



# Our God of Mercy and Grace

**VOLUME 3**  
**STUDENT WORKBOOK 3rd-4th**

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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# Student Workbook

— for —  
**3RD - 4TH**  
Grades

## HOW TO USE YOUR WORKBOOK

The questions and activities in this workbook are designed to be done after each *1st-6th Grade Guide Book* lesson.



**Get to the heart.** Bible study material for children often focuses only on the “whats” and “whens.” It is good to learn facts about what the Bible tells us, but we think you can do more than memorize facts. It is our goal to get your mind accustomed to seeing the reasons *why* people do things and *how* God works. That is why you will find questions in this workbook that probe deeper than simple facts. We aim to help you focus on meaningful issues. In short, we want God’s Word to speak to your heart and help you follow Jesus every day.



**Color-coded questions.** Each daily lesson has several questions to be answered. You will notice that the days have specific colors. Use the *1st to 6th Grade Guide Book* and your Bible to find the answers to the questions.



**Active hands, engaged minds.** The daily lessons you will learn in this book are valuable and worth remembering. A great way to ensure that they are remembered is to give you something to do or create that relates to the truth you have learned. Days 2 and 5 in this workbook offer craft and activity ideas that are meant to keep the lesson in your memory for years to come. They are simple enough to be done with household supplies. In most cases, the activity for every workbook is the same. If you have brothers, sisters, or other students learning with you, you can all do the activities together!



**Unit tests.** Each unit ends with a unit test. You can use your Bible but not the *1st to 6th Grade Guide Book*. Each test is worth 100 points if every question is used. The tests are also color-coded, showing you where the answer to each question was discussed.



**Ready for anything!** Each Bible lesson is a building block. As one by one they are set in place, they provide an increasingly effective defense against the stealthy attacks of our enemy. As you work through the questions and activities in this workbook, you will find yourself prepared to joyfully follow the Lord and meet the challenges of life.





### *Semester 1: Mercy and Grace Amid Failure*

In these four units, we study how God shows His amazing mercy and grace to His children, even when they are often unfaithful to Him.

## UNIT 1

### MERCY TO THE ISRAELITES

God is faithful even when we are not—what a wonderful truth! We see this play out especially in the story of the Exodus. Amid the Israelites' continued grumbling and rebellion, God showed His boundless mercy. Israel turned on Moses and God, but God remained compassionate to His people.



# DAY 1

## GOD'S GREAT PROVISION

Exodus 16:1-15

 Memory Verse: *Philippians 4:19*



Complaining is easy. But being thankful can be hard. God always gives His people what they need, so being thankful should be easy. Let's study why Israel found it easier to complain.

1. God's people had been away from Egypt for two years before complaining about being without food. True or false?

2. What foods from Egypt did the children of Israel miss?

- a. fruits and vegetables      b. chicken nuggets and fries
- c. mac and cheese          d. meat and bread

3. How would the Israelites get the promised bread from heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did God send for Israel to eat in the evening? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What did the manna look like when it arrived? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. God gave Israel what they needed even though they were complainers. Make a list of the things God has provided for you even though you complain from time to time.

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# DAY 2

## GOD'S GREAT PROVISION

Psalm 78:17-29

 Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19



God's people tested Him by doubting that He could do what He promised. Let's examine why God's response was an act of mercy.

1. Israel admitted God had provided water that they needed. True or false?

2. What did the psalmist call the manna?

- a. rain      b. sand      c. angels' food      d. dust

3. Why was God angry with Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long did God give Israel all they could eat of the manna? \_\_\_\_\_

## 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!







God is a promise-keeper. He had done everything He said He would do for Israel. Let's examine how He continued to provide what the complaining Israelites needed.

1. God's people had traveled three weeks without water when they came to Marah. True or false?

2. What was wrong with the water at Marah?

- a. It was brown.      b. It was poisoned.      c. It was bitter.      d. It was frozen.

3. What had God just done for Israel that showed He had power over water?

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4. What did the people of Israel do when they discovered the water was undrinkable? What should they have done? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Read John 4:6-15. What kind of water does Jesus offer? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What does the relationship Israel had with God have in common with the relationship Christians have with God today? \_\_\_\_\_

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God promised to meet the needs of His people. Let's zoom in on what Jesus taught about trusting God to fulfill that promise.


1. Jesus was teaching a new idea about trusting God for your needs. True or false?

2. What did Jesus use as examples of God's provision for birds?

- a. They can talk.
- b. They are made in the image of God.
- c. They plant and harvest food.
- d. They create new technology.

3. Worrying about what to eat or wear was something the \_\_\_\_\_ did.

4. What does Jesus tell us to seek? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 5. Read Proverbs 30:7-9. Why was this a wise prayer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What do you find yourself worrying about most? Is it a need or a want? Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you how He has met your needs in the past. List them below to help you remember in the future! \_\_\_\_\_  
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# DAY 5

## GOD'S GREAT PROVISION

Philippians 4:19

 Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19



As we learned yesterday, God provides for all His creatures. Let's take a look at one example of a bird that shows us how working together and sharing resources that God provides helps the whole group!

Our subject today is the acorn woodpecker. Spend some time researching this bird's habits and then answer these questions.

1. Where do the acorn woodpeckers live? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are these birds most famous for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How is the way acorn woodpeckers catch insects different from other woodpeckers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Where do they build their nests? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is unusual about their living arrangements? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Use this space to draw an acorn woodpecker and its special storage facility!

