### Called to Wonder

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### **FEASTS & TREATS**



# With the feasts of Thanksgiving and the treats of Halloween, October often makes us think of nothing but food!

During this time, God also wants us to remember those who are living in poverty and facing hunger every day. Each year, there are over 53,000 children in Canada who do not get enough to eat. The United Nations Childrens Fund is an agency that helps provide children in Canada and around the world with clean water, health, nutrition and education.

## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Each year, over a million children across Canada carry the UNICEF orange collection box at Halloween — do you?

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign in Canada. In almost 50 years school children have raised over \$84 million for children around the world.



Right now there are close to 300,000 malnourished children in Niger who need our help to stop the cycle of starvation.

#### Read Matthew 14:15-21

What happens in this story?

Why did Jesus' request seem impossible to the Disciples?

Why would Jesus ask us to do things that seem impossible?

Why did Jesus want the food brought to him before it was given out?

Do you say a blessing before you eat? Why? What does this story teach us about Jesus?

This story also teaches us that with God's help, a little goes a long way.

Look what little money it takes to help so much...

- 50 cents can fully immunize 18 children against Polio in Ghana.
- \$1 can provide 18 children in Cambodia with Vitamin A capsules for 1 year
- \$12 can buy a school chair for a student in Bangladesh

Ask an adult to help you find Niger, Ghana, Cambodia and Bangladesh on a map or globe, or visit www.unicef.org to see all the places around the world that UNICEF helps and to find out what you can do to help too!

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