

WHO NEEDS COMPASSION?

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Devotionals: Sharing



PRAY TO START

Thank God for all of the good things He has given you.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are you happy to share? What are you not keen to share?

ABOUT SHARING

Sharing a picnic with a friend or as a family can be lots of fun! It's nice eating good food, but it's even better when you get to enjoy it with people you like spending time with.

Being forced to share something is less fun.

Antonieli is one of the children sponsored through Compassion. He lives in Brazil in a small house. He has to share a bathroom with lots of families who live close by. This kind of sharing can't be much fun if he is desperate for the toilet and there's someone hogging the bathroom.

Sharing isn't always easy, but it's a great way of showing love and kindness to others.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:5-13, NIV

A THOUGHT

God gave us everything we have that is good. Friends and family, the food and water we have to keep our bodies alive, toys and our house. The list can go on and on. Think about all of the good things God has given you.

The boy in this story had a packed a lunch of bread and fish. He shared it with Jesus, and I bet he couldn't have imagined what Jesus would do!

Jesus worked a miracle to turn that small boy's lunch into a feast for over 5,000 people. Not only did He turn one boy's packed lunch into a gigantic feast for so many people, but the Bible says that the disciples gathered all of the leftover food after everyone was full and it filled 12 baskets!

Jesus can work miracles today as well.

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When you share what you have, as that boy did, you never know what God will do with it. He can make the smallest thing go a very long way!

What do you have that you can share with others?

WHY NOT...

If you earn pocket money, would you consider sharing a bit of it with your sponsored child? A small amount of money can go a long way in helping them to feel loved if you send a financial gift. The staff at the Compassion project center where your sponsored child lives will talk with them and work out the best way of spending it. It could be on a toy, on clothing that they need, or something else that would really help them.

You can print out the money box cover on the next page, design and color it in yourself, and then get a small empty Pringles® or coffee can to glue it on.

Ask an adult for help in cutting a slot in the plastic top so that you can put a bit of your pocket money in each week.

Once you've saved up however much you would like to send to your sponsored child, you can ask an adult to swap it for a credit or debit card payment. They can make a credit or debit card payment by logging in to "My Account" at Compassion.com.

PRAYER

Thank God for the amazing things He does, like the way He fed 5,000 people with a few loaves and fish. Pray for help to share what you have.

