

wonderful giving! We will put the word "give" in our golden lesson chain. How did Jesus give that day? Freely to all, enough for all. If anyone went hungry, it was his own fault. How did the boy give? He had not much. He had no power, but he gave all he had into Jesus's hands. How did the disciples give. To everyone enough. Then the fragments were saved to serve another time for some who would need.

Now come back to the piece of bread. Jesus says in this very chapter, farther on, "I am the bread of life." He means that he does for our souls, that need to be kept alive for evermore, and need to be helped and comforted just as the body needs to be fed, the very thing that bread does for our bodies. Jesus is our life. How do we get life from him? He gives it as freely as he fed the multitude long ago. But we must take it, as those hungry people took the bread as they sat upon the grass. This is one lesson. Let us say it over. Jesus gives, but we must take. But what about that lad's giving? Can we be like him? We cannot give the bread of life. We have not the power Jesus has, but we can give what we have. We can give it to the Lord. He can make it go far. If we could see in a great company all the heathen, who, know nothing of Jesus, the bread of life, would we be sorry enough for them to give even the money we have for toys and candy, that they might hear about Jesus? Well, are we willing now to do all we can for them? What will we give? Whatever we have let us give, for Christ will take. Let us say this over as our second lesson. Then gather up the things left, the picture cards, books, papers, all we can, to send to those who have none. Waste nothing. Give! Give! Give!



Study and Occupation for the Sub- primary Department.

CHRIST FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND. John 6.
1-14.

MEMORY GEM: "I am the bread of life." John
6. 35.

LESSON STORY: One day a little boy said to his mother, "Everyone is going to see the God-man, cannot I go too?" "Yes, dear," said the mother, "and you must remember what he says and does so as to tell me. You may be gone a long time, so I will give you in a basket three barley loaves and two fishes. [Place these in a basket and hand to the child representing the lad.]

The people are near the Sea of Genesaret. Jesus is tired and wishes to be alone; so with his twelve disciples he crosses the sea in a boat. The other people had no boats, so they walked around the sea, for they wished to be with Jesus. [Let the children in their regular march represent the people going around the lake, then, on their return to their seats, remain standing.]

Jesus is looking down, thinking of the home in heaven he had left and about God, his Father; then he raises his eyes [do likewise] and sees all the people. He has come here so as not to be with them, but he is so good that he lets them stay. Yes, and he begins to think how hungry they must be, for they have had no dinner. He says to Philip, one of his disciples, "Whence shall we find bread, that these may eat?" Jesus knew what he could do, for he can do anything, but he wants to see what Philip will say. This is what Philip says [repeat verse 7. Show a penny or a denarius, then show two hundred, and dwell upon the large amount of bread needed and upon its cost. Repeat verses 8 and 9. These may be cut from silver-colored paper].

Jesus tells his disciples to have the people sit down. He wants them to do something to show that they believe he could do something for them. Jesus asks the lad for his lunch. The lad is hungry himself, but is glad to give all that he has to Jesus. The people, about five thousand in all, sit down in the grass. [Tell the class to be seated.] Jesus takes the loaves and fishes, asks God to bless them, gives them to the disciples and tells them to give to the people. They mind Jesus, but they don't see how so little food can feed so many people—more people than there were at church to-day, yes, more than there were in lots and lots of churches. [Break into pieces five barley loaves and two fishes made of paper. Let those who represent the apostles pass these to the other children. Plan so that there will not be enough to go around, and thus draw the comparison between human and divine distribution.]

After the people have eaten all that they wish Jesus tells the disciples to gather up the fragments—that is, the pieces not eaten lying all around the ground—for Jesus always wants to save anything that will be of any use. The dis-