

Sea of Galilee in a little boat. They had left Cana (recall the second miracle, Lesson VII.), and have now come to this place to rest. But crowds have gone around by land, and are waiting to hear Jesus preach. It is Passover time, and crowds more join them on their way to the temple at Jerusalem. They listen to Jesus all day, and now it is almost evening. Jesus' kind heart is full of pity! They must be hungry! See those tired mothers and little children! Jesus turns to Philip, "Where shall we get bread to feed them?" Philip thinks of the lot of money it would take to buy bread for so many. Andrew does not see any place where food can be bought. He thinks of what food is to be had amongst themselves.

The People Fed—Tell the well-known story, v. 5. Picture the scene vividly. (Paper loaves and fishes and baskets may be pinned on the blackboard as the story is told.)

The Living Bread—Repeat Golden Text. The Heavenly Father supplies all our body food. He sends Jesus to be the food for our souls. We feed on His love, comfort, help, forgiveness. The body food is different in different countries, but God sends only one kind of soul food for all people—JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE.

The Dining Room—When we are hungry

we go where the table is spread, or where mother is, and she gives us something to eat. We always go some place to get food for our hungry bodies. Here is a picture of a great dining room, where the Bread of Life is given to all (outline a church). We know we shall find Jesus there, and in Sunday School, and in all places where we are taught about Him. We learn to love Him, and that is the way we eat this Bread of Life. And it always satisfies our soul hunger.

The Dish—Draw a Bible. We get this Bread of Life, bit by bit, lesson by lesson, from the Bible.

Sharing the Bread—We share our food with the poor. We should share the Bread of Life—Jesus—with those who do not know of Him.

Prayer—

"Dear Saviour, ere we part,
We lift our hearts to Thee
In gratitude and love,
For blessings full and free.
Go with us to our homes,
Watch o'er and keep us there;
And make us one and all
The children of thy care."

Something to Draw at Home—Draw a picture of loaves and fishes.

Something to Remember at Home—Jesus feeds me.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Call for the Golden Text. Ask what Jesus calls Himself in it. Print, THE BREAD OF LIFE. Now picture the lesson scenes as vividly as possible. Make the scholars see the crowd following Jesus and the other company of Passover pilgrims that join them; the compassionate Saviour; the puzzled disciples; the little lad with the provisions; the crowds seated on the grass; the giving of thanks, and the distribution of the food; the quantity that remained. This food was for the body. For what else do we need food? Yes, the soul. Who is Bread for our souls? Jesus Himself. The meaning of this must be made clear. Be sure that the scholars understand that to feed on Jesus just means to trust Him for all that we need—our daily bread, forgiveness of sin, guidance and protection. Doing this, we shall have life that will never end. Point out how completely He has given Himself to us in His death on the cross.