

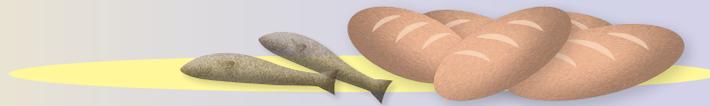
C Puzzle – Feeding the Thousands

Two of Christ's miracles mentioned in Mark are to do with feeding the multitudes of people who followed Him. Fill in the table to learn more about these two different occasions.

	Mark 6.34-44	Mark 8.1-9
How many people were fed?		
What did they eat?		
How many loaves of bread did they eat?		
How many baskets were left over?		

Carefully read the two accounts in Mark 6.34-44 and Mark 8.1-9. Ten words mentioned in these accounts are hidden in the word search below. See if you can find all ten.

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A Samuel

There was a woman named Hannah. Now Hannah was very unhappy because she had no children. She made a vow to God. If God would bless her with a son, then she would give the child back to God.

One night Samuel thought Eli was calling for him. Three times he went to Eli, but Eli sent him back to his room. After the third time, Eli realised the LORD was calling Samuel. Eli told Samuel to answer Him by saying, 'Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth.' (1 Samuel 3.9). The next time God called Samuel he answered as Eli had taught him. The LORD told Samuel that because Eli's sons were disobedient judgment would fall upon Eli's house.

And she vowed a vow, and said,
O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life

1 Samuel 1.11



God heard Hannah's prayer and blessed her with a son. She named him Samuel. When the time came, Samuel was brought to live with Eli the priest to serve God in the temple. Hannah was then blessed with more children.

God had a special role for Samuel: he was chosen to be a prophet of God. A prophet was someone who brought the people instruction from God.

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

1 Samuel 3.19,20



Samuel lived in a time when Israel was ruled by judges. Samuel was very popular and had favour with God and the people of Israel. On one occasion, Samuel led Israel in battle against the Philistines. As the children of Israel fought against the Philistines, Samuel prayed to God for victory. God answered his prayer and Israel won the battle. Samuel then took a stone and set it by the battle site and called it Eben-ezer saying, 'Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.' (1 Samuel 7.12).

Samuel was the last judge to rule over Israel. The people loved Samuel but they did not like his sons and refused to have them as judges after Samuel. The people wanted to be like other nations and have their own king. God granted the desire of the people and sent Samuel to anoint Saul to be the king of Israel. Sadly, Saul was not a very good king because he did not obey God. So God sent Samuel to anoint another man to be king instead of Saul.

Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. *1 Samuel 15.10,11*



God told Samuel to travel to Bethlehem and anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be the next king of Israel. After examining seven of

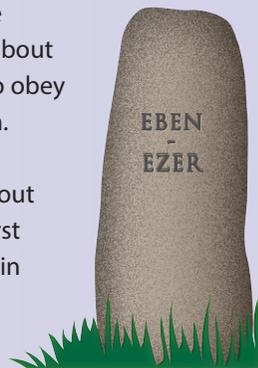
Jesse's sons, Samuel was confused. God had not chosen any of these men to be king. He asked Jesse, 'Are here all thy children?' (1 Samuel 16.11). Jesse replied that his youngest son was looking after the sheep, and then sent for him. When the young man, named David, arrived Samuel knew this was the son of Jesse he was to anoint as the next king of Israel.

When Samuel died, the nation of Israel was very sad. Samuel had served God faithfully, spending his life teaching Israel about God, and how to obey and honour Him.

You can read about Samuel in the first book of Samuel in the Bible.

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

1 Samuel 16.12



B About the Bible – Mark

The Gospel according to Mark is the second book in the New Testament. Mark gives a concise account of the life of Christ.

Mark mentions many of the miracles that Jesus performed while on earth. The Scripture references of ten of these miracles are listed below. Look up the verses, and write a sentence for each one to explain what happened. The first two have been done for you.

1 Mark 1.29-31

Jesus healed Simon's wife's mother.

2 Mark 2.3-12

The man sick of the palsy was forgiven of his sins and healed.

3 Mark 3.1-5

4 Mark 4.35-41

5 Mark 5.1-15

6 Mark 5.25-34

7 Mark 5.35-43

8 Mark 6.45-52

9 Mark 7.32-37

10 Mark 10.46-52

