

# The Great Picnic



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You can colour this picture.



## From the Bible

Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him. So he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test Philip. He already knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “Suppose we were able to buy enough bread for each person to have just a bite. That would take more than half a year’s pay!”

Another of his disciples spoke up. It was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He said, “Here is a boy with five small loaves of barley bread. He also has two small fish. But how far will that go in such a large crowd?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down. About 5,000 men were there. Then Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks. He handed out the bread to those who were seated. He gave them as much as they wanted. And he did the same with the fish. When all of them had enough to eat, Jesus spoke to his disciples. “Gather the leftover pieces,” he said. “Don’t waste anything.” So they gathered what was left over from the five barley loaves. They filled 12 baskets with the pieces left by those who had eaten.

John, chapter 6, verses 5-13 (New International Reader’s Version)

## ? To think about

*I wonder what it felt like to be in the crowd that day?*

*Which part of the story is about you – who would you have been?*

*What do you think the boy felt like when he took his picnic to Jesus?*

*Take a look at this picture of the story by Eularia Clarke from the Methodist Modern Art Collection.*

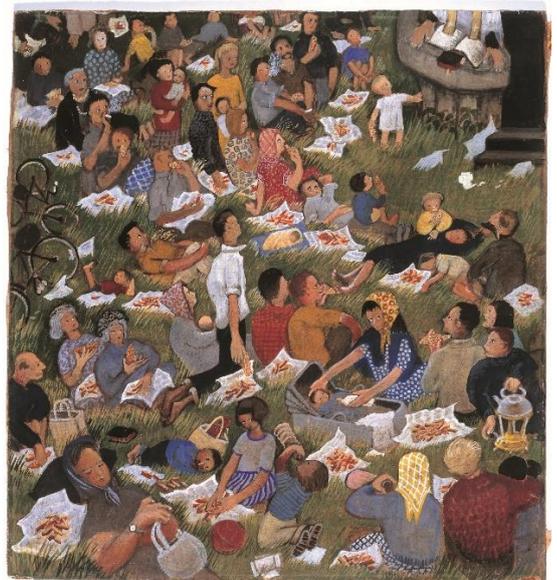
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*Can you see what they’re eating?*

*What is your favourite thing to eat on a picnic?*

*Can you find people in the picture that look like people you know?*





## Cooking

### Bake some bread (*you will need help from a grown up for this*)

You will need:

- 340g strong white flour
- 5g fast-action dried yeast
- 200ml warm water
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- Olive oil

Mix the yeast into the flour, add salt and the warm water. Mix well until all combined, tip onto floured surface and knead until the dough becomes smooth and stretchy. (You could do this in an electric mixer if you have one.) Make into a smooth ball. Brush a little olive oil round a bowl and place the dough inside, cover and leave to rise for about 1 hour.

When risen tip out onto floured surface and knead again and shape. Place on an oiled baking tray, cover and leave to rise for 30 minutes.

Ask a grown-up to preheat the oven to 220°C/gas mark 7. When the dough has risen and the oven is hot ask a grown-up to bake for about 40 minutes until golden.

Ask a grown-up to place the bread on a rack to cool a little. You can enjoy the bread warm, you don't need to wait until it is completely cold!

Recipe from Gino D'Acampo, *Italian Home Baking*



## Craft Activity

### Picnic collage

You will need:

- Pictures of food from the internet or from old magazines
- Large piece of paper or card
- Glue stick
- Scissors

Cut out as many pictures of food as you can. Stick them on to the piece of paper or card. You could try different themes – a picnic of all your favourite food – a picnic of very healthy food – a picnic to share with others – a picnic for a special occasion.



## To think about

*Do the themes overlap – are your favourite foods good for you?*

*Do other people like the same things as you?*

*Who would you like to invite to your picnic?*

*How many people could you feed?*

