

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 12.] THE FEEDING OF FIVE THOUSAND. [JUNE 17.

John 6. 5-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matt. 6. 11.

MEMORY VERSES, 9-12.—There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Have you ever thought that the greater part of the Saviour's preaching and teaching was done out of doors. Think of him now going away with his disciples across the little Sea of Galilee to some peaceful green fields near Bethsaida, hoping to get a little rest. But the eager people would not leave him alone, and so all the long, bright day he healed and taught and helped them.

The disciples must have been tired when night came, and they knew the Master was. And so they wanted him to send the people away, telling him that they ought to get something to eat. Can you imagine how surprised they were when Jesus told them to feed the people! There was no food to be found—only the little lunch that a boy had brought, but that did not keep the Maker of all things from telling the disciples to seat the people and to bring the little lunch to him. How easy it was for him to make it grow in his hands, and it is just as easy now for him to make love and goodness grow in our cold, selfish hearts

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. To whom was Jesus talking?

A crowd of people.

2. What did they all need?

Help of some kind.

3. What did he remember when night came?

That they were hungry.