

Aim: Create numbers activity using the Bible

Equipment:

- Plain A4 paper
- Coloured A4 paper
- Stapler
- Colouring pens/pencils

Instructions:

Fold 3 sheets of plain and 1 sheet of coloured A4 paper in half and staple the spine to form a simple booklet. Since the boys will be using both sides of the paper, and heavy use of felt pens will show through most regular paper, it is suggested that you use thicker (100gm) paper.

The white page inside the cover could be used for an index as each number needs a facing page of white pages.

For example, on the left of the first pair of pages stick thinly teased cotton wool to make the shape of **ONE** sheep, using felt pens to add black legs and face. While doing this, talk to the boys about the story of the lost sheep then encourage the boys to write their own thoughts on the right hand page.

On the next page, have the boys do a 'brass rubbing' of **TWO** coins while talking to them about the Widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44). They again finish by writing their thoughts about the parable that Jesus told.

On the next page, the boys could colour a picture of the **THREE** kings or wise men, perhaps writing opposite what they might have taken to Bethlehem, if they had gone with the three kings.

On the next page, stick photocopied pictures representing the **FOUR** areas that the seeds fell on. Boys colour these while talking and thinking about the story (Mark 4:1-9) that Jesus told about the sower and the seed.

On the last pair of pages, draw a picture of a boy holding a wicker tray, then roll 5 small pieces of brown paper to represent 5 loaves, and 2 small pieces of tin foil for fish. Talk about the feeding of the **FIVE** thousand (Matt 14:13-20). What would it have been like to be with the 5000 people, what would they have seen?

Care should be taken to spread this activity over several weeks or the boys will have no element of surprise during the evening. Also, while you might be tempted to extend the idea to the number 10 or beyond, it has been found that too much 'sameness' quickly curbs enthusiasm.



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



20-30 minutes over
2 weeks