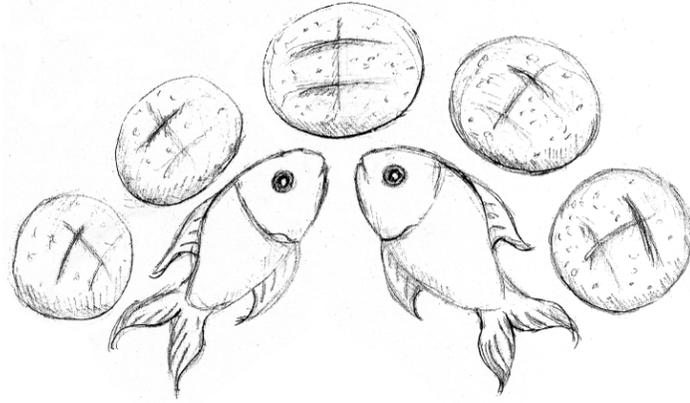


But What Are These Among So Many?



40 Day Hunger Calendar

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I Colossians 3:9-17
Use a topical Bible to look up verses about how God wants us to respond to poor and marginalized people. Think about what you might do to make a difference for some of these people.

2 Micah 6:6-8
Go to an agency that helps hungry people and ask if current immigration laws have affected food security in your area.

3 Luke 10:25-37
Pray for all of the people who work to bring food to famine-stricken areas.

4 2 Corinthians 8:1-21
Find out if your local restaurants give their extra food to feeding programs. If not, help them organize a food reclamation project. Go to www.foodrescue.net for more information.

5 Deuteronomy 15:8-11
Watch the heart-warming documentary *The Starfish Throwers* (www.thstarfishthrowers.com)

6 1 John 3:16-18
Get the youth in your church to assemble clean-up kits for disaster areas. Church World Service can provide information. Go to www.churchworldservice.org.

7 Matthew 19:16-22
Find out if your denominational mission office has a hunger offering. Get your Bible class to raise money for it.

8 Luke 16:19-31
Go to the grocery store with someone who pays with a SNAP (formerly Food Stamp) card, and watch the people around you for their reactions.

9 Amos 8:4-7
Find out if your community has a CROP Hunger Walk to raise money and hunger awareness. If so, get involved. If not, consider organizing one. For more information, see the CROP Hunger Walk page at www.churchworldservice.com.

10 Psalm 82:1-4
Drink only water for a week and give thanks for clean, safe, accessible water.

II James 5:1-6
Look a homeless person in the eye.

12 Acts 20:32-35
Stay up-to-date with the state of hunger around the world through the online Newsroom of the UN World Food Programme at www.wfp.org/news.

13 Leviticus 23:22
Write down the number of times you turn on the faucet, flip a light switch or reach into the refrigerator. What things do you take for granted?

14 Isaiah 61:1-4
Invite your friends to go with you to volunteer at a soup kitchen today. Sit down and talk to one of the guests.

15 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Organize a cooking class for low-income families. Go to cookingmatters.org for free educational tools and a virtual tour of the grocery store.

16 Matthew 22:34-40
Volunteer to become a Kids Hope USA mentor through a school-church partnership near you: www.kidshopeusa.org/home.

17 Matthew 25:31-40
Organize an Agape Meal in your community. Once a week or once a month, invite your church's neighbors to a sit-down, family-style meal with tablecloths, flowers, servers and table hosts. Afterwards, have a prayer time for those who want to participate.

18 Luke 1:46-55
Pray for the 795 million people in the world who don't have enough to eat.

19 Isaiah 10:1-4
When you go grocery shopping, buy extra canned food, peanut butter or other staples for your local food pantry. Call the staff and ask them what they need the most.

20 Isaiah 1:12-17
Learn about the impact of your purchases by visiting the Better World Shopper site at betterworldshopper.com and learn how the goods you purchase affect others around the world.

21 Romans 12:9-21
Organize a blanket and warm clothing drive in your church. Give the items to a local shelter.

22 Psalm 107:33-43
Use some of your coffee budget to purchase travel-sized toiletries. Put them in a baggie and give them to the street people you see.

23 Acts 4:32-35
Go to www.seedspublishers.org/news to read the most recent issue of *Hunger News & Hope*.

24 Deuteronomy 10:12-19
Read about how gender inequality and discrimination affects world hunger, at www.fao.org/gender/gender-home/gender-programme/gender-food/en.

25 Ezekiel 16:48-49
Research microloans and learn about different ways people can use these loans to break out of poverty.

26 Luke 19:1-10
Could you live on \$4 a day? Go to www.frac.org and take the Food Research and Action Center's SNAPchallenge.

27 Jeremiah 7:5-7
Check out the workshop curriculum *Hunger in God's World* (www.seedspublishers.org/hunger-in-gods-world) and consider using it with your church group.

28 1 Timothy 6:17-19
Set up a church-wide recycling center. Try selling the cans and paper and using the money to buy seeds for a church garden.

29 Galatians 6:7-10
Don't eat between meals today.

30 John 6:1-14
Hold a group discussion on today's scripture passage. What do you have that is like the little boy's lunch?

31 James 2:1-8
Give one of your favorite garments to a thrift store or clothing program.

32 Zechariah 7:8-12
Organize a hunger banquet in your community. You can find resources at actfast.oxfamamerica.org.

33 Leviticus 25:8-17
Write to your national leaders and tell them that it is important to you that we make sure everyone has enough to eat. Go to www.bread.org and find out how to participate in the 2018 Offering of Letters.

34 Luke 12:16-21
Skip lunch today and give the money you saved to a local hunger project.

35 Isaiah 58:6-10
Read the book *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine Pohl

36 Luke 14:15-24
Plan an alternative trip for your youth. Check out "Living on the Other Side" at the World Hunger Relief farm in Elm Mott, Texas. Go to www.worldhungerrelief.org for more information.

37 Malachi 3:5
Sign up for the Food Research and Action Center's hunger news digest (www.frac.org/subscribe-to-enews).

38 Job 31:16-28
Find out if there's a weekend backpack program for food-insecure schoolchildren in your area. If there is, volunteer to help. If there isn't, google "backpack programs," and see what you can do.

39 Isaiah 32:1-8
Pray for people who have been displaced by armed conflict and have no home.

40 Isaiah 65:17-25
Never forget that you can make a difference in the world. Do what you can, when you can, and ask God to bless your effort. It may mean more to someone than you dare to think.