

The Boy and his Lunch Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Was giving up his lunch a significant sacrifice for a boy?

Do adults often talk down to children?

Would Jesus have interacted with the child? (See Matthew 19:14.)

What did Jesus mean by, “for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”?

Can children make significant spiritual decisions?

Was this boy likely to tell all his friends and family about what happened?

What kind of reactions might he encounter?

Is it easy to crush the enthusiasm of a child?

How would an adult possibly react to the miracle of the loaves and fish?

What are reasons that people followed Jesus after this miracle?

What did Jesus want people’s reaction to be?