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Dear students,

Welcome to *Intermediate Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

**Here are some of the features:**

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- **What If?** helps you imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in your everyday life.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages you to commit to praying for something in the coming week.
- **Christ Focus** shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted Christian adults in your life.





UNIT 1:  
**His Holy Presence**



## Lesson Text: Exodus 33:12-23

"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 spo-

ken: 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.

## BIBLE LESSON

Can you imagine leading millions of people from enslavement in Egypt to the Promised Land? 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 (Ex. 32:19). God was angry. At first, God said He would wipe out the Israelites and start all over with Moses (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). But there was one big problem. God said that He would not go with them (33:3).

Moses knew 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).



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 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).



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). Any Christian can gain a greater understanding of His power and goodness. God reveals who He is through the Bible and through the things that happen in life. The amazing things He does brings Him glory!

## 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 happen but probably won't. That last part makes you worry. What if something bad *does* happen? 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?

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## 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.

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## PRAYER POINT

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## CHRIST FOCUS

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

## TALK ABOUT IT

Ask some trusted Christian adults about times that God made His presence known in their lives.