The Feeding of Five Thousand

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used, the mountain formed, twigs for trees, little sticks for people.) It is drawing towards evening. Jesus is sitting, talking to His disciples. Presently He sees great crowds gathering on the grassy plain below. Jesus knew they must be tired and hungry, for they had been following Him all day. His kind heart was full of pity for them. There was no place near by where they could get food. Jesus knew He could provide food for them, and intended to do so, but He wanted to see if His disciples really trusted His power.

Lesson Story—Make the dialogue between Jesus and Philip and Andrew very real. Philip said it would take more than thirty dollars to buy food for all that crowd. They had no money. Andrew remembered the little fisher lad who was carrying the scant lunch for Jesus and the disciples.

Small Things Used—Picture the crowds tired and hungry—seated on the grassy slope (5,000 men, besides the women and children),

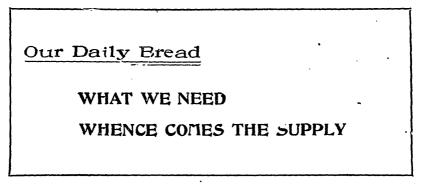
wondering where the food was to come from in that lonely place. Imagine their surprise when they found that Jesus had, by His almighty power, increased the small lunch of loaves and fishes, so that there was enough to satisfy all, and plenty left over to send away to other hungry ones, if need be. They knew this Jesus must be the promised King.

The Bread of Life-King Jesus is able to give love and forgiveness and everlasting life to everybody in all the world, and He wants us to let them know.

Giving Thanks—Impress the thought that, following the example of Jesus, we should, like Jesus, give thanks to God before eating. See that every child knows some simple "grace." Here is one:

> Lord, we thank Thee for this food May it do our bodies good, From Thy hand we all are fed, Give us, Lord, our daily bread.

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J It may be well, as suggested above, still to keep to the Golden Text in the Review. Next Sabbath's lesson will show the use the Lord Jesus Himself made of this miracle. He sought to create a hungering for the "Bread of Life." What better can teachers and superintendent do? A little talk and a few questions about our bodily wants will lead naturally to the deeper needs of the soul. (See Teaching Hints.) Quite young children may be led, and should be led, to perceive the need of pardon, peace, strength, hope. How are these needs of the soul to be supplied? Even as the needs of the body are supplied. There is nothing which we have that has not come from God. And there is nothing that will satisfy the longings of our hearts but what God gives. Show this, and dwell on such promises as those of Matt. 7: 7, 8, 11, and Phil. 4: 19. If all in concert repeat the Lord's Prayer as the Review closes, there will be new meaning to many in the petition, "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

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