



## Loaves, Fishes, and Mites

Mite Devotion/Reading

[Please provide: a copy for each of the two readers, a Bible for Reader 1.]

**Reader 1:** [Read Matthew 14:13-21.]

**Reader 2:** Evening was approaching and the vast crowd who had come to listen to Jesus showed no sign of leaving. The disciples, who were probably tired and hungry, encouraged Jesus to send them away so they could buy their own food. “You feed them,” Jesus told the Twelve. Imagine the looks on their faces when they saw the food that had been collected. Five loaves + two fish = enough food for more than 5,000 people?? “Impossible,” we say. “It just doesn’t add up.”

**Reader 1:** Jesus tells us, “... *What is impossible with men is possible with God*” (Luke 18:27).

**Reader 2:** A few loaves of bread and two small fish fed a large crowd of people. By the blessing and power of God, the impossible became possible. We, too, have been witness to how God, again and again, has made possible what on our own would be impossible concerning our mite offerings. While God directly multiplied the loaves and fish, God has moved the hearts of millions and millions of people to give your Mites + my Mites + Mites from all over the world to equal millions and millions of dollars. “Yes!” we proclaim in praise. “With God’s blessing it does add up!”

**Reader 1:** Men, women, and children all around the world, and others closer to home have been blessed by mites. Mites have been used to educate, to provide help for the disabled, and to help victims of natural disasters. Mites have built churches, refurbished homes, and trained pastors and deaconesses.

**Reader 2:** Mites have provided transportation, books in print, audio, and braille, as well as scholarships and teacher training. Mites have helped heal, they have given hope, and they have provided comfort from nurses, doctors, relief workers, and even dogs. Mites have bought food to fill empty bellies and Bibles to feed undernourished souls. Of utmost importance, these mite projects and the people who carried them out shared with the project recipients the life-saving truth that Jesus died and rose for all.

**Reader 1:** Did our LWML sisters who, many years ago, came to a meeting with the idea of helping others by saving pennies, nickels, and dimes in a little box have any idea what their new project would turn into? Perhaps not. But it was with gladness that they wanted to serve others, knowing that with God’s power, great things were, and continue to be, possible with mites.

**Reader 2:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we bring these mites as our offerings of love and ask that they be used to Your glory. We pray for Your blessings on each and every project and on each and every person who will see Your love in action. Thank You, Lord, for abundantly answering our prayers. In the name of Your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

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