The Miracles of Jesus Skit #2 Kevin Lee Feeding the Five Thousand, John 6 v 1-14

Performers x 5+ Jesus/Narrator

Andrew

Punjab – The World's Second fastest Indian

Boy

Extras for the crowd

Props 1 x Baseball cap for boy

1 x Cardboard basket with Cardboard cut outs of Fish and Loaves

1 x Bike helmet for Punjab

1 x Cellphone

Narrator "Each of the Gospels tell the story of the beheading of John the Baptist.

When Jesus heard of it He went across the sea of Galilee with his Disciples to be alone

with them in the Desert. But, a great multitude of people followed Him there. The

Bible records five thousand men being present. It doesn't record the women and

children, so, there may have been ten, or even fifteen thousand people there.

Jesus had compassion on them. He spoke to them of the Kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. Then, as the day began to wear away, the crowd were growing tired and hungry. And, the Disciples implored the Lord to send the people away, so they could go to the villages and buy food and get lodgings for the night. But, he told them they didn't need to do that. *They* could feed them. But they didn't have any food with them. What could they do?"

<u>Andrew</u> "That was wonderful teaching Master. But the people....they grow tired and hungry....we'd better send them away, so they can get themselves food in the villages."

Jesus "We don't need to do that Andrew....You feed them!"

<u>Andrew</u> (Looking around.) "With what?....A whole truck load of bread wouldn't feed this lot.....There's thousands of them! Maybe we could order in takeaways.....What about Pizza?"

<u>Punjab</u> "Or Curry?....My cousin Delhi makes the very best Curry this side of Persia!"

Andrew "I don't know about Curry."

<u>Punjab</u> "I can get us a very good bulk-buying discount?" (Pulls out his cellphone.)

<u>Jesus</u> "No,....I don't think you'll get enough reception here Punjab...And besides (Patting His pockets.) Judas has the wallet."

<u>Andrew</u> (Turns, and notices a boy with his lunch basket.) "Look,....There's a boy here with his lunch...." (He looks into it.) "Five loaves and two fish....But that won't go very far!"

Jesus "Bring them here to me."

Andrew (Grips the basket, and tries to pull it away.)

Boy "Leave it alone, you thief!....That's my lunch." (Pulling it back.)

Andrew "The Master wants it!....Now give it here or else I'll...."

Jesus (Waving His finger.) "Andy....Be nice to the boy!"

<u>Andrew</u> (Changes his tone.) "Can I borrow your lunch please?....I'll give it back when we've finished with it.....I promise."

Boy "You better...My Dad knows you." (Releasing it.)

<u>Jesus</u> (Holding basket up.) "Bless this bread and fish that it will feed the multitude." (He hands it to the two Disciples, who take a bite of each and hand it on.)

Jesus "Gather up the leftovers, so nothing is wasted."

(Andrew and Punjab turn the fish over to reveal skeletons, and the bread to reveal bread with bites taken out. They hand them back to Jesus who puts them back in the basket. Andrew hands it to the Boy.)

<u>Andrew</u> "Thank you Sonny." (Patting his stomach.) "Your Mum sure is a good cook!"

Boy (Sees his lunch is gone.) "You ate my lunch!"

<u>Andrew</u> "No, we left some for you..Now run along.....And tell your Mother thank you!"

Boy "I'll tell my Dad...He knows where you live!"

Andrew "Tell him too...Now get lost before I..."

Jesus (Waving his finger.) "Andy!"

Andrew "I was only going to bless him Master...Honestly."

Jesus "Okay, well let's all go home now...It's been a big day for all."

<u>End</u>

<u>Narrator</u> 'When Jesus took that boy's lunch He multiplied it and fed over ten thousand people. And they gathered up twelve baskets of leftovers. He did that to show that He was Emmanuel, God with us. None of the religious people of His day could work miracles. But He was God the creator living among His creation. We were created in the image of God, but when we compare our selfish and greedy lives with His selfless life, it shows us how far away from God we have strayed."

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