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OFF TO THE PICNIC.

How happy these little children look! And Fido, too, seems full of glee. They were at their Sunday-school picnic last week, and had such a good time that they are pretending that they are on the way to it again. They went by rail twenty-five miles away, and now that the happy memory of the day is still with them they are making believe that an old log is the train and that they are actually going to the picnic again.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 2.] JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE. [JULY 8.

John 6. 22-40.

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

MEMORY VERSES, 35-37.—And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

But I say unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

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

LESSON STORY.

Notice that Jesus understood just why the people were so eager to find him, and he told them the truth about themselves. They did not like to hear these things. They were like some boys and girls now who want to have the good times and pleasant gifts, but who do not want to love and follow the Holy One who can do great works which call for wonder and admiration. It does not seem strange to us that Jesus could see into their hearts, but do we always remember that he can see into our hearts too. You remember how the Israelites in the wilderness were fed with manna from heaven. Do you understand what the true Bread of God is? Just as the body cannot live without food, so the soul starves without its food, and only God can give the right kind of food for the soul.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who followed Jesus to Capernaum?

The people whom he had fed.

2. What did they want?

More food.

3. What did Jesus tell them?

That they needed something more than bread.

4. What bread did Jesus offer the people?

Heavenly bread.

5. What did he say of himself?

I am the bread of life.

6. What will this bread keep alive?

Our souls.

7. When should we come to Jesus for food?

Now and every day.

BLIND MARTHA'S RIDE.

"I think it's a shame that Martha has never had a ride," said Queeny. "She is blind and cannot go out often. She would enjoy a ride so much. Can't we take her in our carriage this afternoon?"

"O yes," answered mamma.

How pleased was Martha with her ride! She leaned back on the seat, enjoyed the fragrance of the fields, and tried to think she saw all the beautiful things that they passed. Mamma let the little girls stop and gather some flowers.

"I can tell you where the flowers are, even if I can't see them," cried Martha, as she ran to the place where a family of clovers were living.

"How can you tell?" asked Queeny.

"Because I can smell them," answered Martha. "The doctor says that people who are blind have to use their noses for their eyes. I can smell the sweet flowers a great deal farther than you can, or than anybody else who can see."

"But here are some flowers that aren't fragrant at all," said Queeny. "Let me hold your hand, so you can feel how soft they are, and guess what their shape is."

As they were driving home Queeny said: "I wish some one would write a story about our ride, so the children who read it can ask their mammas to give a ride to some child who never had one."

A CHILD'S KISS.

Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee glad;
 A poor man serv'd by thee shall make thee rich;
 A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
 Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
 Of service which thou renderest—*Browning.*

FIRST TIME AT CHURCH.

A grave, sweet wonder
in the baby face,
And look of mingled
dignity and grace,
Such as a painter hand
might love to trace.

A pair of trusting, in-
nocent, blue eyes,
That higher than the
stained-glass win-
dows rise,
Into the fair and cloud
less summer skies.

The people round her
sing, "Above the sky
There's rest for little
children when they
die."

To her, thus gazing up
that rest seems nigh.

The organ peals; she
must not look
around,
Although with won-
derment her pulses
bound—



Young man
and maidens.
Old men and
Children.
Praise the
name of
the
LORD.
Psalm
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The place whereon she stands is holy ground.

The sermon over, and the blessing said,
She bows, as "mother" does, her golden head,
And thinks of little sister who is dead.

She knows that now she dwells above the sky,
Where holy children enter when they die,
And prays God take her there too, by-and-bye.

Pet, may he keep you in the faith alway,
And bring you to that home for which you pray,
Where all shall have their child-hearts back one day!