

JESUS

PITIES the **W**ear**y**
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Obedient Service

TRUST JESUS AND TRY

LESSON III — January 20th.

Christ, the Bread of Life. JOHN 6: 25-35.

(Commit to memory verses 33-35.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

"He gave them bread from heaven to eat." John 6: 31.

LESSON HYMNS.

CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, Nos. 41, 44, 80, 170.

PROVE THAT

We need more than loaves. Matt. 4:4.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 4. *What is God?* God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Christ, the Bread of Life; John 6: 25-35. *Tuesday.* Misunderstood; John 6: 36-46. *Wednesday.* Bread from Heaven; John 6: 47-55. *Thursday.* Spiritual Teaching; John 6: 56-63. *Friday.* Christ, the Water of Life; John 4: 7-14. *Saturday.* The Manna; Exodus 16: 11-18. *Sabbath.* Confessing and Enduring; 2 Tim. 1: 1-12. (*The I. B. R. A. Readings.*)

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. The impression created by the miracle narrated in last lesson was very deep. The people said to one another "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." He had repeated the miracle of the manna in an even more wonderful form, and therefore they thought the resemblance to Moses complete. Jesus perceived that they would try to compel him to accept the crown, and lead them against the Romans. He therefore sent the disciples away, and retired himself to a mountain for prayer. Read the whole narrative in Matt. 14: 22-33; Mark 6: 45-52; John 6: 14-21.

LESSON PLAN. I. Bread that Perishes. vs. 26-29. II. Bread from Heaven. vs. 30-33. III. Bread of Life. vs. 34, 35.

I. **BREAD THAT PERISHES.** 25 — The people noticed that Jesus did not leave with his disciples and that there was no other boat there that he could have gone away by, except some from Tiberias, so when they found him next morning at Capernaum before them they were surprised, and asked, *Rabbi, when camest thou hither?* — the "when" implies also "how?" He does not satisfy their curiosity, but replies, as is his custom, to the state of mind out of which the question arises. From verse 50 we learn that this discourse was delivered in the synagogue in Capernaum.

26. *Verily, verily* — Warning us that some weighty truth is about to follow. **Miracles** — R. V. "signs." "Instead of seeing in the bread only the sign, they had seen in the sign only the bread." (Lange.) The plural, "signs," refers either to the miracles upon the bread and upon the fishes, or it means simply his miracles in general. They followed Jesus not because they recognized the spiritual meaning of his