

that there were more than five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus now took the five loaves and two fishes in His hands, and looking up to heaven, He asked God's blessing upon them. Then breaking them in pieces, He handed them to His disciples, who in turn passed them to the people. Though there were so many, Jesus made the food enough for all, and when everybody was satisfied, there was still some to spare. But Jesus would not waste anything. He told the disciples to save what was not used, and they gathered up twelve baskets full of the pieces that were left, which was more bread and fish than there had been at the beginning.

Jesus now persuaded the worn-out disciples to get into their boat and return to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home, after which He went up alone to the top of a mountain to pray.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus leave Galilee? 2. How did the people follow Him? 3. What did He do for those who were sick? 4. Why were the people hungry? 5. What did the disciples want Jesus to do? 6. How did Jesus answer them? 7. Who offered them his lunch? 8. How much bread and fish were there? 9. How many people were there? 10. How were they seated? 11. How did Jesus begin the meal? 12. Who made the food enough for all? 13. How much was left? 14. Whither did Jesus go when the miracle was over? 15. What is the Golden Text.

Lesson Story

A little girl, whose sick mother had no bread, knelt down by the bedside and prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread." Then she went into the street and began to wonder where God kept His bread.

"This is the place," thought Nellie, coming to a large bakeshop. So she entered and said to the baker, "I've come for it." "Come for what," he asked. "My daily bread," she said. "I'll take two loaves, if you please." "That will be just twelve cents," he answered, holding out his hand. "But I haven't any money," said Nellie,

bursting into tears; and she told him her whole story, saying, "I thought God meant me to fetch it, and so I came."

The baker had never seen such faith as this, and he gave her as many loaves as she wanted.

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven. Amen.

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

SHORTER CATECHISM—14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God. **15.** What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The lad in the Lesson had not very much—only five loaves and two fishes. But what



he had, he gave to Jesus. That is all Jesus asks of us. And when we give what we have with a loving heart, He will bless us and use us to bless others.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN SUPPLY MY WANTS