

A little boy's lunch

By Bill Pugh

The little boy gave Jesus his lunch. I fancy not many little boys I know would easily give up their lunch. Not after morning school and play. Such a small gift to us – five barley loaves and two fish. But what a miracle. The Master looked up to heaven, gave thanks, and blessed it, and 5000 were fed.

Have you been to a kid's party lately? Children are given so much. So many needy out in the community and beyond. We need to encourage in children "thank you", and a spirit of giving.

Even something small can do so much for the giver and the receiver. Too many toys in the spare room, never used? A group of volunteers from a Men's Shed can repair, paint and make them as if from the manufacturer.

What about a gift of time and help to the elderly, or an odd job at home, not for payment but for love. And the rewards are special. Each Sunday an empty mission basket waits at our church to be filled with cans of baked beans, spaghetti, biscuits or other supermarket goods for distribution to the needy. A dollar from pocket money could do much. Parents, grandparents and teachers can play a special role in awakening social conscience in our children.

The answer to the question, "what did you get?" could also have the added challenge, "but what did you give?" Appreciation and gratitude for our many blessings, widening to consider those who have little.

Reflection:

A small gift. A great blessing.

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