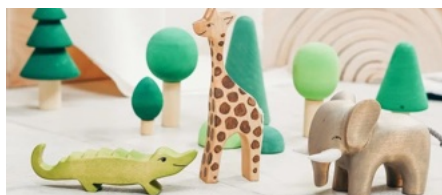
Directions: Read the words and definitions out loud. Match each word to its definition. Make a sentence.

- 4. compassion a. not large in size or amount
- 5. pieces b. an amount of something that has been separated from the main part
- 6. small c. a feeling of sympathy for someone who is suffering, and a desire to help them

sentence _____

Directions: Read these quantity words out loud: *seven, few, 4000, full*. Match each word to its sentence.

- 7. Jesus fed _____ people.
- 8. There are _____ days in the week.
- 9. The basket is _____ of apples.
- 10. I have a _____ toys.



QUESTIONS They shared a few small fish. What are some other small animals?

PRAYER Jesus, thank you for your compassion. Please give us what we need as we trust in you. Amen