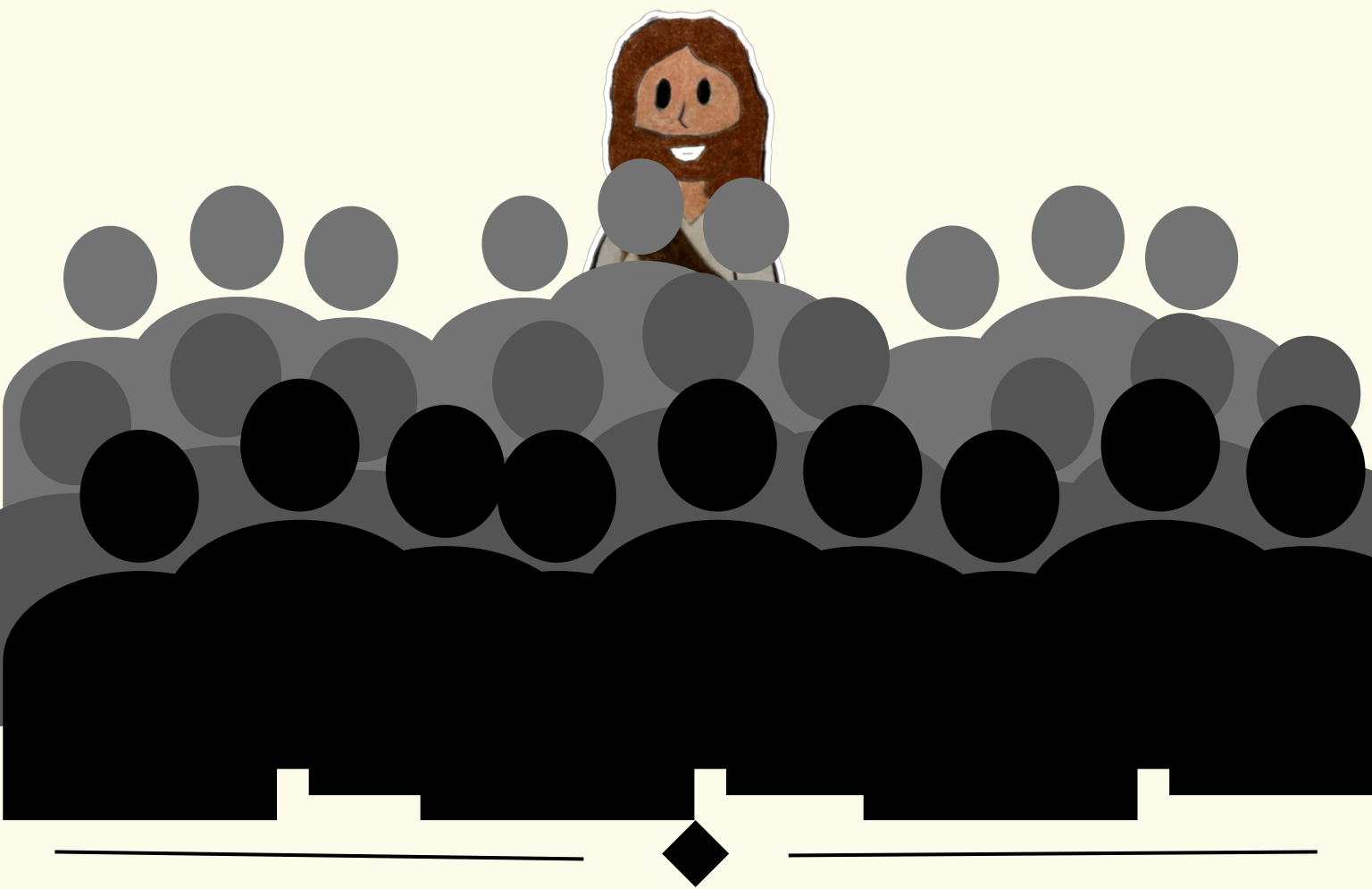


Five Loaves and Two Fish

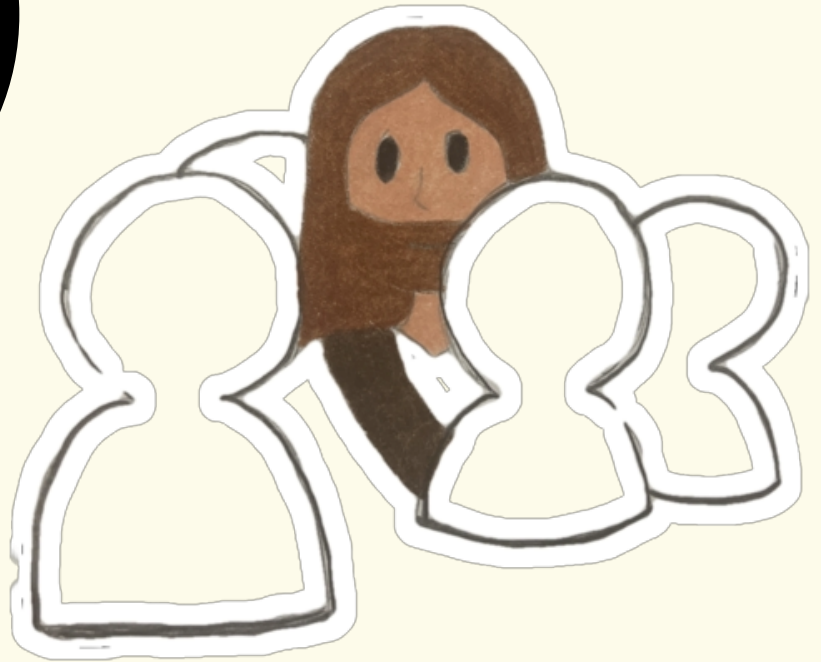




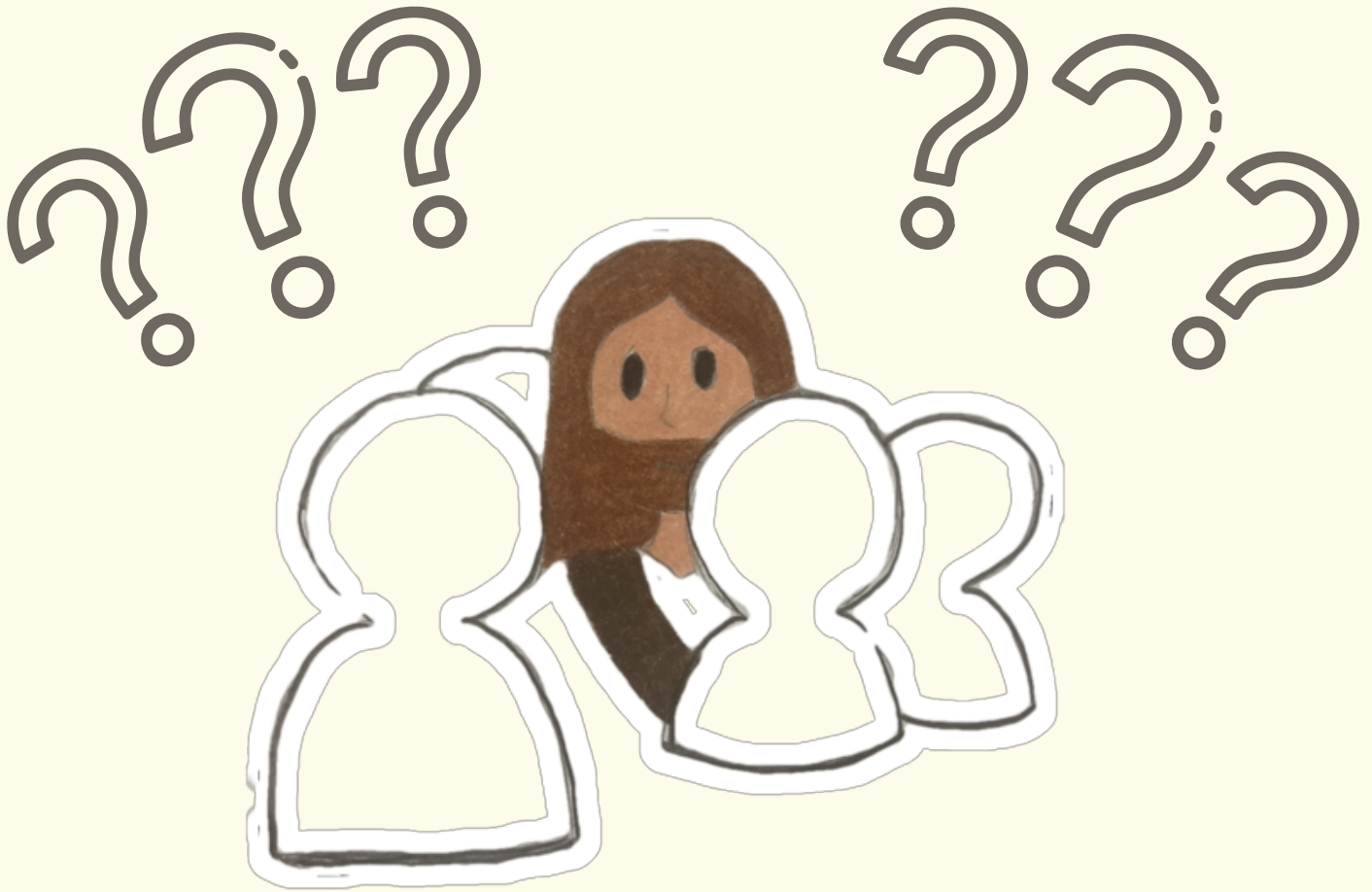
The sun was sinking lower and lower.



People were squished together and crowded around, all for one person, Jesus.



They had been there for a long time. Yet
nobody thought about the hours that went
by.

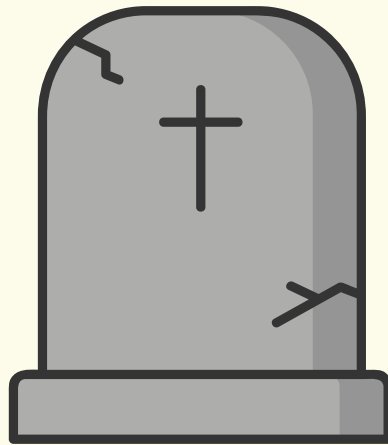


What was happening was too interesting to
leave.

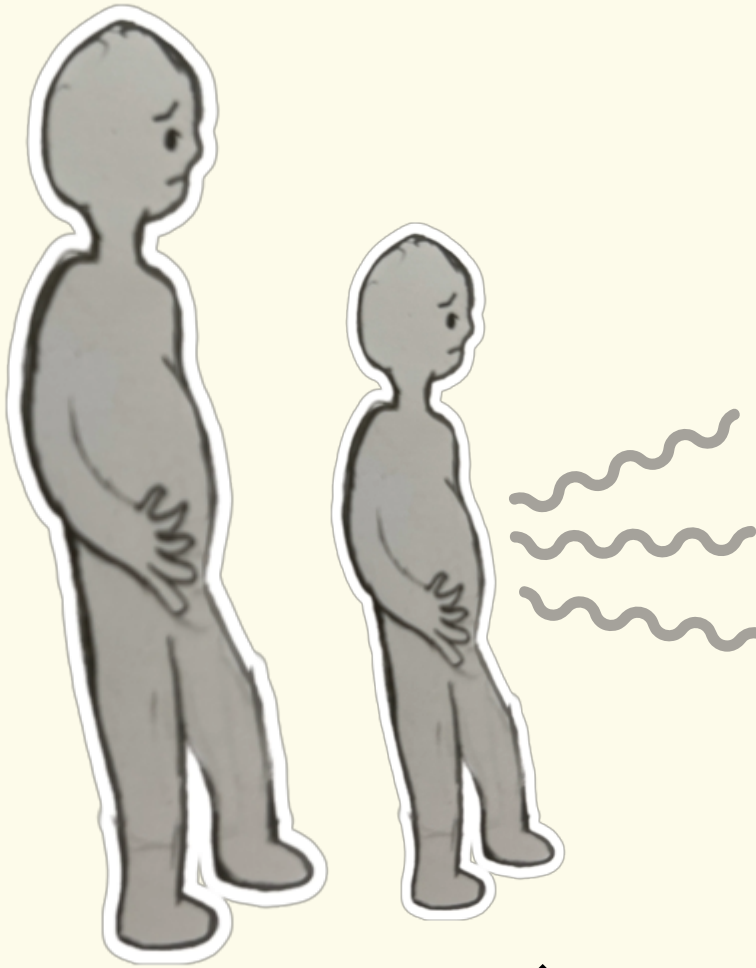
Hope,
comfort,
peace...



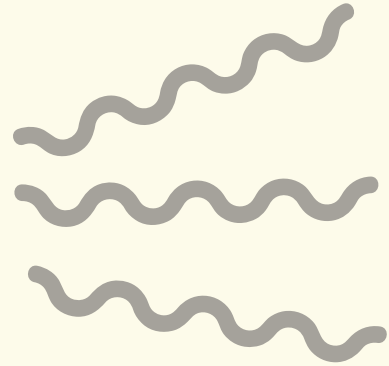
Jesus told them hopeful, comforting words.



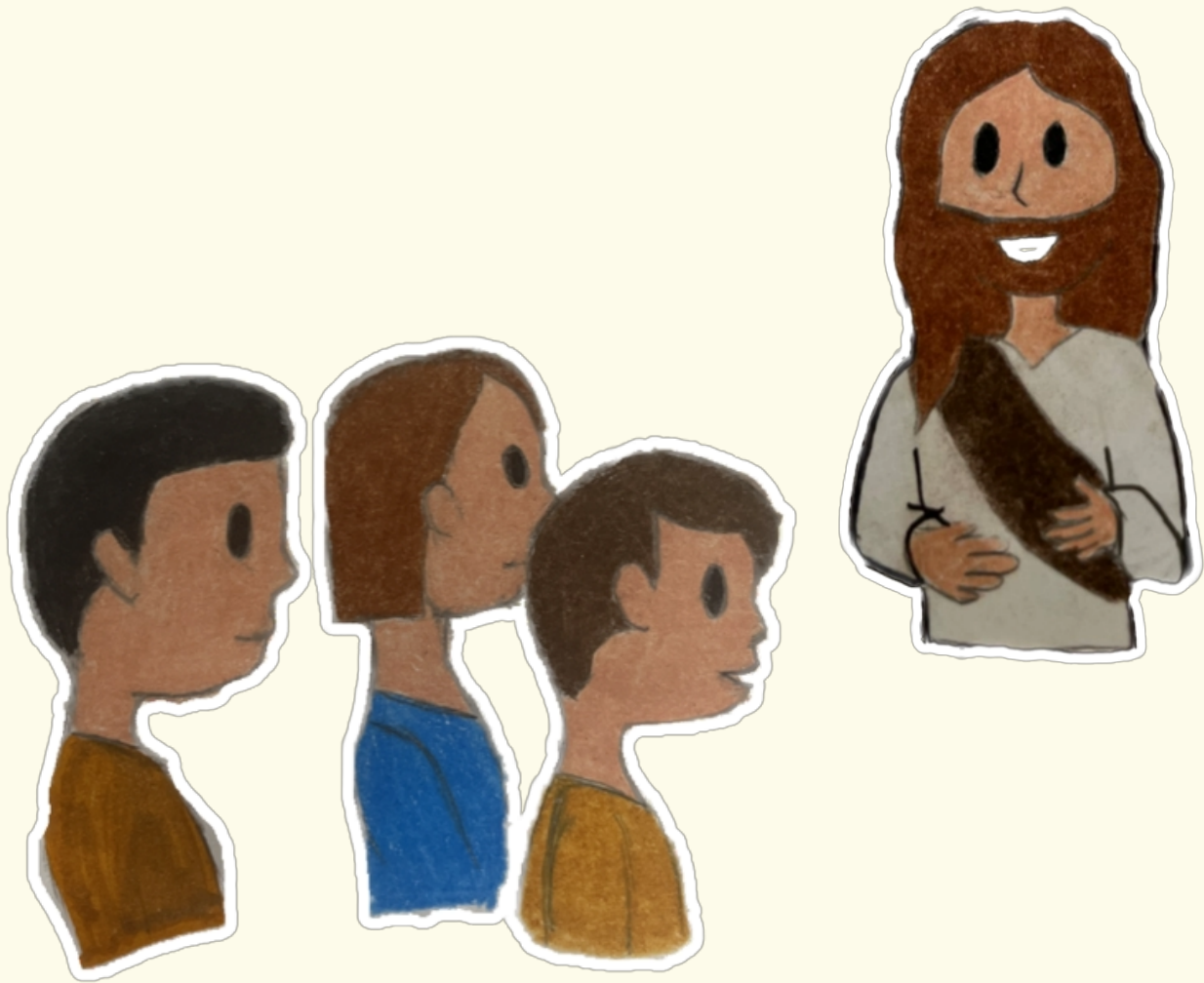
Even crazier, he miraculously made sick,
dying people healthy.



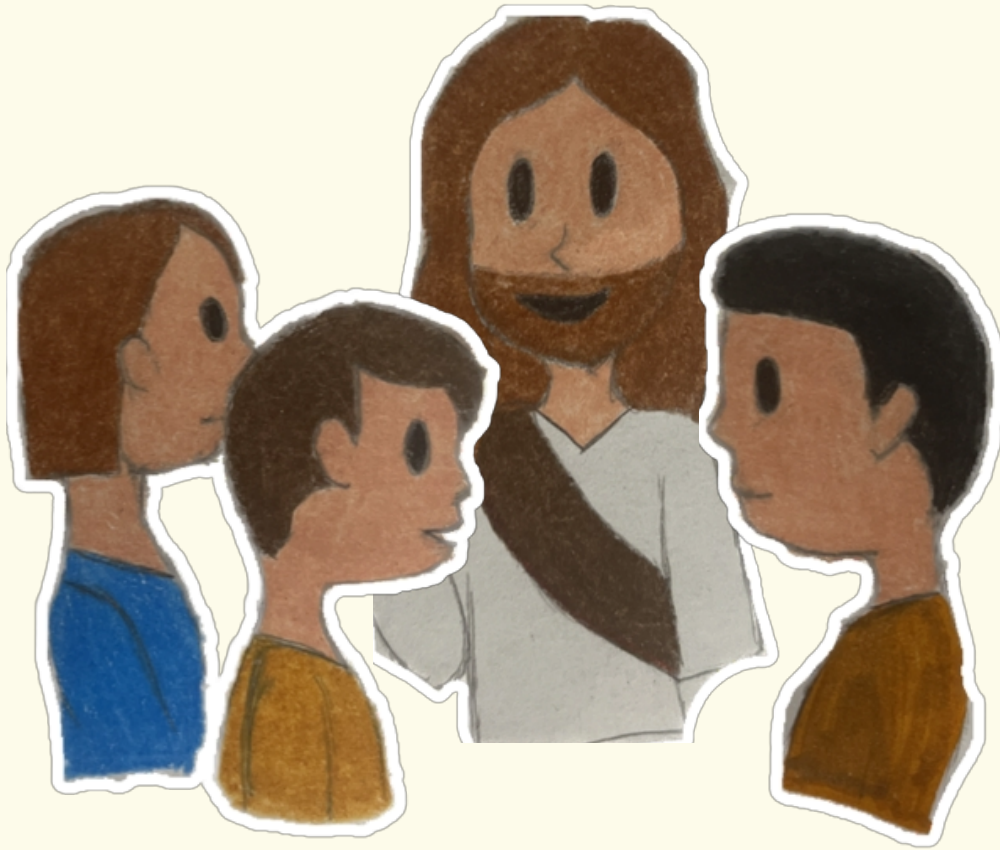
But as the light faded, their growling
tummies reminded them how long it had
been.



Their feet, hurting from standing, wanted to
sit.



Jesus had a group of close friends who followed him everywhere.



These disciples saw that Jesus was getting tired too and they came to Him.



Middle of
nowhere...



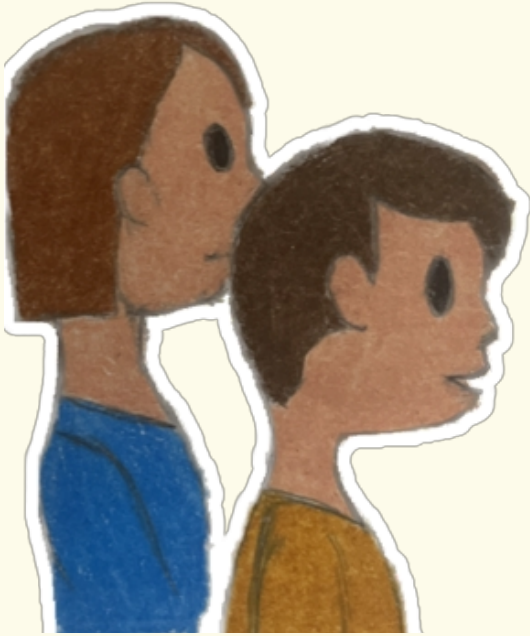
They said, "We are in the middle of nowhere
and it's getting pretty dark."



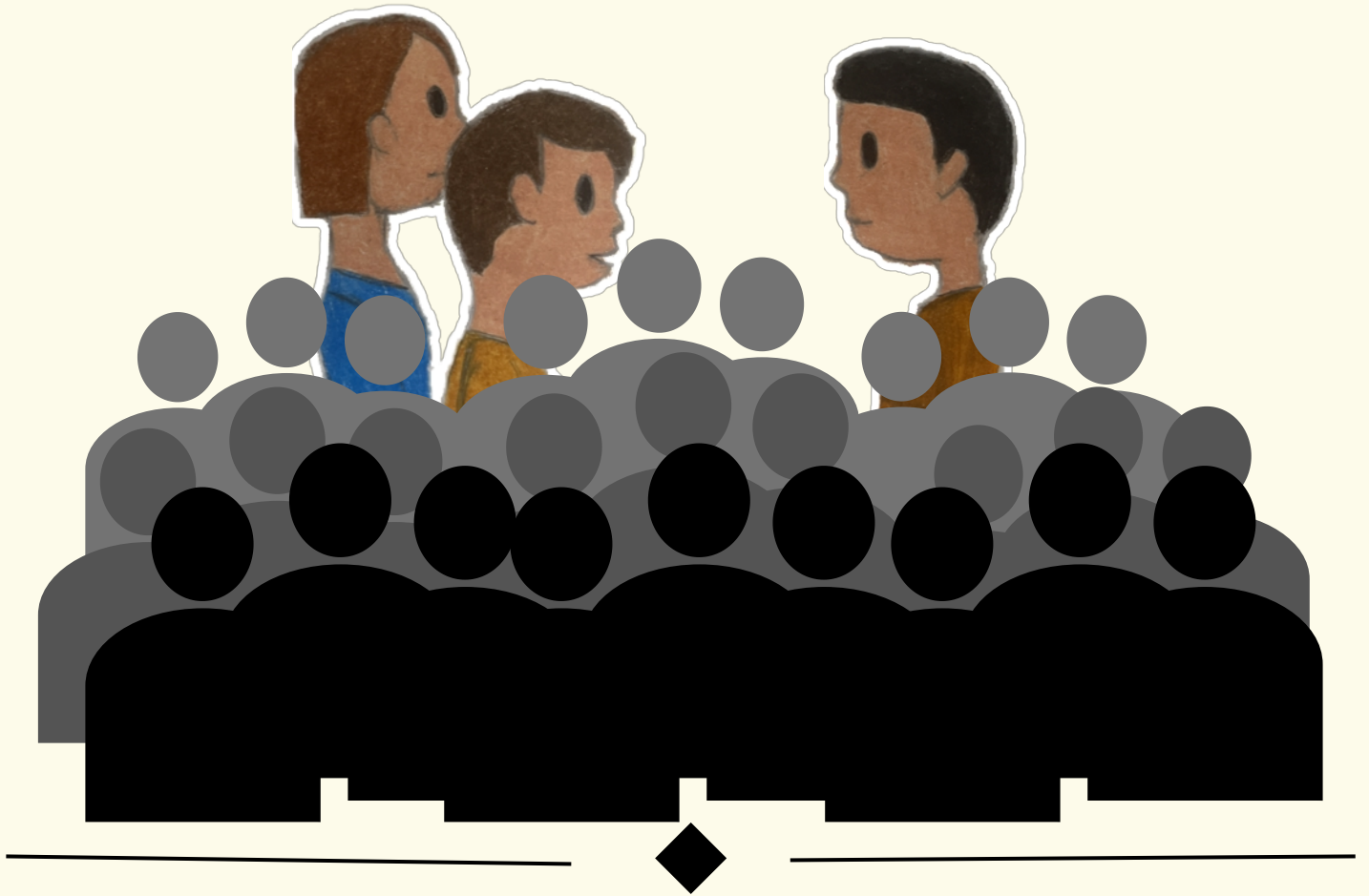
"Jesus, send all these people away so they
can go to the town and get something to
eat."



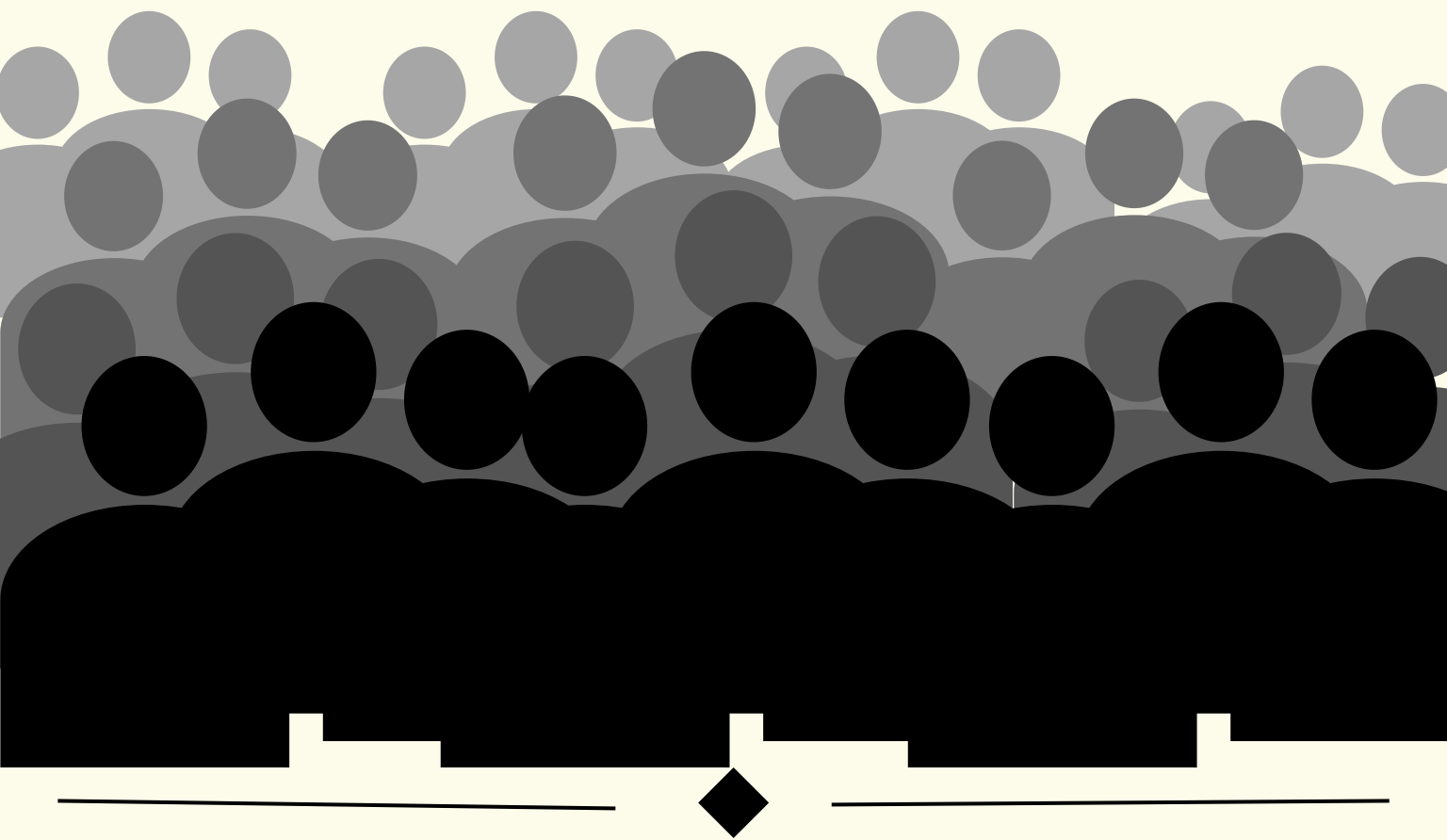
But Jesus had something else in mind...



He replied, "They don't need to go anywhere. Give them something to eat."



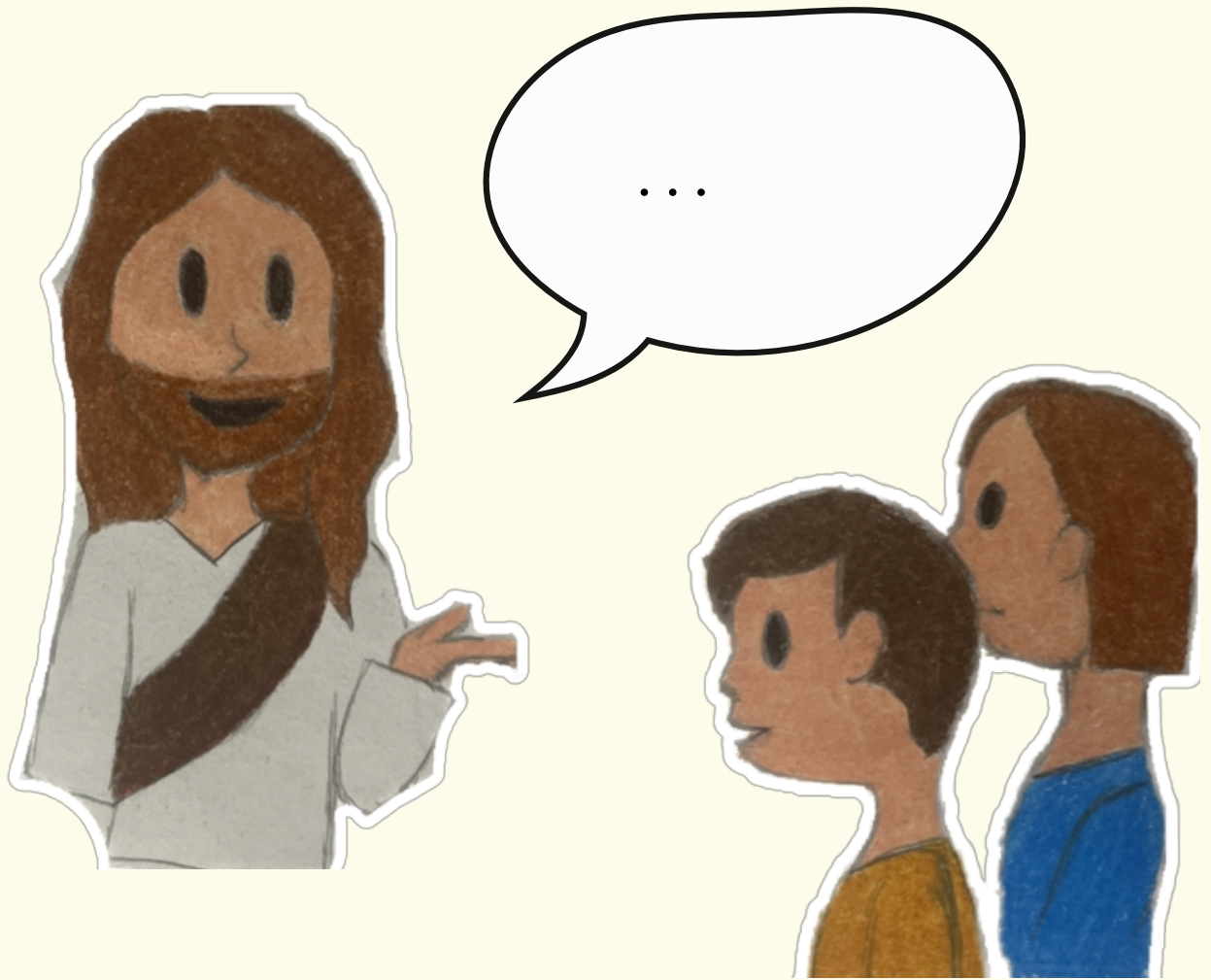
Jesus' disciples looked at each other and
then at the people.



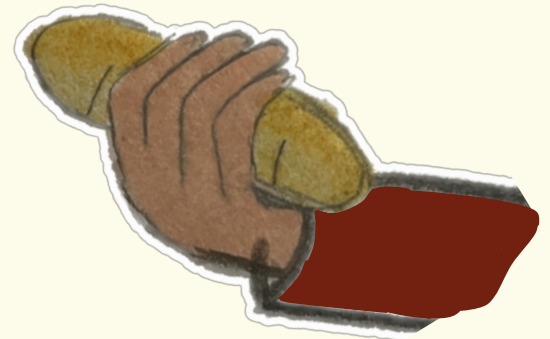
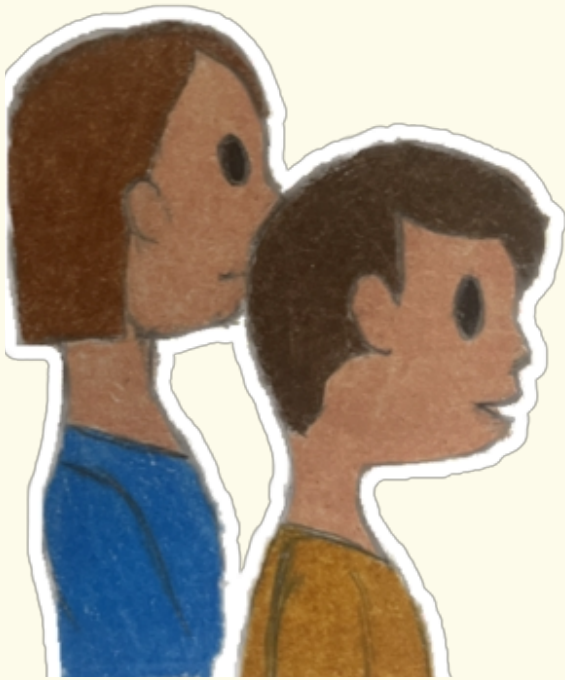
Thousands and thousands of people stood,
watching them.



No way they could ever buy enough food
for all these people.



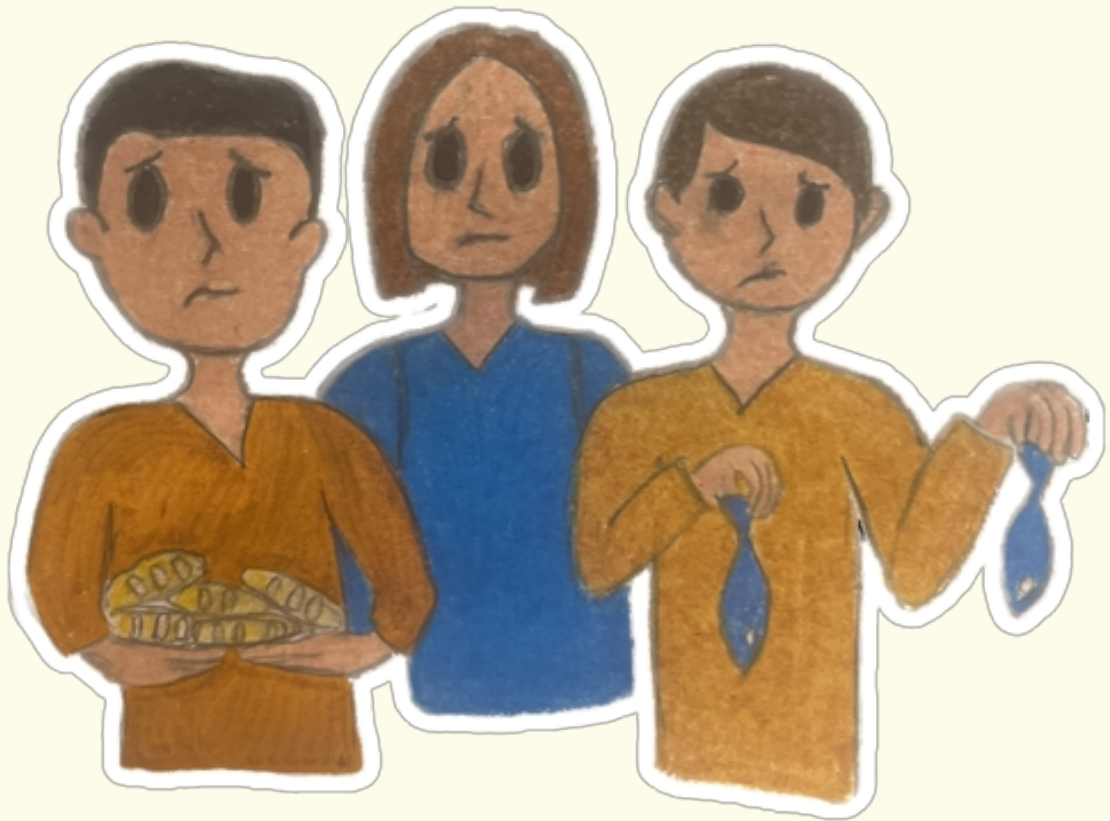
Then Jesus told them, "See if anyone in the crowd has some food."



One little boy gave them what he had to eat.
Back to Jesus they brought the food.



It was barely enough to feed a few.



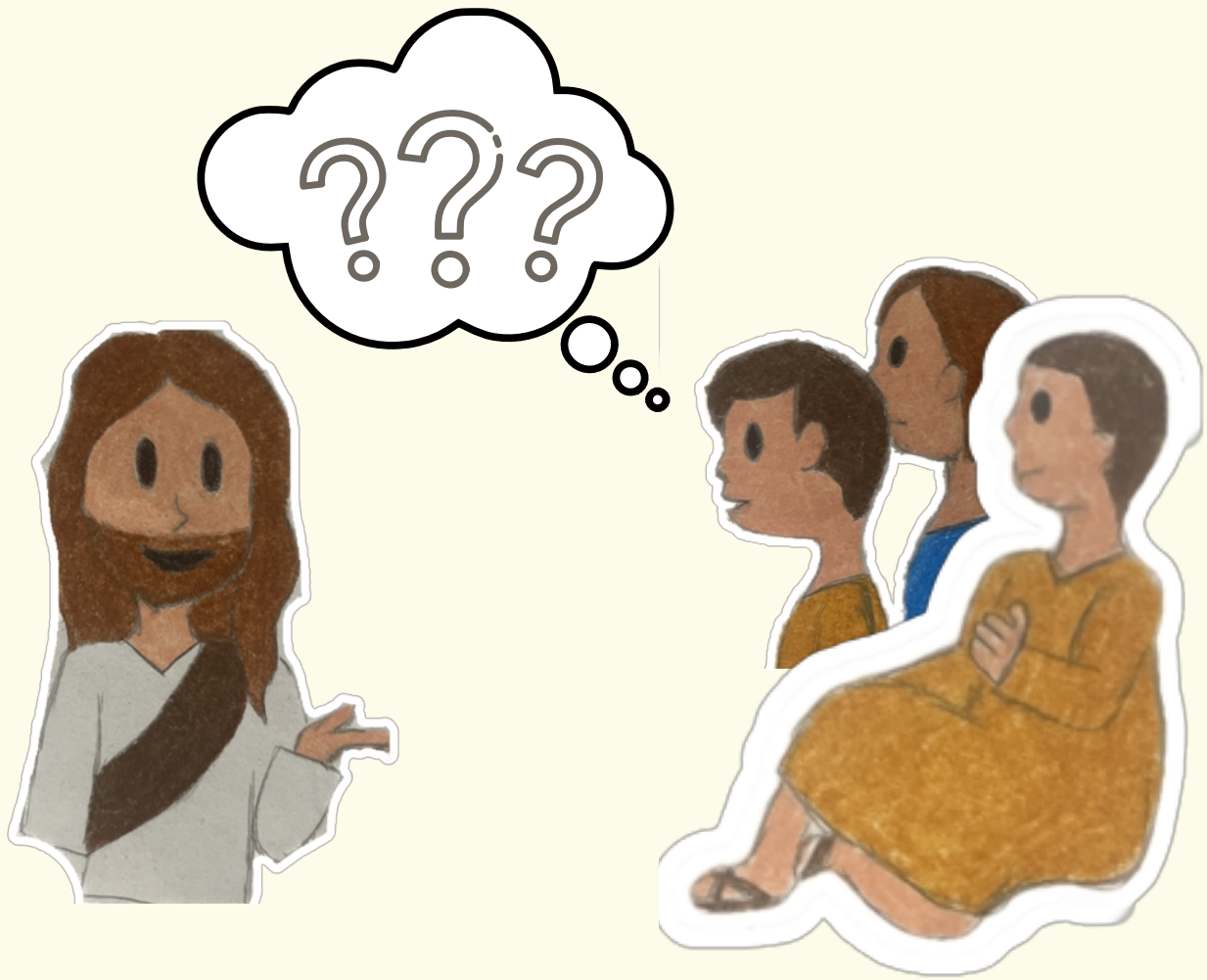
"We only found five loaves of bread and two
little fish."



"Bring them over here to me," Jesus asked them.



Now Jesus told all the people to sit, and
they eagerly sat.



All could see Jesus, what was he going to
do?



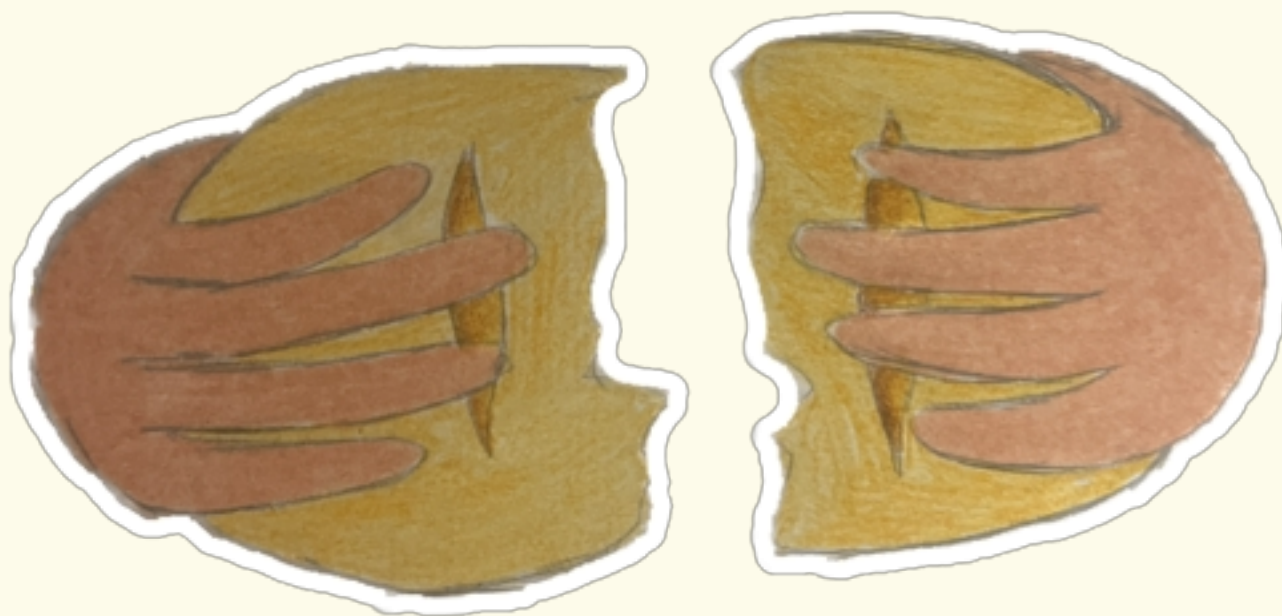
With questions in their minds, the disciples
gave him the food.

Dear God,

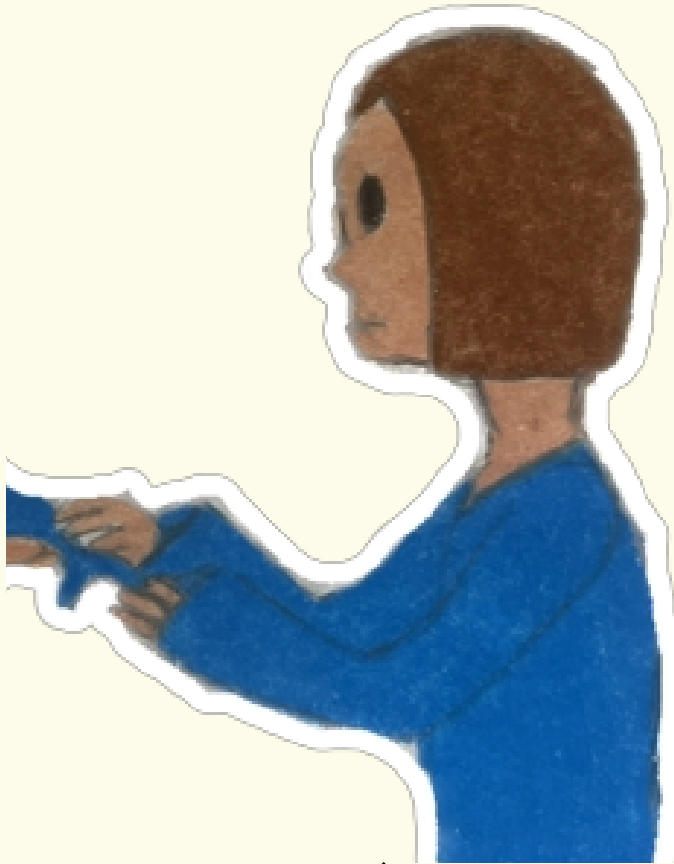
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Jesus looked up in the sky, to heaven, and
said a prayer to bless the food.



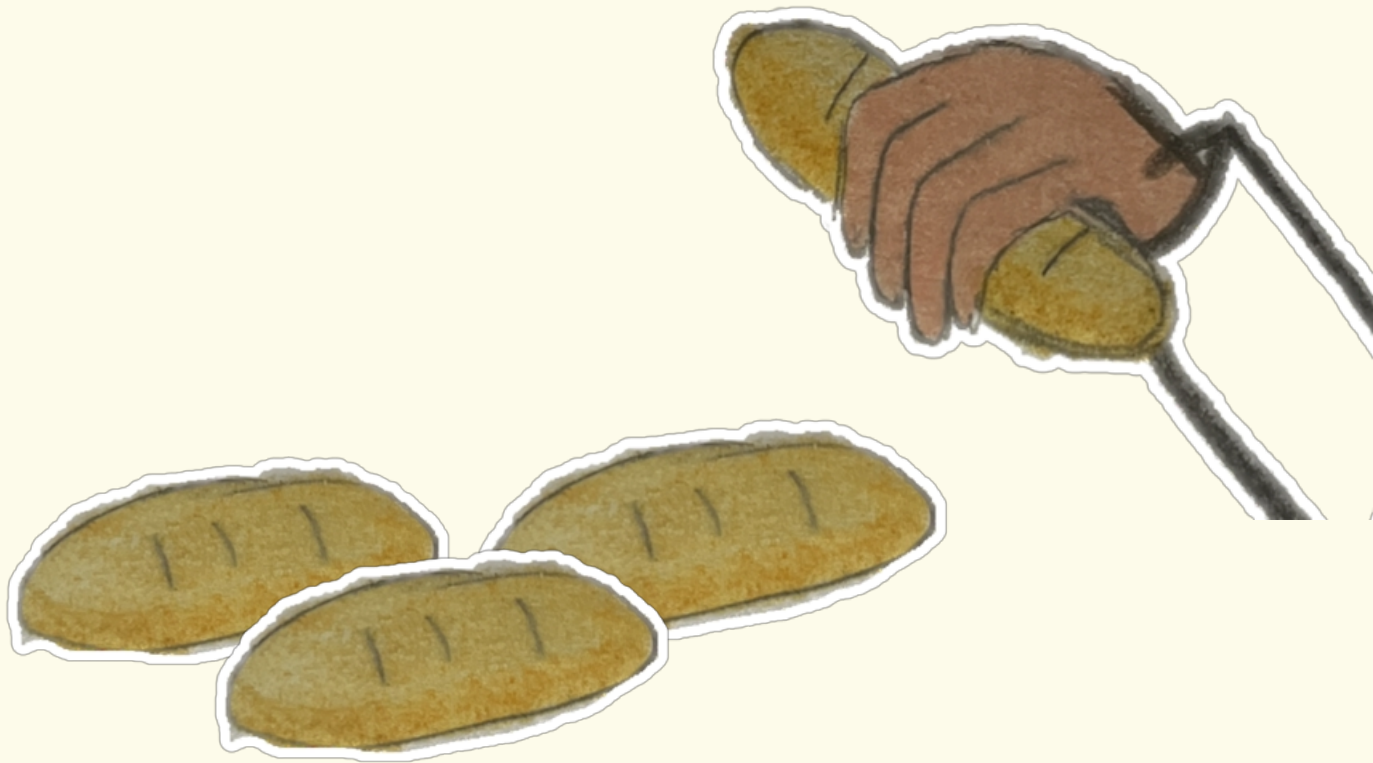
Then He split up the food and gave it to His
disciples.



The disciples started to give it out and
soon it was gone.



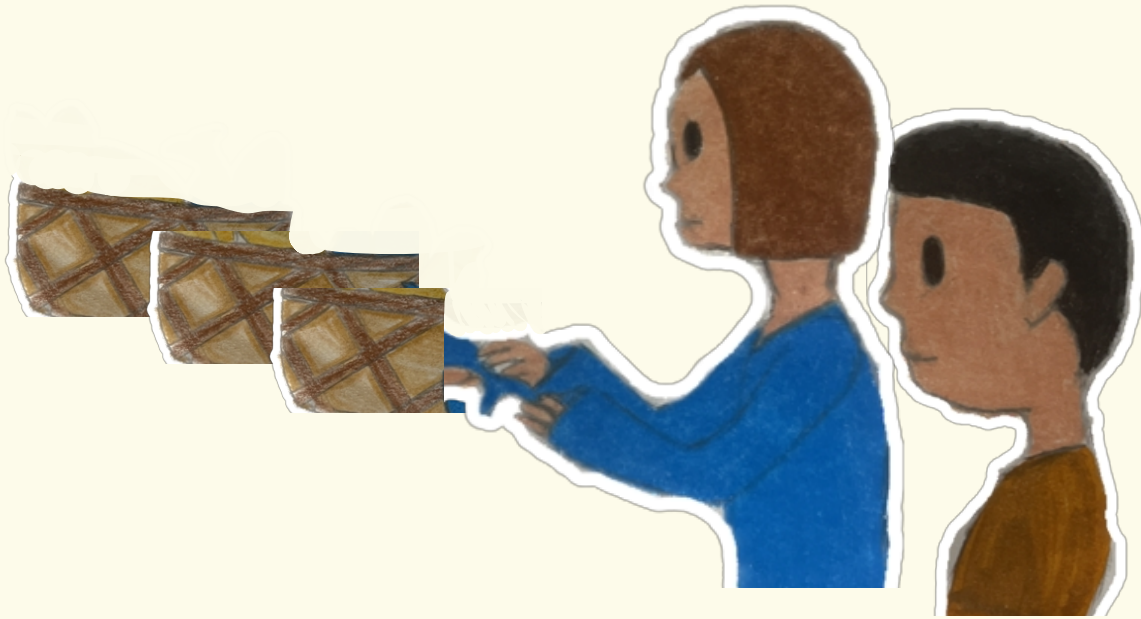
They went back to Jesus empty, but when they arrived He had more bread and fish with Him.



Where did this food come from?



He gave them more food and they gave it
out to the people.



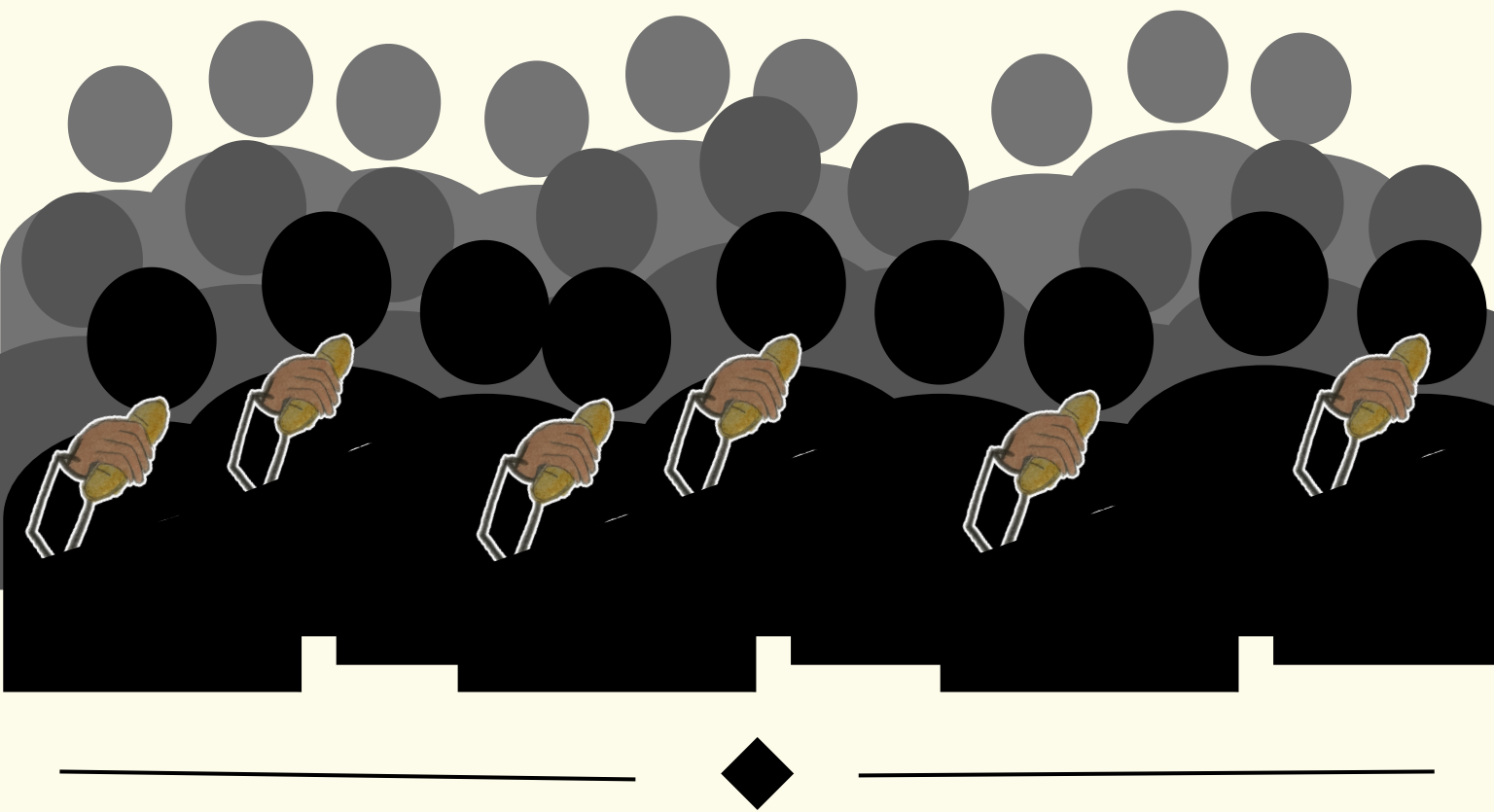
Again they ran out of food and went back
to Jesus.



Shocked, the disciples stared at Jesus. He somehow had more food again.



Over and over again there was food and more food, until all the crowd was full.



Thousands and thousands had eaten a
good meal! Impossible! How?!



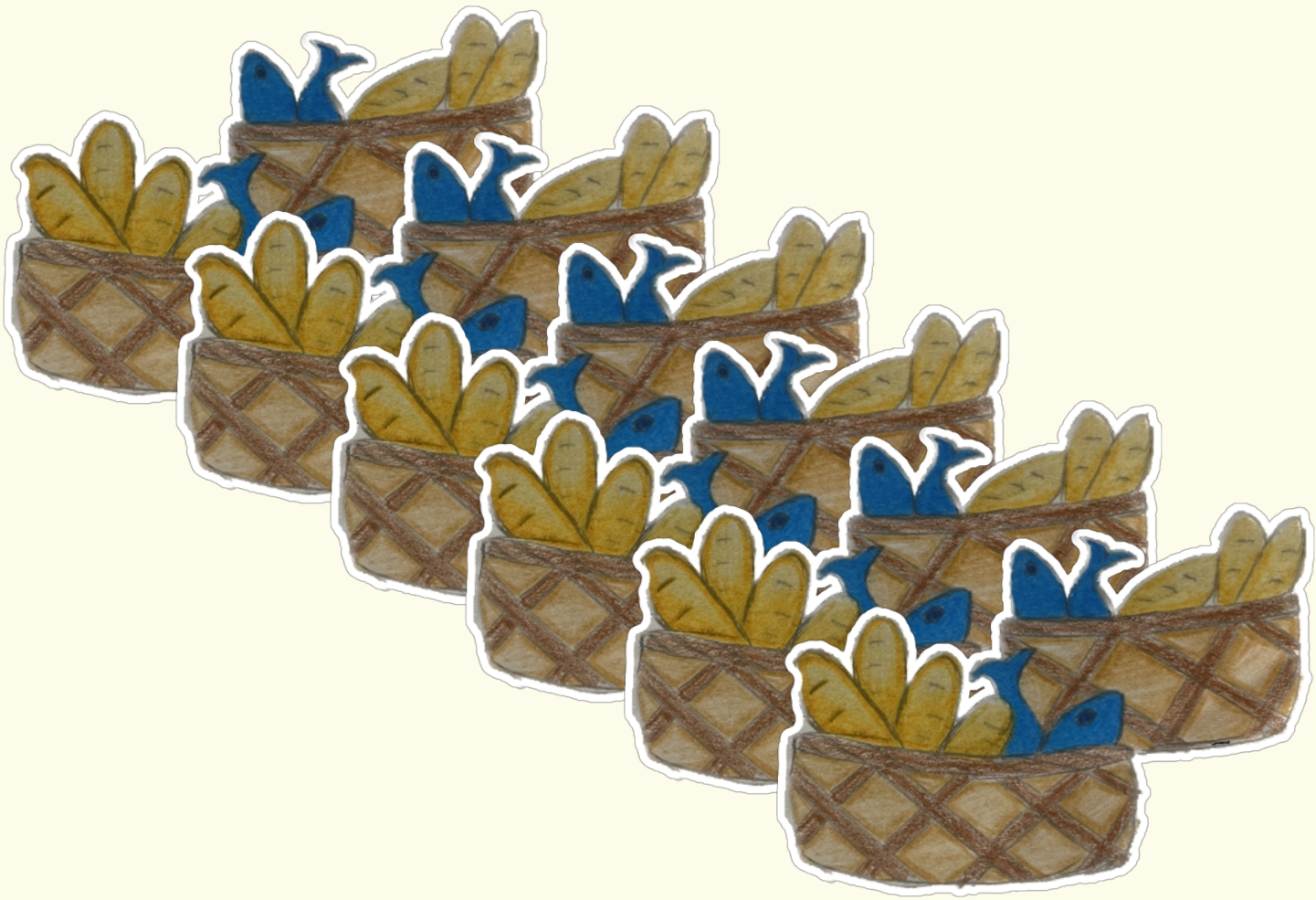
Pick up all
the leftovers.



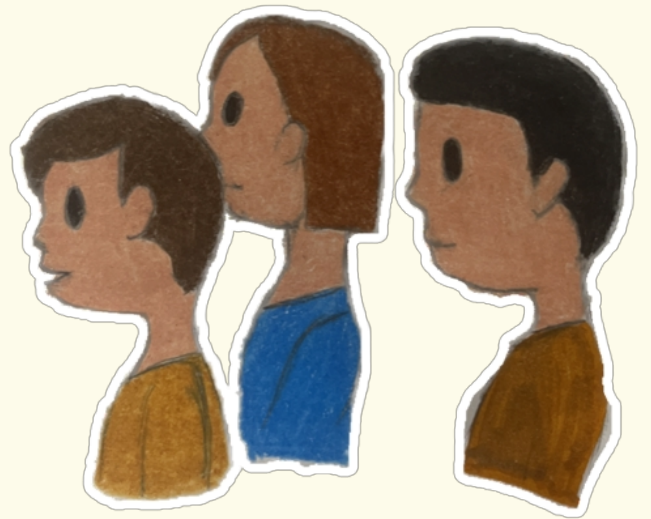
"Pick up all the leftovers, so nothing is
wasted," Jesus said smiling.



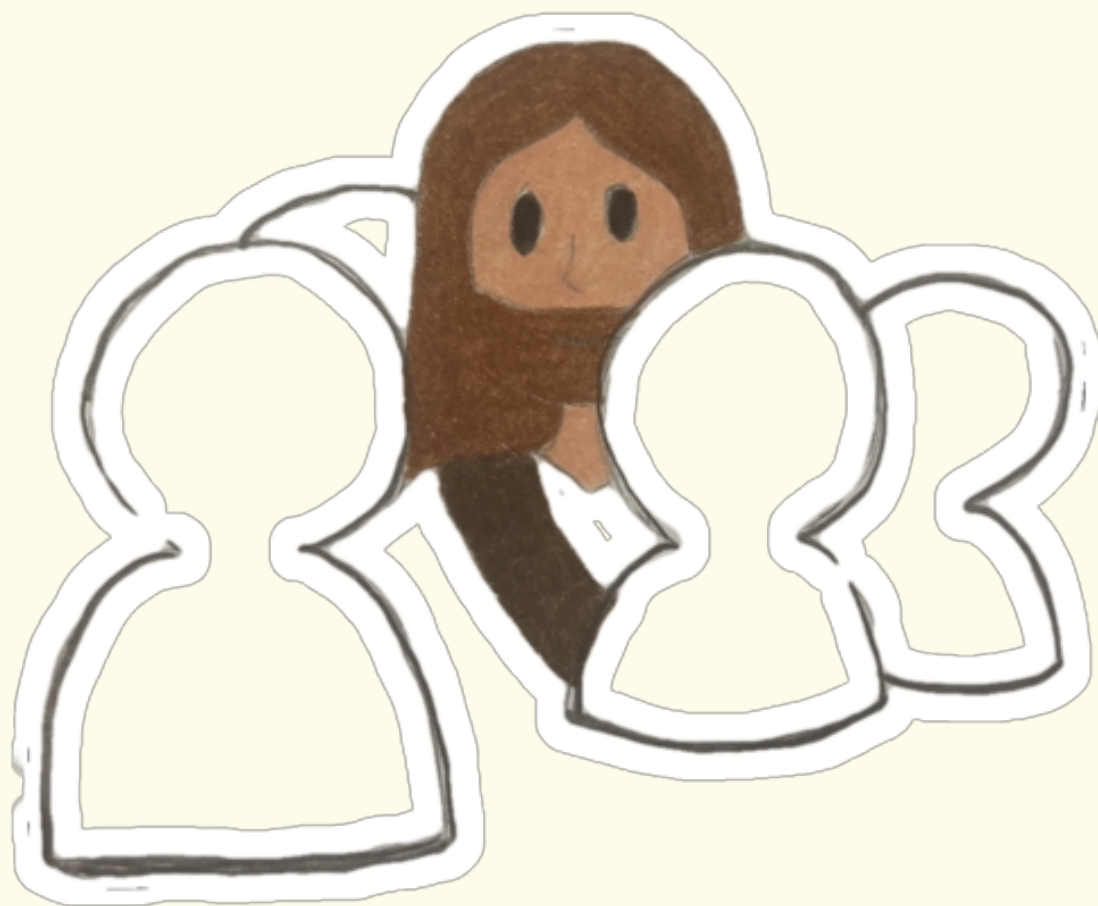
After everything had been picked up, the disciples and Jesus sat down and ate too.



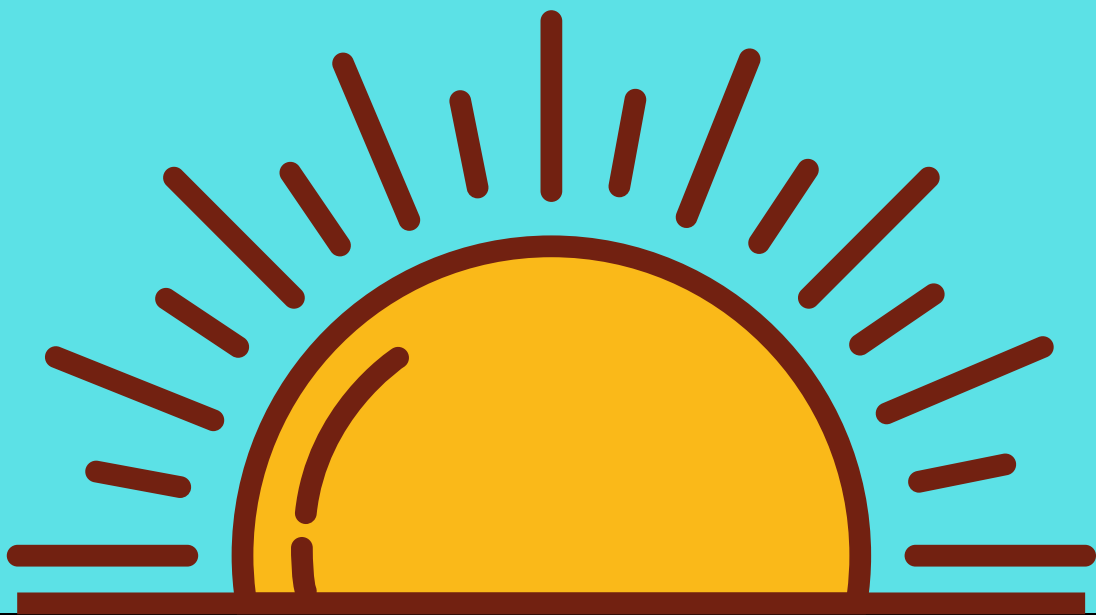
There were twelve full baskets of leftover
food!



Did this all come from those five loaves of
bread and two small fish?



It must be a miracle. Jesus had given food
to over five thousand people.



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MATTHEW 14:14-21

