

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

*part of a curriculum prepared for young children*

# ***FEEDING FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE***

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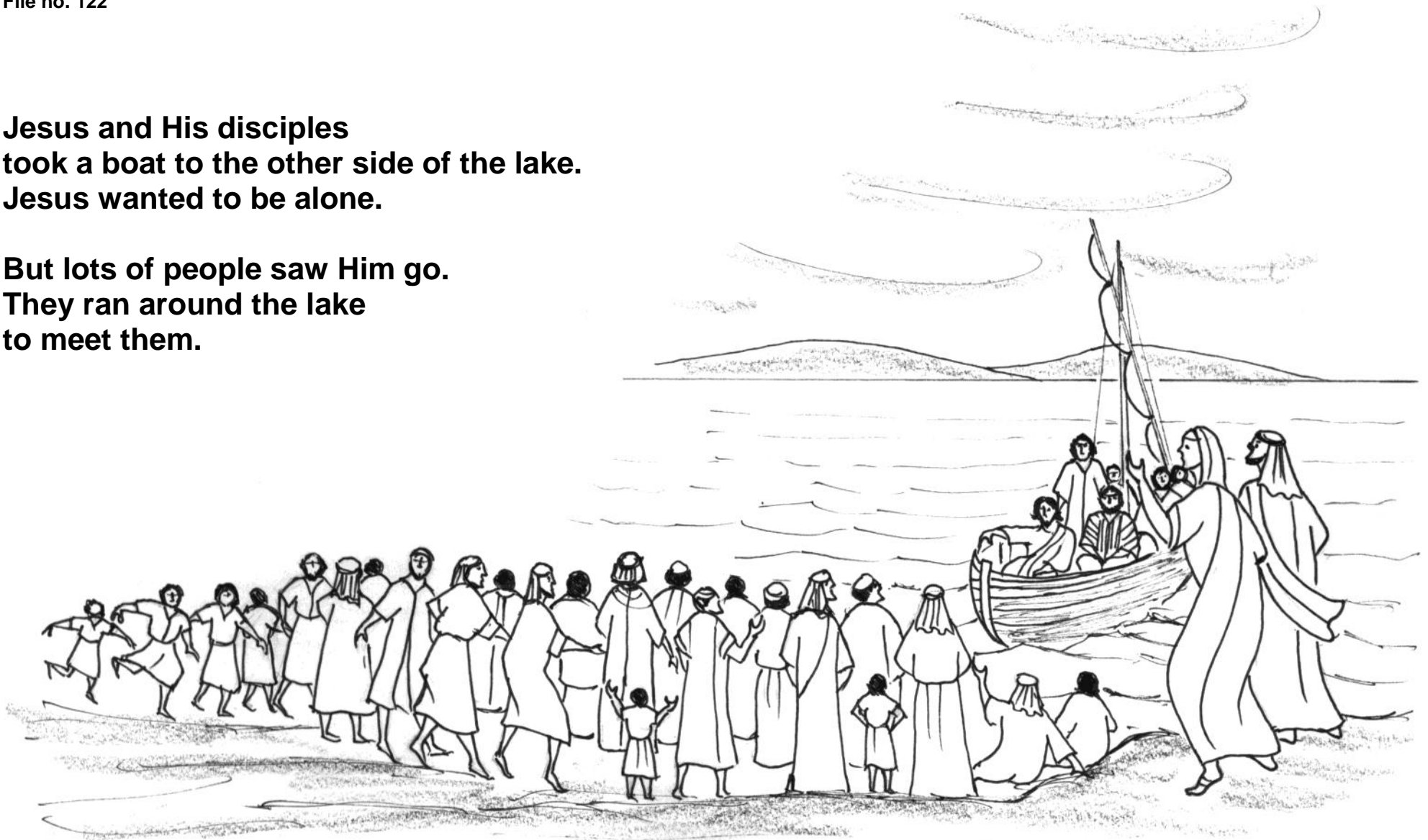
Mark 6:31–46; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–15

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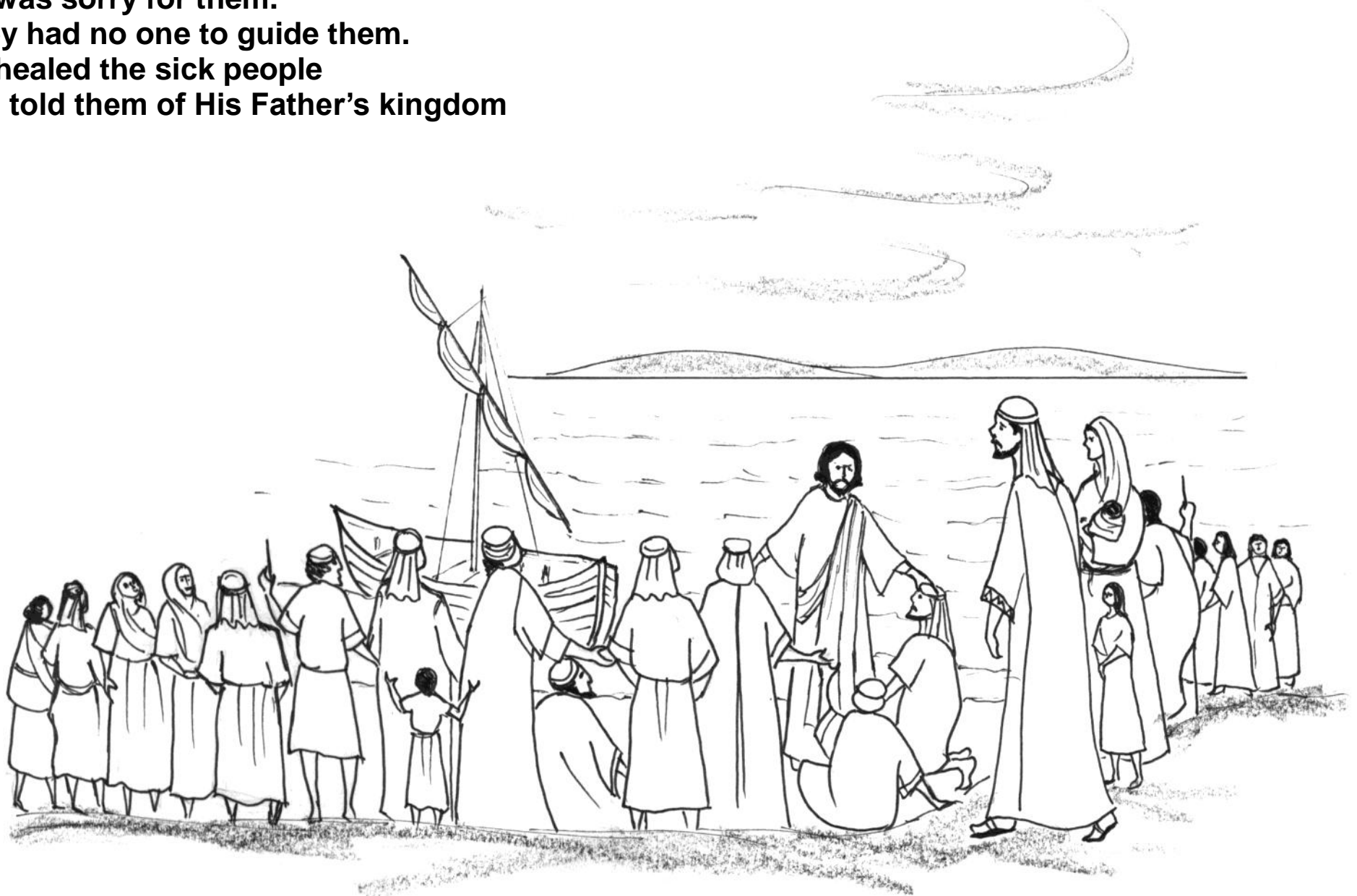
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**Jesus and His disciples  
took a boat to the other side of the lake.  
Jesus wanted to be alone.**

**But lots of people saw Him go.  
They ran around the lake  
to meet them.**



**When Jesus saw the people  
He was sorry for them.  
They had no one to guide them.  
He healed the sick people  
and told them of His Father's kingdom**

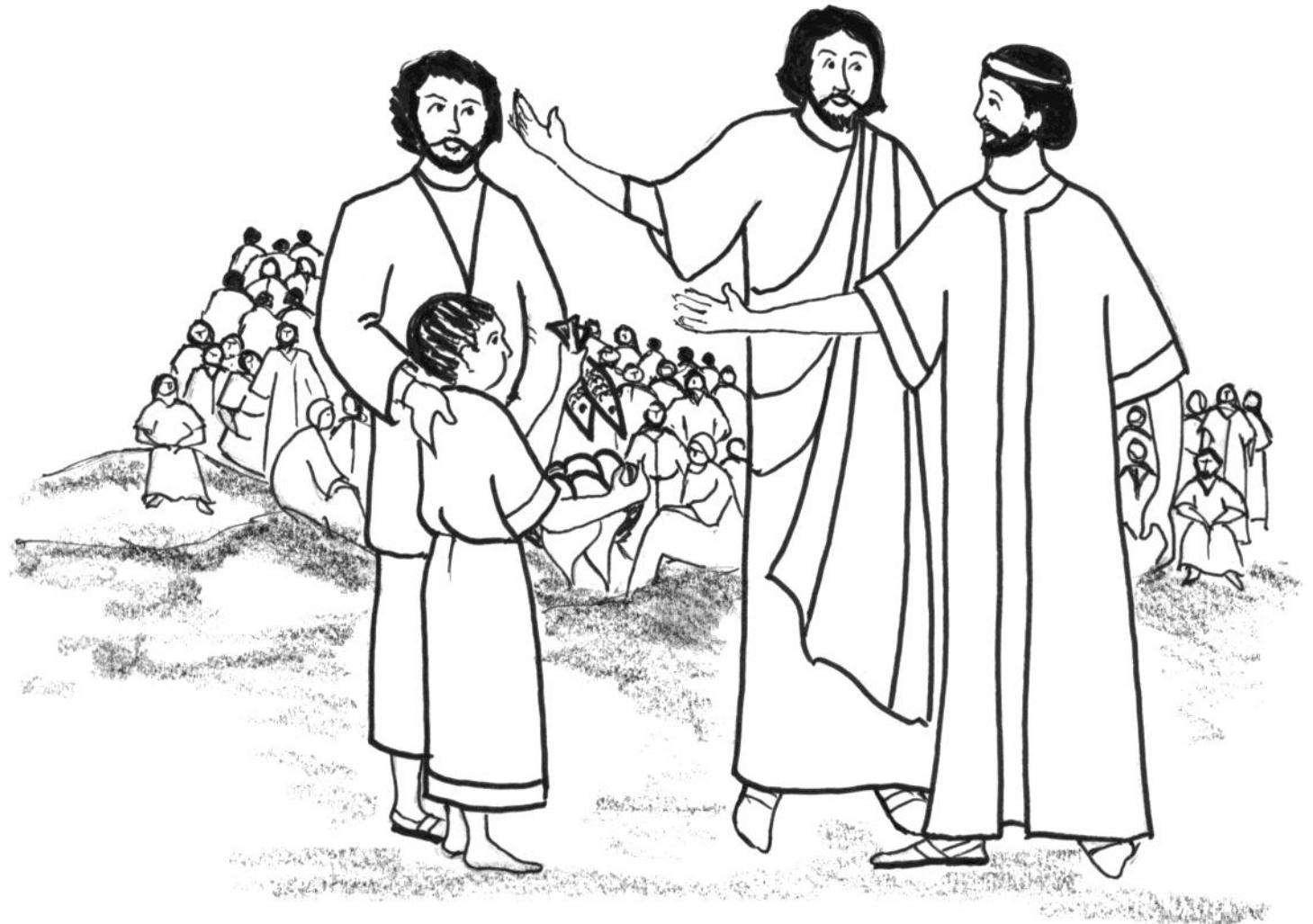


**At the end of the day  
everyone was hungry.**

**The disciples said to Jesus,  
'It is getting late.  
Nobody lives here.  
Send the people away.  
They can go to the  
towns and buy food.'**

**Jesus answered.  
'They don't need to go.  
You give them  
some food.'**

**They said,  
'We have only  
five loaves  
and two fish.  
Not enough for  
all these people.'**



**Jesus said,  
'Bring the food to Me,  
and tell the people to sit down  
on the grass.'**

**When everyone was sitting,  
Jesus took the loaves and fish,  
looked up to heaven,  
blessed the food  
and broke it into pieces.  
He gave it to the disciples  
and they shared it  
among the people.**



**Five thousand men  
plus women and children  
had plenty to eat.  
The food left over  
filled twelve big baskets.**



**After everyone had finished  
Jesus sent His disciples  
away in the boat  
and the people to their homes.**





**He went up into the hills  
to be alone with God His Father.**

**Jesus showed  
that He could give them bread  
for their daily needs.**

**He went on to say  
that He would do  
even more than this.  
He would give His body for us,  
so we could be forgiven.**

