



Our God of Mercy and Grace

VOLUME 3
STUDENT WORKBOOK 1st-2nd

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6



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HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

We want the life-changing truth of the Bible to be your student's focus. For this reason, this workbook is designed for the teacher to work alongside the student after the daily *1st-6th Grade Guide Book* lesson.

Weekly stories. The allure of a well-told story is strong for nearly anyone, but in a child's early years, stories have special appeal. That is why we draw his mind into spiritual things with a captivating Bible story and illustration for the first day of each week (although you should read it again throughout the week).

Meaningful discussion. The best way to know how much a young student is learning is to ask meaningful questions and engage the child in conversation. Each day is accompanied by discussion questions you can use to gauge your child's comprehension and help him understand things that he finds difficult or confusing.

Scripture memory. Each week features a new Bible memory verse. We provide tools and suggestions each day of the week to help the children remember the verse.

Fun activities! Studies have shown that children remember more of what they learn when the learning involves more of their five senses. Each day, we offer some kind of activity to help stimulate students' minds and cement Bible truth in their memories.





DINNER IN THE DESERT

Desert dinner. Deserts do not have refrigerators for snack breaks. What do you have for dinner in the desert? A *sand-wich*? Yuck! God's people, the Israelites, were in the desert. And their stomachs were starting to growl.

God had given His people the great gift of freedom from slavery in Egypt. Still, their hunger made them think terrible slavery was better than God's great gift. They did not trust God to feed them. Instead, they blamed God.

"God should have just killed us in Egypt!" they cried. "At least in Egypt we could eat until we were stuffed!" They complained about Moses too. "You just brought us out here to die!"

Dinner deserved? God could have punished His people for not trusting Him. They should have known He would help them again. That was because He had helped them before! But God's people did not even ask for help this time. They just complained.

Thankfully, God is a God of mercy. That means He does not give us the punishment we deserve. So He did not punish His people for not trusting Him.

He is also a God of grace. That means He gives us good things we do not deserve. He planned to give Israel grace in a surprising way.

Dinner is served. "Here's the plan!" God said to Moses. "I'm going to make some bread come down from heaven for Israel. It will come every morning. For five days of the week, the people should gather only what they need for one day. On the sixth day, they should gather enough for two days."

So Moses and his brother Aaron told the others God's plan. "God heard your grumbling, and He is sending us food!"

Then God appeared as a cloud in front of all the people. He was going to put one more thing on the menu. "I am going to send some birds into the camp for you to eat in the evenings. Then you will know that I am God!"

Could God do it? Of course! Nothing is too hard for Him. In the evening, birds called quail came into the camp. Early in the morning, the ground was covered with dew! When it dried up, white flaky stuff was left.

"What is this stuff?" the people asked.

"This is the food God sent for you!" Moses explained. God had given His people everything they needed!

Discussion Questions:

1. Where were God's people?
2. Where did they wish they were instead?
3. What was their problem?
4. What two things did God send to take care of His people?

Memory Verse:

Read Philippians 4:19 and talk about what it means.

Activity:

Make a small snack together and talk about how God provides.



Discussion Questions:

1. What was the white, flaky stuff on the ground?
2. What big gift had God given Israel before they came to the desert?
3. Listen to today's Scripture. Why was God angry with Israel?

Memory Verse:

Begin memorizing Philippians 4:19.

Activity

Desert Diorama

You will need:

- paper plate
- white glue
- play sand or small pebbles
- scissors
- construction paper
- 1-2 cotton balls

Instructions:

1. Cut out small rectangles from construction paper and fold in half to be tents.
2. Glue tents onto the plate to make the Israelite camp.
3. Glue sand and/or rocks to the plate, covering the center. Let dry.
4. Shake off extra sand into the garbage when the plate is dry.
5. Tear apart the cotton balls so they are thin and wispy. Glue cotton pieces to the desert to be manna!





Discussion Questions:

1. How much food were the Israelites to gather on each of the first five days of the week?
2. What was wrong with the water in today's Scripture?
3. How did God provide good water?
4. What is something you have complained about?

Memory Verse:

Review Philippians 4:19.

ACTIVITY

With your student, draw pictures of things God has given him to take care of him. Cut them out and write a relevant phrase from the verse on each of them. Shuffle them and have your student put them in order. To make it harder, draw one item per word in the verse.



DAY 4

Matthew 6:25-34

GOD'S GREAT PROVISION

 Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19



Discussion Questions:

1. Listen to today's Scripture. What does God take care of?
2. What did sending food to Israel show about God?
3. How has God given you what you need?
4. How should that help you trust Him?

Memory Verse:

Have your student say Philippians 4:19 from memory.



ACTIVITY

Work with your student to make up a list of ways God has taken care of him. Pray together, thanking God for these things. How can you bless others with the things God has blessed you with? Consider working with your student to make a donation to a local food bank or a missionary!

DAY 5

Philippians 4:19

GOD'S GREAT PROVISION

 Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

