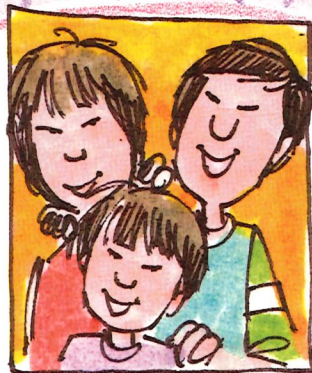


Family Page

Jesus worked many miracles during his lifetime. People came from miles away to ask for his help. We too need to ask for his help so his power can work through our prayers for others. God has promised to answer all our prayers in Jesus' name. Here is something you can do as a family project this week.



explaining GOD'S WORD

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) † Matthew 14:13-21 † August 2, 2026

- 1 Decorate a small container, using the label on the front of this leaflet.
- 2 Each day this week, members and friends of the family can place their prayer intentions in the Miracle Memory Bank.
- 3 At family prayer time, read the intentions aloud. Pray for all the intentions in the bank.
- 4 When a prayer has been answered, remove that intention from the bank and say a family prayer of thanksgiving for God's care.



Read the story inside to see how Jesus works miracles today. Then cut out the above section and tape it around a small jar or on the side of a box where your family can keep track of the miracles that happen to you.

Miracles Do Happen Today!

This week's gospel story is all about a miracle, the miracle of the loaves and fish. Let's pretend that you are there!

You are standing in the crowd, listening to Jesus. You love hearing him talk. Sometimes he looks right at you while he is talking.

It's getting late, and you are hungry. But you don't want to leave Jesus. Someone tells Jesus, "Send the people home so they can get something to eat." Jesus tells everyone to sit down.

There goes a boy with some bread and fish. He gives them to Jesus. Jesus blesses the few little fish and the loaves of bread. Then his apostles pass them around to the people.

Now comes the miracle! The apostles keep giving and giving and the food never runs out. How could Jesus feed so many from so little food? "It's a miracle!" the people cry, and you know that it's true, because you saw it all with your own eyes.

God *still* works miracles today! And people help God to do it. Some folks help God work miracles by feeding and clothing the poor. Doctors and nurses help God heal the sick.

God needs you to help too! What miracles can you and God do today?

Word Search

Can you think of some people who make miracles happen in your world today? See how many names of miracle workers you can find in the fish word search.

Word List:

PRIEST	FARMER
NUN	DOCTOR
MOTHER	FATHER

