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Hi Everyone,

These resources, activities and questions will hopefully make you think, inspire you to be creative and give you something different to do and learn while you are at home.

All the resources are linked to the 'Off the Shelf' picture posts and can be looked at in any order. So choose a picture that you think is interesting and then off you go!

Some of the activities are suitable for older children and others for younger children. However, you can choose which fits best for you. If you are particularly pleased with something you create or a question you answer and decide to post it on social media don't forget to include us [#OFFTHESHELF](#)

Enjoy, and I look forward to seeing you all as soon as possible.

Lisa ☺

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What does this remind you about something Jesus said, a Bible story or your faith?

Post your thoughts below in the comment section

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### Key Questions:

What does this bread remind you of?  
Imagine you can smell it, mmmm.....  
Do you enjoy eating bread? I wonder what kind of bread is your favourite?  
Many people eat bread everyday and think bread is very important. I wonder why?  
How many of the well known stories in the Bible mention bread? Make a list using a children's Bible or Google to help you.

### Story:

Choose to read **either** the story of Elijah and the Ravens from the Old Testament (1 Kings 17:1-6) **or** Jesus feeding 5000 people from the New Testament (John 6). Bread is an important feature in both these stories. Draw a picture of what you think is the most important part of whichever story you read. Then explain your picture to an adult or write the explanation on the back of your picture.  
Imagine the story you read as a comic strip. Create and write a few of the thoughts and speech bubbles that may be included in the comic strip.  
In both stories there is a miracle. What is a miracle? What is miraculous about what happens in these stories? Finish this sentence 'A miracle is when.....'.

### Think about.....

Jesus describes himself as 'the bread of life'. What does he mean by this?  
What was your answer to the question about why many people think bread is important? Is there a link? Bread feeds, nourishes, gives life, it is a basic food in our cupboards. In what ways can Jesus be the 'bread of life'?  
Read Jesus' words at the Last Supper Luke 22:19. What does he say about the bread? Finish this sentence 'Christians believe that Jesus is like bread because.....'.

### Making your response

Who or what is your 'bread of life'? Who or what nourishes you and helps you grow? Use your ideas to create an acrostic poem using the word BREAD. This could be quite tricky so ask an adult to help you. Remember to write the word BREAD vertically down the side of your page and then think of a word or a sentence that begins with each of the letters.