

Lyle the Kindly Viking



What is the STORY about?

Oh, my! Determined to present something “classy” for a change, Archibald Asparagus has taken over VeggieTales! Assisted by those rascally French Peas, Archibald aims for new heights in “veggie programming” by attempting to produce the world premier of what he believes to be Gilbert and Sullivan’s lost musical—“Lyle, the Kindly Viking!” Of course, working with the French Peas as assistants is a recipe for disaster, and in the chaos and hilarity that ensues, Bob, Larry, and Junior all learn a great lesson about sharing. Archibald, on the other hand, mostly just learns to never again work with the French Peas. This hilarious VeggieTales musical adventure featuring Junior Asparagus as “Lyle, the Kindly Viking” teaches young and old alike that “sharing gets us more of what we really want...friends!”

- **A Lesson in Sharing**
- **Key Passage: John 6:1-13**
(A Lesson-related Bible story)
- **Running time: 23 minutes**
- **Bonus Show: “Omelet”**
(8 minutes)



What do you THINK?

- **What was the nickname of the Vikings?** (*Terrors of the Sea*)
- **What did Lyle do when the Vikings went on raids?** (*Stayed home and made pot holders*)
- **Lyle received part of the “loot” from the raids. What did he do with it?** (*Gave it back to the monks along with his potholders*)
- **What convinced the Vikings to change their actions?** (*They saw that Lyle made friends by sharing with others; the monks helped Lyle when he was in trouble*)
- **The “Terrors of the Sea” changed their nickname to _____.**
(*Sharers of the Sea*)



What does the BIBLE say?

This story of a little boy SHARING his lunch is found in John 6:1-13. Read the story from the Bible in a translation that is easy for children to understand OR tell it in the shortened version that follows.

Because of the many miracles He had performed, people came from far and near to hear Jesus speak. A crowd had gathered one day to hear His teachings, and after a while they became hungry. Jesus asked his disciples where they could buy food. They replied that they didn’t have enough money to buy bread for 5000 people! One of the disciples found a boy with five small loaves of bread and two small fish, but he knew such a small amount would never feed such a large crowd. Jesus instructed the people to be seated in groups of fifty and one hundred. He took the lunch that the boy was willing to share—five barley loaves and two fish—and gave thanks to God. Then he broke the bread and fish into pieces and passed it out among the people. When everyone had eaten their fill, he told the disciples to gather what was left so that nothing was wasted. The leftovers that were collected filled twelve baskets! (Another miracle performed by Jesus when a little boy was willing to share his lunch.)

The Story of Feeding the 5000



ACTIVITY

Distribute a few puzzle pieces from one large puzzle (25-100 pieces) to each child. (If a puzzle is not available, cut a poster or magazine advertisement into pieces for a substitute puzzle.) Instruct each person to put the pieces together. Of course, most of them will not fit together. Discuss how **SHARING** the pieces and putting them together is the only way the puzzle can be completed. Each person needs to give up his pieces for the whole group to use. Talk about the little boy who was willing to give up his food so that everyone could enjoy lunch together...after Jesus performed the multiplying miracle!



What can we DO?

The boy in the Bible story shared his lunch. Lyle shared his money and his potholders. How can **YOU** share with others? Encourage each child to commit to sharing in some way the next week.

Discuss ways that children can share using the following topics and suggested ideas:

- **SHARING YOUR TIME** (Volunteer to do housework/yard work/babysitting for parents without being asked, help a friend or sibling with homework, visit an elderly friend or relative)
- **SHARING YOUR MONEY** (Give up allowance for a week, give allowance to missions or the church, buy a small gift for someone who would not expect it)
- **SHARING YOUR TALENTS** (Volunteer to sing or play an instrument in a nursing home or at church, help with a Sunday School class, teach someone to sew, draw, knit, throw a football, how to play a game)
- **SHARING YOUR POSSESSIONS** (Allow family members and friends—with permission from parents—to borrow clothes, toys and games, books, music)

Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.

- **Proverbs 22:9** “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.”
- **Acts 4:32** “All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.”

3 Things to remember about Feeding the 5000

1. The little boy was willing to **SHARE** his lunch
2. Jesus performed a miracle to multiply the **5 LOAVES and 2 FISH**
3. There were **12 BASKETS** of crumbs left after everyone had eaten

KEY VERSE

(Hebrews 13:16) “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

KEY NUGGET

We will be blessed when we bless others by sharing.

