



THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

SIX MONTHS WITH THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS.

LESSON XII.—MARCH 20.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND.

Matt. 14. 13-23. Memorize verses 20, 21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6. 35.

THE LESSON STORY.

Why did the people leave their homes to follow Jesus to the fields, the seaside, and the mountain? Because they were hungry in their hearts for life—eternal life—and their teachers, the Pharisees and elders, had nothing to give them. They also hoped to be made well and strong, for many were sick. They once followed him to a lonely place near the lake, where a green field lay at the foot of a rocky hill. There were so many that the heart of Jesus was full of pity for them, for there was no place for them to get food, and the way home was long. All he could do was to walk about among them and heal the sick and give words of comfort and teachings of truth to the great crowd. They stayed until the sunset, and

the disciples would have sent them away, but Jesus said, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." How strange it must have seemed to the disciples when there were only five barley loaves as small as biscuits and two small fishes, and these had been brought by a boy, possibly for his own luncheon. But Jesus said, "Bring them to me," and after making the people sit down on the grass he took the loaves and the fishes (probably small dried fishes) and, looking up to heaven, blessed and broke them, and then gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. In a way that we cannot understand the food grew in the hands of Jesus, and it was given to the astonished people until they were all fed, and they gathered up twelve baskets of fragments. There were about five thousand men, besides the women and children.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Jesus sometimes go? To a desert place.

What does that mean? A quiet, lonely place.

Who followed him there one day? A great crowd of people.

What did they want? To be taught and to be cured.

How long did they stay? All day.

Could they get food? No, for no one lived there.

How did Jesus feel about it? He pitied them.

What had a boy done? Brought a lunch of bread and dried fish.

What did Jesus do with it? Blessed it and divided it.

What did he then do? He gave it to the disciples to give to the people.

How many were fed? More than five thousand.

How much was left? Twelve baskets full.

LESSON XIII.—MARCH 27.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And Jesus went about Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness.—Matt. 4. 23.

Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly studied.

1. The B. of J. . . . . And Jesus—
2. The P. of J. the B. Repent ye: for—
3. B. and T. of J. . . . . And lo a voice—
4. J. R. at N. . . . . He came unto his
5. J. C. F. D. . . . . If ye continue—
6. A. S. in C. . . . . He laid his hand
7. J. F. S. . . . . The Son of man—
8. J. and the S. . . . . It is lawful to—
9. H. and D. of W. . . . . Be ye doers of—
10. J. C. the S. . . . . He maketh the—
11. D. of J. the B. . . . . Be thou faithful—
12. J. F. the F. T. . . . . Jesus said unto—

THE GIRL WHO WOULDN'T BATHE.

Somebody shook and shivered,  
Somebody sobbed and cried,  
While the Sponge and the Soap stood  
waiting,  
The nursery bath beside.

Why should she wash this morning?  
Each day she said the same,  
And nurse, who was tired of her crying,  
Quite vexed with her became.

Never a bit of washing  
Somebody got that day,  
And the evening fell, and her father came  
To have a game of play.

Black was her face—he could not  
Its grimy surface kiss;  
At washings she never has grumbled,  
From that sad day to this.

Children, have you the love of God in your hearts that enables you to love your enemies? Do you do all you can to make your brothers, sisters, and playmates happy, and would you give up having a good time in order to make them happy?