


FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB *BOOK 9*

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ~Psalm 1:2

A stylized landscape illustration. The top half is a dark blue sky with a large, semi-circular sun or moon in shades of orange and yellow. Below the sky is a light yellow ground with a winding path that leads towards the horizon. The path is composed of several overlapping, curved shapes in shades of yellow and light brown. The overall style is simple and graphic.

# Way of Wisdom

**Losing My Life —  
Finding Life in Jesus**

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## Losing My Life - Finding Life in Jesus

Imagine how you would feel if you came to teen club after a long, busy day. You could have stayed home, but you wanted to come to be with some of your friends and to learn more about the Bible. As club began to come to an end, you realized you were getting pretty hungry. Lunch was a long time ago, so you were looking forward to eating a good dinner snack at the end of the club. As the Bible lesson finished, the leader announced that we didn't have very much food on hand – in fact, all we had was a single piece of pizza! One piece of pizza for 80 people?!



How many people would get fed? Or how small of an amount would you get to eat? It would be ridiculous even to try to serve so many people with a small portion of food, wouldn't it?

The Bible records an amazing miracle that Jesus performed by multiplying food. More people witnessed and participated in this miracle than in any other that Jesus performed. The miracle provided a great visual lesson that Jesus used to teach people some important lessons about who He was and what it meant to be one of his followers.

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Read John 6:1-2.

- 1) Where was Jesus at the beginning of the story?  
**Show your leader where the Sea of Galilee (Tiberias) is on a map in your Bible.** [Tiberias was the name of the man who was the emperor of the Roman empire.] **Jesus is actually in Bethsaida, a small town near the sea. Find Bethsaida on the map and show your leader.**
  
- 2) Large crowds were following Jesus as He traveled. Why were people following Him (v. 2)? **List at least five of the miracles you know that Jesus performed on sick people.** Circle the ones that would really have interested you enough to follow Jesus around.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_

Memorize John 5:24.

*<sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."*

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Read John 6:1-4.

Jesus sometimes would leave crowds and go to a quiet place alone or with His disciples. He would use these times to explain things He had taught them, to teach them new things, or simply to rest a little. **About what time of year did the story take place (v. 3)?** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Background Information:

Passover was one of seven feasts that the Jews celebrated every year. It was one of the feasts that the Jews considered most important. They had been celebrating Passover on and off for more than 1400 years. In preparation for the feast hundreds of thousands of Jews from places all around the world would travel to Jerusalem for the feast. Also, Jews from all over Israel traveled to Jerusalem. Between 1 and 2 million Jews usually crowded into the city for the feast.

Find and read Exodus 12.

Exodus 12 explains when the Passover became a Jewish feast. **What was the feast of the Passover supposed to represent?** \_\_\_\_\_

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When Jesus saw a great crowd coming to Him, He knew that most of the crowd was made up of people traveling to Jerusalem for this feast.

**Using your own words in at least 4 sentences, describe the Passover and why the Jews celebrated it.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Memorize Exodus 12:13a.**

*The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you.*

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Read John 6:5-13.

1) As soon as Jesus saw the large crowds, He began to think of providing for their needs. He asked one of His disciples about the important detail of food.

**What was the disciple's name?** \_\_\_\_\_

2) Remember that Jesus and the disciples were in Bethsaida, a small town near the sea. **Why did Jesus probably choose to ask this certain disciple about where to find food? (John 1:44).**

3) John 6:2 gives a second reason that Jesus asked this disciple the question about food is given.

**What is that reason?** \_\_\_\_\_

4) **What does it mean for Jesus to "test" someone?** \_\_\_\_\_

5) **Was Jesus asking the question because He didn't know the answer or because He did know?** \_\_\_\_\_

## Did you know???

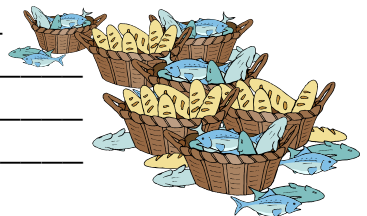
Two hundred denarii (verse 7) were about one day's pay for a person living in New Testament times. Here are the front and back sides of a denarius. Denarii is the plural form for a denarius.



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- 6) When Phillip answered Jesus, what was Phillip's primary concern? (v. 7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7) Another disciple comes into the story in verse 8. What is his name? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) This other disciple introduces a boy with some food to Jesus. How much food did the boy have?  
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- 9) The boy had enough food for a meal for himself. When Andrew sees how little food the boy has, what question does he ask (v. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Jesus answers Phillip's and Andrew's questions not with words, but with actions. What does Jesus command to be done (v. 10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11) How many men were in the crowd that needed to obey Jesus command (v.10)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Jesus performed the miracle in vv. 8-13. List as many details of the story as you can: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Background Information: Read John 6:5-13

1. How did some people respond when they saw the miracle (John 6:14)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Find and read Deuteronomy 18:15-22.

Some people believed that Jesus was a true prophet sent from God. They believed Jesus was a prophet that Moses had predicted would come.

2. What words was the true prophet supposed to speak (v. 18)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did God say about the person who refused to listen to the true prophet (v. 19)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What did God say about a prophet who spoke words that were not from God (v. 20)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How could people know whether or not they were listening to a true prophet from God (v. 21-22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Go back to John 6 in your Bible.

6. Some of the people thought Jesus was a prophet, and they also now knew He could feed them through miracles. Jesus understood that they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:15).

7. How did Jesus respond when He saw what the people wanted to do (v. 15)? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why do you think Jesus would respond that way?

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Read John 6:16-21.

1. Where did Jesus' disciples go after the miracle (v. 16)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus' disciples wanted to sail across the Sea of Galilee to go to the city of Capernaum. Capernaum was the home town of at least two disciples (Andrew and Peter). **Find Capernaum on a Bible map and draw a line to show the location on this modern map of Israel.**



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3. The disciple's boat trip was interrupted by an unexpectedly rough storm. At what time of the day were the disciples' sailing (v. 17)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Was Jesus with them when they started on their journey? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How is the storm described in v. 18? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How long did the disciples try to make it through the storm? \_\_\_\_\_
7. As bad as the storm was, what happened that frightened the disciples even more than the storm (v. 19-20)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What happened to end the disciples' fear (v. 20-21)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. How did the disciples respond to Jesus after they knew who He was (v. 21)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read John 6:22-27

1. Give a short summary of what is happening in vv. 22-25? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What are the people trying to figure out and why are they stumped? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Jesus begins to answer their question (v. 25) in the next verse (v. 26), but the answer is not really what the people expected or wanted to hear. They wanted an explanation of what Jesus had done, but Jesus gave them an explanation of what they had done. Why did Jesus say the people had been looking for Him (v. 26-27)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Jesus tried to help them see the differences between two kinds of food. What are the kinds of food? \_\_\_\_\_ Which kind of food do you think is the most important? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What kind does Jesus say is the most important? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memorize John 6:29 and John 6:33.

<sup>29</sup> *Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."*

<sup>33</sup> *"For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."*

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## Background Information: John 6

- Jesus has just fed a large \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5) with just \_\_\_\_\_ barley loaves (6:9) and two fish.
- The people wanted to make Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15) but He didn't want that. He went to a mountain to be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15).
- The disciples took a boat across the sea, but Jesus came to them by \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19) on the sea.
- The people knew Jesus had not taken the boat, and asked how he got across the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22).
- Jesus told them they weren't really looking for Him, but for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25).

## Read John 6:25-31.

1. The people ask Jesus another question (v. 28) that shows they understood His answer to their first question (v. 25). When Jesus answered them, what did He say was the most important thing anyone could do (v. 29)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When Jesus said this, the people demanded that Jesus would do a sign for them – they wanted to get Him to do another miracle (v. 30). They even tried to make their question sound like it came from the Bible. They reminded Jesus of a story that happened in the Old Testament about when God fed the children of Israel with bread out of heaven.

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Find and read Exodus 16:1-8 in your Bible.

1. Who were the leaders in Israel when God fed them with bread from heaven (v.2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The bread was called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That name means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How often did God send the bread from heaven?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Go back and read John 6:32-33.

1. Jesus reminded the people of something he had taught before about two kinds of bread. What had He taught them? (v.32) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does the true bread from heaven do (v. 33)?  
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Memorize John 6:28-29.

<sup>28</sup>They said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

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Read John 6:30-38.

1. The people cried out for Jesus to give them this bread from heaven that gives life. What did Jesus say then that probably startled the people (v. 35)?



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2. What two words does Jesus use that describe how someone “eats” the Bread of Life (v. 35)? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. The people believed Jesus, the Bread of Life, could provide food for them to eat. Sadly, though, they still did not believe that He was the Bread that God sent down from heaven. What did Jesus teach that should make all of us listen very carefully? (v.37) \_\_\_\_\_
  4. How will God respond to someone who truly eats of the Bread of Life (v. 37)? \_\_\_\_\_

Memorize John 6:37-38.

*<sup>37</sup> “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

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Read John 6:35-51.

1. Jesus came down from Heaven not to do His own will but \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 38).
2. What did Jesus say the will of God was (v. 39)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Jesus said He would give \_\_\_\_\_ life to those who beheld Him and believed in Him. He also said he would \_\_\_\_\_ them up on the last day. (v. 39-40).
4. The Jewish people did not believe the truth about Jesus' teaching about Himself. What two questions did they ask? (v. 41-42) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Jesus gave a Bible explanation for their unbelief. The people were not willing to believe Jesus because \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 45).
6. Jesus promises those who believe Him will have \_\_\_\_\_ life (v. 47). What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Jesus teaches more about the difference between bread people eat to live and bread for spiritual life.

Memorize John 6:44-45.

<sup>44</sup>“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

<sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

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Read John 6:59-71.

1. The more Jesus taught the people, the more they wondered whether or not they even really wanted to listen to or to understand Him. They thought He was teaching them something that was not true. What does it mean when the people describe what Jesus was saying as “a difficult statement” (v. 60)?  
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2. What do you think they mean when they ask, “Who can listen to it [what Jesus is saying]” (v. 60-61)? \_\_\_\_\_

How does v. 61 help us to know what was in the minds of the people asking the question? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. While people ask themselves whether or not they wanted to listen to Jesus, how important did He say His words were (v. 63)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. When v. 64 tells us that Jesus knew what was going on inside of people, what does that teach us about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. In v. 65, Jesus teaches one of the most important truths we can ever learn. No one by himself can make us his own mind whether or not to listen to

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Jesus. What must happen for someone to be able to listen to and love Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

6. When you read that God must make it possible for you to listen to and love Jesus, does that make you want to walk away from God or to get closer to him? What did most of the people listening to Jesus that day decide to do (v. 66)? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Why did Jesus' true disciples decide not to leave Him (v. 68-69)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. In the small crowd that stayed with Jesus, there was one man there who was pretending – he was following Jesus with his feet, but not in his heart. What was his name (v. 70-71)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorize John 6:51.**

*<sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."*

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