

BREAD OF LIFE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THEME: <i>Jesus is the Bread of Life</i>		THEME VERSE: <i>"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world". John 6:33</i>			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Theme	From Bethlehem, the House of Bread comes Jesus, our Saviour.	Jesus defeats the devil by God's Word.	Jesus provides for us.	Jesus suffers and dies for us.	Jesus lives and gives us life.
Bible Text	Luke 2:1-20; John 6:33	Matthew 4:1-11	John 6:1-14	John 6:48-51; John 19	Luke 24:1-35
Take-Home Point	Jesus was born for us!	Jesus defeats Satan for us!	Jesus cares for us!	Jesus died in our place!	Jesus gives us life!
Memory Verse	John 6:33	Matthew 4:4	Matthew 6:11	John 6:50	Luke 24:6a
Teaching Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was born of the line of the great King David, just as prophets foretold • Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the "House of Bread." • No ordinary birth! The angels proclaimed his birth to the Shepherds! He is the Son of God! • He is the bread from heaven which gives life to the whole world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan. • Satan tempts Jesus to show off His true power and might. • Jesus uses God's Word to defeat Satan. • Satan is defeated, God's angels come and minister to Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large crowd had followed Jesus, but they had nothing to eat. Feeding them would have cost 200 days' worth of wages • A small boy brought forward 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish • Jesus used these to feed EVERYBODY, and still have 12 baskets of leftovers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven; and that bread He gives for the life of the world. • Jesus is put on trial by Pontius Pilate and handed over to the Jews. • Jesus dies on the cross for the sins of the whole world. • Jesus is buried in the tomb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is alive! • On the 3rd day He rose again from the dead! • His disciples discover the empty tomb. • Some disciples are travelling and are met by Jesus, but don't recognize him. • They share a meal, and when Jesus breaks bread they recognize him, and run to tell the other disciples of what had happened.
Application Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus has come into the world to be with His people; that's you and me! • But even though He's human like you and I are, make no mistake, He is the Son of God. (all the spectacular things surrounding his birth) • Just like the shepherds we give glory to God for the wondrous gift He has given us in His Son. • The life that Christ gives to the world is our new life in Him! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also are tempted by Satan. He knows our weaknesses. • Though we often give into temptation we know that Jesus didn't! He lived a sinless life and defeated Satan for us. • We couldn't have done it on our own, but through Jesus' death Satan is defeated and we are given forgiveness of sins. • We can use God's Word to strengthen us, resist temptation, teach us how God wants us to live, and learn of God's love for us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus, the Son of God, shows a glimpse of His true power and does a major miracle. • Just like Jesus provided for the crowd then, He provides for our daily needs as well. Food, family, home, etc. (First Article, Apostles' Creed) • Jesus doesn't just work through big things, but can do big things through little things as well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular bread helps us to live day-to-day, but Jesus is the Bread of Life and gives us everlasting life! • Jesus takes on all the sins of the world when He dies on the cross, so that you and I would be saved! • He doesn't do this because you and I deserve it or did something right, but because of His great love for us He has. • He trades places with us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just as Jesus rose again from the dead, so too will we because of the eternal life and salvation that Jesus has given us. • There may be times in our lives that we don't see Jesus, or recognize Him; but we know from His Word that He is always with us and watching over us. We recognize Him in His Word and the Sacraments • Jesus, the Bread of Life, has done great things for us, and continues to do great things for us today and everyday.
Theme Connection	From the House of Bread comes Jesus, the Bread of Life.	The Bread of Life is tempted by bread, and resists by the Word of God.	The Bread of Life feeds us.	The Bread of Life gives Himself for the life of the world.	The Bread of Life lives and gives us life

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Bread!	Gingerbread	Pretzels	Mini Pitas	Matzah	Sweet Bread (Hot Cross Buns?)
Craft	Graham Cracker Nativities	Home made pretzels	Tissue fish on paper plate decorated with tile stickers to look like mosaic Cornucopias	Plastic canvas stitched crosses Sewing card crosses for the younger children	Clay empty tombs
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Away in a Manger• Jesus Rescues Me• Seek Ye First• God is So Good• Do You Know Who Died for Me?• Listen God is Calling• These Things are Written (John 20:31)• Ephesians 1:7				