

Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES For Children

Lesson 34

Level A—Little Bible Treasures:

The Mercy and Light of God

Level B—Children's Bible Treasures:

The Mercy and Light of God

Level C—Story Time with Jesus:

The Mercy and Light of God

Level D—What Does it Actually Say?:

The Mercy and Light of God

Level E—Bible Bits: Notable Notes—From 2 Corinthians/

Topic Treasures—Shining Faces

The Mercy and Light of God

God had given instructions to the people of Israel, but they didn't follow them well. Moses was very upset, and God was displeased too.

The people were sorry for their wrong doings, and God forgave those who wanted to make the right choices and follow Him.

Moses needed more time alone with God to receive more instructions, as the first set of stone tablets had been broken, because of the people's disobedience and Moses' anger.

God was so kind and merciful to give everyone a second chance. He talked with Moses as a friend and Moses listened to all that God said. A new set of stone "Ten Commandments" was made.

When Moses came down from the mountain after this special time with the Lord his face was very bright and was shining! Everyone knew that he had spent time talking to God!



The Mercy and Light of God

Moses had been on the mountain for a long time with the Lord, but when he came down it upset him to see the disobedience of those in the camp. He was surprised and saddened to find that the people, who he had given God's instructions to, had not followed them.

Moses didn't react in the right way, so rather than first praying and asking God what to do, he felt it was no use trying to teach the people the right way. He angrily threw the tablets of stone down and they broke. Moses was sorry that he acted in anger. It was a mistake that he regretted.

No matter how difficult things seem, or how wrong people are acting, stopping to pray first instead of acting roughly will bring better results.

God was also sad that the people had so quickly forgotten His words, just because Moses had been on the mountain. Everyone had lessons to learn.

God said that everyone needed to choose whose side they were on. Did they want to be a part of God's team or not?



The people who were sorry for doing wrong and who chose to follow God's words were forgiven. God was merciful and forgiving and gave those people another chance.

The mountain was all ablaze with a fiery cloud of God's presence, and He called Moses to come again up on the mountain, bringing new slabs of stone.

Moses talked with God and stayed on the mountain with Him for another 40 days, receiving the instructions again, having them written on the tablets of stone. Moses got to be very close to God and speak to Him as a friend. God even gave Moses a little peek at what He looked like. It was very special!

When Moses came down from the mountain that time, he saw that the people had behaved well. The new stone Ten Commandments were shown to all, and well cared for. God had told Moses to prepare a special wooden box for them, so they could be safely kept for many years.

Everyone who looked at Moses after he had come down from the mountain knew that he had been with God, as Moses' face was so very bright. Moses didn't realise it, but he was shining! His time alone with God, listening and talking with Him, had filled Moses with God's beautiful light!

Activity

*What happens when you shine a light on a mirror, or when you face it to the window? Find out about it! A mirror reflects light well. It will reflect whatever is in front of it. Moses was looking at the light of God. What are you reflecting? What do you focus on and watch? These things will be reflected by you as well.

The Mercy and Light of God



After such a wonderful time alone with God, hearing from Him and getting His plans, it was startling and troubling for Moses to be suddenly faced once again with the trouble in the camp. God told Moses to go down and check on everyone, that they were up to no good.

Moses could not believe it! Everything that God had told them to do, and not to do—things that they had all promised to obey—had so quickly been forgotten. Many had turned back to their old ways, their bad ways, doing the things that greatly displeased God.

It was easy to say, “Yes, I’ll obey God’s rules,” when God was showing His power to them on the mountain, and there was thunder and lightning and fire, and they felt afraid to do their own bad ideas. But when Moses was gone for such a long time, and had seemingly disappeared into the cloud, and they didn’t hear from him for so long, they might have thought they were now on their own, with Moses long gone.

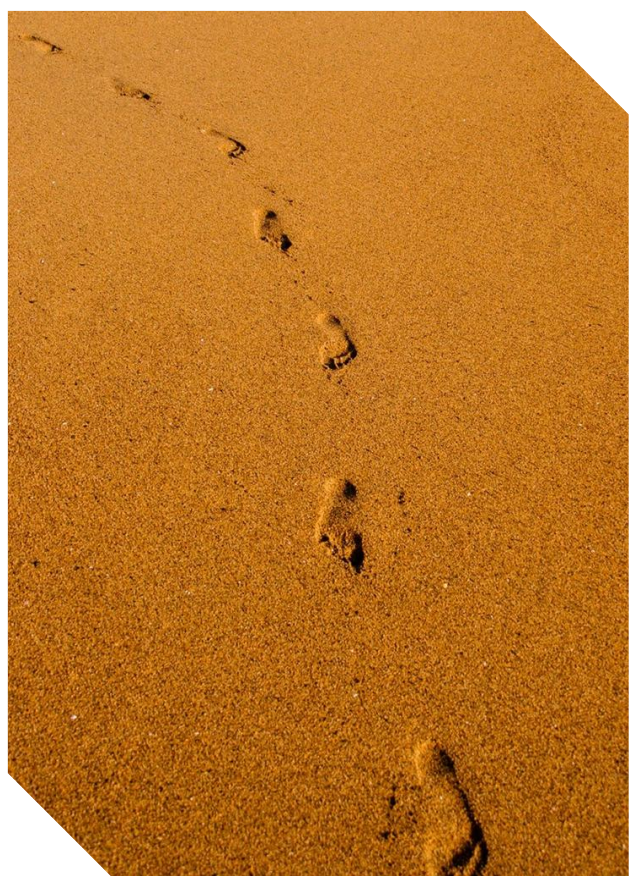
There was no one telling them what to do. They forgot that the whole point wasn’t to just do what was good and right because there was a person right there with them watching them and making them do it.

God’s whole lesson that He was trying to tell them when He visited them in that special way on the mountain was for them to know that He is there with them all the time. God wanted them to love and follow in His ways. He knew about each and every one of them, and it mattered to God what each person decided to do on Earth.

When Moses came down from the mountain and saw what was going on, he had one of his few angry reactions. He was usually so calm, so patient, day after day, year after year, but this time he felt it was just too much. In a moment of anger, sadly, Moses threw down those precious tablets of stone that he was carrying down from the mountain.

Those were the ones that God had just made for them. Now they were broken. Oh, dear! Moses regretted that he had gotten so upset to the point that it made him feel like giving up trying to help the people, thinking that even these rules on stone wouldn't help to change the people from doing wrong.

He had thought they had made good progress in their lessons, and were ready to do things God's way. Moses had been so glad for that step of progress in their training. But not everyone had changed—at least not in their hearts.



You have to do more than just say that you will do what God knows is best. You have to choose to do it no matter what—even if others tell you to do something differently than what God, in love, has asked you to do or not do. You have to choose to obey whether or not there are people leading you, helping you, and instructing you in the right way.

God was upset too. He was so upset that He didn't even want to continue allowing these people to be part of the promise He'd made to Abraham, and then to Isaac, and yet again to Jacob. If they weren't going to willingly obey and follow in His way, He'd have to start again, from the beginning, with another child, and let them grow and have children, and on and on till there were again many descendants choosing to follow in His way.

It was a very difficult time, and a hard but good lesson was learned. People had to choose that day whose side they were on—God's side, or following in their old, ungodly ways.

Moses prayed with all his heart. He begged for God to give them another chance to do better, and God said yes. He is so merciful, kind and forgiving.

So those that really wanted to be a part of this team and wanted to follow in God's way were allowed to be there. Anyone who wanted to continue doing things in their bad, ungodly way would not be allowed to be part of the special team anymore.

It sobered the people, when Moses explained that God was so unhappy with their repeated disobediences, that He nearly took away their place as being part of this special chosen team. They were very sorry, and took off any fancy jewellery and decorations. They showed in their sombre actions and words on that day that they wanted to belong to God, and have Him bless them and care for them.

God gave those ones who chose the right way a second chance—and gave Moses a second chance to make a new set of stone tablets. Thankfully, that time, when Moses was called up on the mountain for another 40 days alone with God, the people tried their best to do things as God wanted them to, while Moses was gone. They knew that no matter what, God was still there with them, watching and listening to all that was going on.

God told Moses to cut out the next stones for the new "Ten Commandments" tablets, as well as to make a wooden box or "ark" to keep them in, once they were finished. Moses went up to the mountain early in the morning, taking the new stone slabs with him. He was ready for God to write the words on them, once again.

Moses took time to hear from God on the mountain. Once again God's rules were written on the new tablets of stone. When he came down from the mountain he placed the new stone tablets in the wooden box for safe keeping, as God had told him to do. This new set was taken care of very well, and even many years later people still had them.



Moses had some wonderful times with God while on the mountain, seeing a bit more of God than he'd ever gotten to see before. Moses gave all his time and focus to just sitting there, praying and listening to God's words.

That is a very important thing for anyone who wants to lead others in the right way and accomplish positive goals with their lives. Maybe you can't all have 40 whole days alone, doing nothing else but praying or reading God's Word, but how about 40 minutes today?

Can you spend that time alone to hear from Me, to tell Me you love Me, and to get your instructions for your day? You can pause to listen and to hear My solutions to your problems! You can take the time to read some of My Word to give you faith and courage for whatever you have to do today.

When Moses came down from the mountain after his time alone with God, he didn't feel anything real different had happened to him, physically. However, because of his time spent in the light of God, Moses' face was shining—so brightly that people couldn't even look at it. He had to put a covering over his face! That was an example to them that time spent with God—the Father of Light—can make you filled with God's light too.

Your eyes, your smile, your face and your reactions will show My love and light, peace and joy, if you take time, like Moses did, to talk with and hear from Me. If you listen to My words it will make a wonderful difference in your life and in your reactions with others.

Activity

*Have a "Festival of Light"! Wear light or bright coloured or shiny clothing. Gather all the items you can that make light: flashlights, glow-in-the-dark items, Christmas lights, lamps, night lights, etc. Decorate the room with them and turn on all the lights. Dance to some fun and happy Christian music.

Let's Talk About It

*Have you ever had to make a choice to do what was right and good, or to do what some people who weren't following Jesus were doing or saying that you should? If that ever happened to you, is there something from this story that you could remember that would encourage you to make the right choice?

*What do you think makes people look the most pretty or handsome? Did you know that it's what is inside of their heart and mind and spirit that makes people the nicest?

Think about it and imagine what kind of person you would like to be around—someone who is loving, patient, peaceful, and smiling, or someone who just has good looks but is hard to get along with and talks in rough and ugly ways?

When someone's spirit and heart are filled with *God's* goodness and beauty, it really shows. People can forget your nice looks if your spirit and words and actions aren't reflecting Jesus' loving spirit. People can also forget your less than fancy looks, if you are showing you are filled with Jesus' love and joy, and they'll think you are just great!



The Mercy and Light of God



Connect and Communicate

*Close your eyes and sit or lie down somewhere relaxing, listening to a praise song or hymn.

Study Fun

Repeat aloud: This passage from Psalm 103, phrase by phrase, or read it in unison—at the beginning, or middle or end of reading the text of the Bible stories below.

Psalm 103:8-11,17

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

Select: Someone (or different ones) to be the reader for all the direct quotations of God, Moses, and the people, as you read through the verses. Different "voices" can be used for different people talking.

Summarise: The events of each of the three story sections in the passage written below, after reading each one.

Exodus

32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

32:7 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them:

32:9 And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

32:10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

32:11 And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

32:16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

32:19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp... Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me.

32:30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.



Deuteronomy

10:1 At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

10:2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

10:3 And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

10:4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me.

10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

Exodus

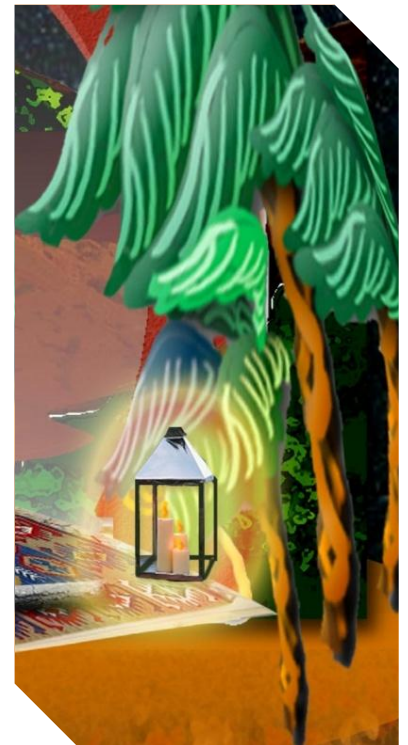
34:28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

34:31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai.



34:33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

34:34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Activity

*Draw reflecting type of art and pictures. (For example the sun setting, reflecting on a lake, as well as the trees on the bank; or someone looking into a mirror; or a candle on a window sill reflecting on the glass, etc.)

Fountain of Faith

Psalms 34:9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Psalms 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.



Notable Notes—2 Corinthians

Prayer

Psalms 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

*Play verbal volleyball prayer! One person calls out someone's name and tells them what type of difficult situation to pray for and for those who are in it. That person then prays, and afterwards calls out the name of someone else and gives them a topic to pray about. (For example: "Jim! Please pray for anyone in a flooded area," etc.)

Activity

- * Play "memory" or "concentration" with these verses. (See instructions and cards at end of file.)
- * Another game that could be played with these cards is "go fish". Deal out a couple of cards to each player, and place the rest in a stack, face down on the table. When it's someone's turn they try to get a set by asking others, "do you have...?", stating the reference of one verse they have that needs its other half. If someone has it, they give it to the player asking for it. If no one has it, the player can take a card from the top of the deck on the table. When a match is made, the verse can be read, and a question asked of another player about the verse—as the game says above.

Game Instructions:

- Print out the cards, cut them out and glue them to identical pieces of thick paper, or coloured paper, or index cards.
- Mix them up, and then lay them face down on the table.
- Each person takes a turn to flip over two cards at a time. Each card contains half of a verse—the first half, and the second half.
- If they flip over the two cards that go together, they can keep the set.
- The verse is then read and all listen to it.
- The person who got the set then gets to ask anyone in the room a question about the verse. (For example if 2 Corinthians 5:7 was matched and read, the person might ask someone, "What should we walk by?")
- Game resumes, and continues till all cards have been matched.

2 Corinthians 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:10b When I am weak, then am I strong.



Topic Treasures

— Shining Faces

Study Fun

Repeat aloud: Every third verse.

Select: A phrase to write (with a dry-erase marker) or post on the bathroom or bedroom mirror!

Summarise: Some of the points brought out in these verses that can help our face be filled with the special kind of "light" that joy and God's spirit can give us.

Psalm 34:5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Psalm 80:3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 119:135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 4:6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Psalm 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance

Matthew 28:2-3 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

Acts 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Revelation 1:16b And his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.



Daily Diary

*Draw a fun "smiley face", add some light rays and sparkles. Write under it: When I take time to talk to Jesus, it will show on my face.

2 Corinthians Game Cards

<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 1:4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 1:4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 4:7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 4:7</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For we walk by faith...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...not by sight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:7</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 5:17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 6:14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 6:14</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 9:6</p> <p>But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 9:6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 9:7</p> <p>Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 9:7</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 10:5</p> <p>Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 10:5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 10:17</p> <p>But he that glorieth...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">...let him glory in the Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 10:17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 12:9</p> <p>And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. ...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">... Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 12:9</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 12:10b</p> <p>When I am weak...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">... then am I strong.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Corinthians 12:10b</p>

www.nurture-inspire-teach.com