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Mark 6:30-44

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For Family Discussion: Ask: *What is the biggest dinner party you have ever been to?* Read Mark 6:30-44. Ask: *How does Jesus feel about the crowds of people? What does Jesus ask the disciples to do? What does Jesus make happen? How can our family show compassion to others like Jesus?*

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