

Extraordinary Multiplication



This is a copy of the original mosaic in Capernaum in Israel. Elijah had multiplied flour and oil to save a widow and her son from starvation. Elisha multiplied 20 barley loaves so as to feed 100, with some even left over. Jesus multiplied 5 barley loaves and fed 5,000, leaving 12 baskets of left over food.

Elisha 20:100

Jesus 5: 5000

1. Reduce the two ratios to their lowest form to enable comparisons.
2. Were miraculously produced?
3. Use a bin or container in the room to simulate the baskets that the disciples used for distribution of the food. What weight do you think each disciple carried when the basket was full?
4. If there are 16 mosaic tiles per square centimetre how many are on this plate? The diameter of the plate is 13 cm.
5. There is an account in two of the Gospels of another miraculous feeding of 4,000 people, plus more when women and children were added in to the total. Create a chart to compare the quantities recorded for the two miracles.