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Here is the boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish.

(John 6:9)

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I'll give you what I have.

Dear friends of go4peace,

Curiously, he had followed the crowd. He didn't really know where they were going. He was a young boy, aged 8 or 9. He'd just bought bread and fish. But instead of taking his shopping home, he got carried along by the crowd. They were following a young Rabbi called Jesus. His words were full of life and everyone liked to listen to him. Then it was time to eat. Instead of sending the people home, the young Rabbi took care of it himself.

Only if everyone began to share, could the crowd be fed. Here our little boy was first in line. Everything he'd just bought he gave away, his five loaves of bread and 2 fish. His mum was waiting for him, what would she say? At this moment, he wasn't bothered about that. Now it was time to share and with his childlike, magnanimous heart, he gave everything he had. This set an example! When the leftover pieces of bread were collected at the end, they filled 12 baskets.

Together with a large group of young people I travelled to the World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011. After a long pilgrimage in 40 degrees Celsius, we were happy to reach our destination, the Airport "Cuatro Vientos". This was where the final event was to be held. During the vigil a storm was forming and it started to rain heavily! A young man from our group carried a big sheet of plastic foil in his rucksack. He covered all the teenagers in his vicinity and got absolutely drenched himself. I can still remember his glowing eyes! He was happy to have shared what he could. – **I'll give you what I have!**

for the go4peaceTeam

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