

CHRIST FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Lesson VIII.

John 6: 1-14.

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Golden Text.—"I am the bread of life."—John 6: 35.**Catechism.**—14. What more does the Bible teach us? The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live. 15. Who wrote the Bible? Good men who were taught by the Holy Spirit

THE LESSON STORY

One day early in the morning the people who lived at Capernaum saw Jesus get into a little boat, with His disciples, and sail across the lake. They were sorry to see Him go away, because

for Jesus to heal, and He cured them all.

He preached, and taught the people, too, and they listened to Him from morning until night. When it came towards evening the disciples said to Jesus, "Send the people home."

Jesus knew that they were hungry and tired, because they had had nothing to eat all day, and He said, "Give them something to eat."

The disciples said, "No, we cannot, for even if we had money there are no shops near where we could buy bread for all these people."

Then Andrew said, "There is a little boy here with five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?" Jesus said, "Bring them to me, and make everybody sit down on the grass."

After all the people were seated Jesus took the food, and, after thanking God for it, He gave

it to His disciples and told them to feed the people.

While they were passing it around Jesus made it enough for everybody, so that when they had finished there were pieces of bread and fish left over lying on the ground. Jesus said: "Don't waste anything." So the disciples gathered up all the little pieces and found there were twelve baskets full. Then He sent the people home.

It had been a wonderful day for them; their hunger had been satisfied by a miracle; the sick had been healed; and they had seen Jesus, the "Light of the world," and heard His voice.

He had done so many miracles among them.

When they saw where He had gone, they ran after Him along the shore, thinking they would see Him do more of these wonderful works.

When Jesus and His disciples reached the other side they saw all these people coming to them around the end of the lake. There were about five thousand men, not counting the women and little children.

Jesus had intended to rest Himself with His disciples, but when He saw the crowds of people following Him He was sorry for them, and said they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Some of the people had brought sick friends

