

THE BAT

LITTLE bat, little bat,  
Flitting here and there;  
When 'tis day you slink away  
Out of sight; but when 'tis night,  
Then you quickly take your flight  
Through the air.

When the sun is shining bright,  
Little fellow, 'tis your night,  
Then you sleep, then you sleep,  
Hanging by your little feet.

When the sun has sunk away,  
Little fellow, 'tis your day;  
Then it is you that come out,  
Flying wildly all about.

All about, in and out,  
Here and there, through the air,  
Till the sun pops up his head,  
Telling you to go to bed,  
Little winged mouse.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

Matt. 14. 13-21.] LESSON II. [Jan. 8

THE MULTITUDE FED.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life."

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who can tell about the death of John the Baptist? Why did Herod murder that good man? What should the story of his sin teach us?

1. Where did Jesus go to rest? Out in the quiet green fields.
2. Who followed him there? Crowds of people from the towns near by.
3. How did Jesus feel towards them? He pitied and wanted to help them.
4. What did the disciples say towards night? "Send the people away, that they may buy themselves bread."
5. What did Jesus say? "Give ye them to eat."
6. How much food had the disciples? Five loaves of bread and two fishes.
7. Where did they get this? How many people sat down on the grass? Five thousand men, besides women and children.
8. What did Jesus do before he broke the bread? He looked up to heaven and blessed it.
9. What does this teach us to do before we eat? How many ate of those few loaves? "They did all eat, and were filled."

10. How many fragments or pieces did they gather up? Twelve baskets full

11. Should you like to have been the "lad" who brought the bread to Jesus? How can you help Jesus now? If a penny is all we have to give, what may we be sure of? Jesus can make it do whatever he pleases.

12. Is it any harder for God to multiply loaves of bread than to make grain grow? Why do we call it a miracle? It is just as easy, but it is not God's usual way of working.

13. What did Jesus say of himself? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT) What did he mean to teach the people then and now? That he can do for our souls what bread does for our bodies.

14. What does bread do for our bodies? It strengthens them; makes them grow; keeps them alive.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Where was Jesus? Out in the fields.
2. Who came to him? Great crowds of people.
3. What did Jesus do all day? He taught and healed them.
4. What did his disciples say at night? "Send the people away."
5. What did Jesus say? "Give ye them to eat."
6. How much food had they? Five loaves and two fishes.
7. How many people were there? More than five thousand.
8. What did Jesus tell them? To sit down on the grass.
9. Who prayed and broke the bread? Jesus himself.
10. How many had a piece? Everybody ate all they wanted.
11. What does Jesus say in the GOLDEN TEXT?
12. Do our souls need this Bread? As much as our bodies need food.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

*How will they be employed?* In praising and serving God.

Matt. 14. 22-30.] LESSON III. [Jan. 15.

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Be of good cheer; it is I: be not afraid."

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who can tell about the wonderful supper out in the fields? Can little children help Jesus now? What did Jesus call himself? Why?

1. What did the disciples do after supper? They went away in a little ship or boat.

2. Where did Jesus go? Up in a mountain, alone, to pray.

3. How long was he there? Till nearly morning.

4. What happened to the disciples meanwhile? A dreadful storm swept over the lake.

5. Who saw their danger? Jesus, who sees all our troubles.

6. What did he do? He went to them, walking on the water.

7. Why were the disciples frightened when they saw him? They thought it was a spirit.

8. What did Jesus say to them? (Repeat Golden Text) What is he still saying to his people? What did Peter want to do? Walk on the water to meet Jesus

9. When Peter felt the strong waves, what happened? He was afraid, and began to sink

10. What did Jesus immediately do? He stretched out his hand and caught Peter.

11. What happened when Jesus reached the ship? The wind ceased.

12. What did the disciples say? "O a truth thou art the Son of God!"

13. Did Jesus deny this? He did not, and so we know it was true.

14. What did the men of Gennesaret do when they heard Jesus had come? What should this teach us to do? What are often likened to storms and deep waters? Sickness, sorrow, and all kinds of trouble.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Where did Jesus go after that wonderful supper? Into a mountain to pray.
  2. Where were his disciples? On the sea, in a ship.
  3. What was the night? Very rough and stormy.
  4. Who saw their danger? Jesus
  5. How did he go to them? He walked on the water
  6. Were the disciples glad? They were frightened at first.
  7. What did Jesus say? "It is I, be not afraid."
  8. What did Peter try to do? Walk on the water to Jesus
  9. Could he do it alone? No; Jesus had to help him.
  10. What happened when Jesus reached the boat? The wind ceased.
  11. What did the disciples say? "Thou art the Son of God."
  12. Why need Christians never be afraid?
- CATECHISM QUESTION.
- In what manner will they serve God in heaven?* We cannot tell how they will serve Him until we go there.