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# Our God of Mercy and Grace

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**STUDENT WORKBOOK 5th-6th**

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  
**5TH - 6th**  
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-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-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.





No one likes to be around complainers, yet we are quick to complain when things do not come easily for us. Let's discover what Israel's complaining really showed about them.

1. Israel had left Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ before they began complaining about their food supply.
  - a. two years ago
  - b. two and a half months ago
  - c. ten days ago
  - d. a year and a half ago
  
2. What did God's people claim they had to the full in Egypt?
  - a. meat
  - b. vegetables
  - c. bread
  - d. fruit
  
3. What did God promise to give His people for food?
  
4. What part of this provision was a test?
  
5. The people complaining about Moses and Aaron actually showed Israel's lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
  
6. Israel complained because they did not trust God to provide for them. Think about something you have complained about recently. What does that complaint show you about what you believe about God?



The psalmist wrote from a different viewpoint about Israel's complaining. Let's investigate how God responded to Israel's complaining.

1. Israel's doubt about God's ability to provide food caused God to laugh. True or false?
  
2. What did the psalmist call Israel's complaining (Psalm 78:17)?
  
3. Israel's complaining tested God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. Despite all Israel's complaining, what did God do?

## Activity

### You will need:

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

## Desert Diorama

### 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 continually showed the Israelites that He was more than able to meet all their needs. Let's connect the other times when God provided for them in the wilderness.

1. How long had Israel been traveling when they came to Marah?
  - a. three hours
  - b. three days
  - c. three weeks
  - d. three years

2. What had happened at the last place they had been camping (Exodus 14:21-28)?



3. Read Psalm 63:1-3. What did the psalmist want more than water in the desert?

4. What did God want Moses to do to make the water drinkable?

5. What was the difference between the people's response to the undrinkable water and Moses' response?

6. When you have a need that is not being met, what is your first response? Why?



We can easily confuse our wants for our needs. Let's focus on how Jesus taught His followers to know the difference and to trust God for both.

1. When people are anxious about their needs being met, they are showing their trust in God. True or false?
  2. What did Jesus use as examples of God's provision for animals?
    - a. birds
    - b. lions
    - c. fish
    - d. snakes
  3. Why are humans of more value than the animals (Matthew 6:26)?
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-  4. Read Psalm 37:16-26. How does what David wrote in this psalm compare to what Jesus taught in today's passage?
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5. How do we seek God's kingdom and His righteousness?
  6. When some Israelites took more than they needed for a day, the food rotted. Are there some things in your life that you have more of than you really *need*? What are some ways that this may be showing you do not trust God?



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

