

# Intermediate Bible Teacher +

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## Dear Intermediate Teacher,

Welcome to *Intermediate Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

### ***Intermediate Bible Teacher*<sup>+</sup> features:**

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional.
- **Supplies** and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible Lesson.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in **bold** the first time they appear.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally throughout the lesson. These questions appear in both the class and teacher books.
- **What If?** helps intermediates imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in their everyday lives.
- **Explaining the Memory Verse** explains the Scripture in language familiar to intermediates.
- The **Activity** helps intermediates get their energy out while thinking about the lesson.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears intermediate students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus pages** for you and your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

#### KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



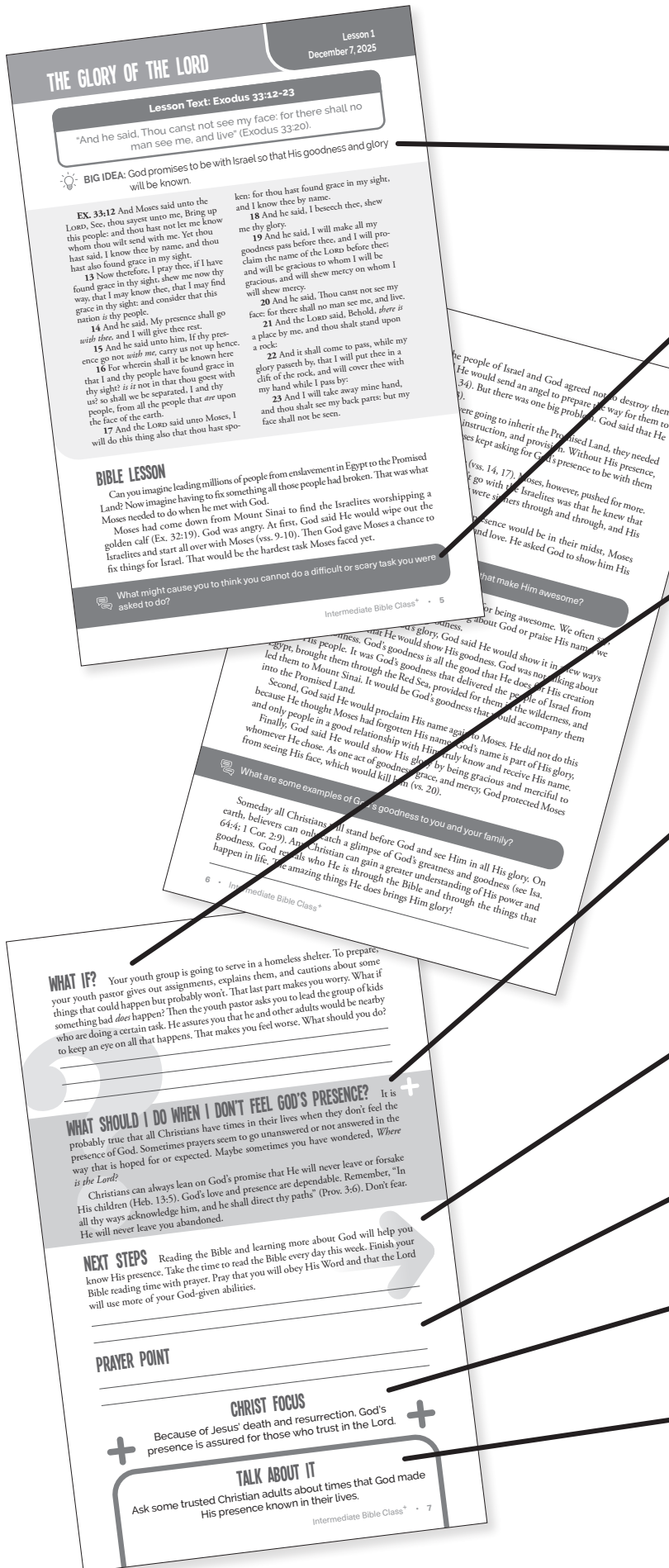
Actions



Discussion Questions



## Here's a peek at the features of *Intermediate Bible Class*®:



- The **Big Idea** helps the student focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are interjected within the Bible lesson to help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally.
- **What If?** helps intermediates imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in their everyday lives.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears intermediate students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives with room to make notes for an action plan.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages committing to pray for something in the coming week.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Talk About It** prompts students to engage trusted Christian adults in their life in conversation about God's Word.

## UNIT 1:

# His Holy Presence

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### Lesson 1: Exodus 33:12-23

The Glory of the Lord

### Lesson 2: Exodus 40:1-11, 34-38

God's Glory in the Tabernacle

### Lesson 3: Isaiah 9:1-7

God's Glory in the Coming Christ (Christmas)

### Lesson 4: Isaiah 40:21-31

No One Is like God

Young people need the presence of God in their lives, especially with all the hindrances and distractions they face that could pull them away. Help them know the God who loves them so that they can draw near to Him and experience the richness of His presence. Moses experienced God's presence despite not being able to see God's face. The Israelites worshipped God in the tabernacle and experienced His presence. Christians are blessed to have the fullness of God's presence in Jesus. Isaiah foretold the plan of salvation when he talked about Jesus' coming to earth to bring eternal life.





# The Glory of the Lord

Lesson Text: Exodus 33:12-23

Lesson 1

December 7, 2025



And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live (Exodus 33:20).



**Big Idea:** God promises to be with Israel so that His goodness and glory will be known.

**EX. 33:12** And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

**13** Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

**14** And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

**15** And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

**16** For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

**17** And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also

that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

**18** And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

**19** And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

**20** And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

**21** And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

**22** And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

**23** And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

## Prepare Your Mind

Moses asked the Lord to be with him and the people of Israel. This might be surprising, considering God had already demonstrated His greatness and goodness to Moses in Egypt and at Mount Sinai. However, thanks to Israel's sin with the golden calf (Ex. 32), God had declared that He would not go with the people anymore, or else He might destroy them (33:3).

It is in this context that we are told God spoke with Moses as one would with a friend. Moses was welcomed into God's presence. All of Israel watched as Moses met with God. They knew that Moses faced God's favor while they faced God's judgment. They hoped Moses would intercede for them.



### Supply

blindfolds for the whole class

## Prepare Your Heart

God's glory is a repeated theme throughout the Bible. We often envision glory as a great light. That is because there are times in the Bible where God's glory appears as a bright light (see Ezek. 42:2; Luke 2:9).

Glory can relate to one's position or reputation. Glory usually exists if a person occupies a high position (see Gen. 45:13) or if something has a reputation for greatness (see Matt. 4:8). Our response to God's awesome reputation for greatness and goodness is to glorify God with our praise, honor, and worship.

We know that God is omnipresent. When we ask God to be with us, we are asking Him to protect and keep us as we travel, face a new experience, or serve Him. Like Moses, we experience God's presence.



## Conversation Starter

Have you ever been asked to do a challenging task? It could have been a task at home or school that caused you to worry. What was it?


## Bible Lesson 🕒 10-15 min



One of the most challenging jobs for many people is leadership. If you are in a leadership position, you are in charge of people. That might sound like fun when you think about telling people what to do. However, being in charge also means being responsible. When the people you are in charge of break something, it is your responsibility to fix it.

Can you imagine leading millions of people from enslavement in Egypt to the Promised Land? That would be hard by itself. Now imagine having to fix something all those people had broken. That was what Moses needed to do when he met with God.

Moses had come down from Mount Sinai to find the Israelites worshipping a golden calf, breaking the commandments God had only just given them (Ex. 32:19). God was angry. At first, God said He would wipe out the Israelites and start His plan all over with Moses alone (vss. 9-10). Then God gave Moses a chance to fix things for Israel. That would be the hardest task Moses faced yet.

 What might cause you to think you cannot do a difficult or scary task you were asked to do?

📖 Moses interceded for the people of Israel, and God agreed not to destroy them (vss. 11-14). God even said He would send an angel to prepare the way for them to go to the Promised Land (vs. 34). It almost seemed like Moses had successfully fixed what the Israelites had broken. But there was one big problem. God said that He would not go with them (33:3).

Some people might have given up and accepted their fate. After all, the Israelites had really messed up. The fact that they were still going to get the Promised Land was a huge act of grace. However, Moses knew better. If the Israelites were going to inherit the Promised Land, they needed the Lord's direction, protection, instruction, and provision. Without His presence, they were doomed. That's why Moses kept asking for God's presence to be with them (vss. 15-16).

God promised Moses His presence (vss. 14, 17). Moses, however, pushed for more. The reason God had said He wouldn't go with the Israelites was that He knew that His presence put them in danger. They were sinners through and through, and His presence might destroy them (vs. 5). So now, with the promise that God's presence would be in their midst, Moses asked to see the fullness of God's goodness and love. He asked God to show him His glory (vs. 18).



Mention something difficult or scary for you to do, such as climbing a tall ladder, and what you do to give yourself confidence when you do it.

 What are some things you know about God that make Him awesome?

God's glory is all that makes up His greatness for being awesome. We often say, "God is great, and God is good." When we sing about God or praise His name, we usually talk about His greatness and goodness.

When Moses asked to see God's glory, God said He would show it in a few ways (vs. 19). First, God said that He would show His goodness. God was not just talking about His purity or holiness. God's goodness is all the good that He does for His creation and for His people. 📖 It was God's goodness that delivered the people of Israel from Egypt, brought them through the Red Sea, provided for them in the wilderness, and led them to Mount Sinai. It would be God's goodness that would accompany them into the Promised Land.

Second, God said He would proclaim His name again to Moses. He did not do this because He thought Moses had forgotten His name. God's name is part of His glory, and only people in a good relationship with Him truly know and receive His name. Finally, God said He would show His glory by being gracious and merciful to whomever He chose. As one act of goodness, grace, and mercy, God protected Moses from seeing His face, which would kill him (vs. 20).



God's glory often refers to His acts of greatness and goodness (Ex. 24:17; Pss. 19:1; 24:8; 33:5; 107:8; Rev. 5:12).

 What are some examples of God's goodness to you and your family?

Someday all Christians will stand before God and see Him in all His glory. On earth, believers can only catch a glimpse of God's greatness and goodness (see Isa. 64:4; 1 Cor. 2:9).

## What If?

Your youth group is going to serve in a homeless shelter. To prepare, your youth pastor gives out assignments, explains them, and cautions about some things that could possibly happen but probably won't. That last part makes you worry. What if something bad *does* happen? You suddenly are not sure whether you want to go. Then the youth pastor asks you to lead the group of kids who are doing a certain task. He assures you that he and other adults would be nearby to keep an eye on all that happens. That makes you feel worse. What should you do?

## Explaining the Memory Verse

Moses asked to see God's glory. God was willing to reveal Himself to Moses in a way nobody had ever experienced before. However, because Moses was a human, it was not safe for him to see the fullness of God. God is high above His creation, too great for any human to fully comprehend or safely encounter. Thankfully, God had a plan to protect him.



### Activity: Listening and Trusting ⌚ 5-10 min

Line up the students in a straight line. **Blindfold** each student. With just your voice, guide the students around, out of, and back into the classroom. Caution those who drift out of line or get too close to the person in front of them. After everyone has returned to the classroom, remove the blindfolds. Discuss the responses of trust or understandable hesitancy. Remind them that even when we can't see what is there and may hesitate, God's presence is always with us.

#### SUPPLY:

blindfolds

**PREP:** Plan out a path in the room (perhaps outside the room) where you will lead the students.

## Big Question: What should I do when I don't feel God's presence?

It is probably true that all Christians have times in their lives when they don't feel the presence of God. Sometimes prayers seem to go unanswered or not answered in the way that is hoped for or expected. Maybe sometimes you have wondered, *Where is the Lord?*

Christians can always lean on God's promise that He will never leave or forsake His children (Heb. 13:5). God's love and presence are dependable. Remember, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6). Don't fear. He will never leave you abandoned.

## Next Steps

Reading the Bible and learning more about God will help you know His presence. Take the time to read the Bible every day this week. Finish your Bible reading time with prayer. Pray that you will obey His Word and that the Lord will use more of your God-given abilities.

## Prayer Points

- Pray that each student will spend time reading God's Word and draw closer to Him. •
- Pray that the students will lean on God's sure and certain promises. •
- Ask God to personally direct the students' paths as they acknowledge Him in all that they do. •

## Christ Focus

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God's presence is assured for those who trust in the Lord.