

THE GRACE OF GOD

Genesis 6:8; Exodus 34:6, 7; II Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 2:11-14

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:

How many of you have been to church with father and mother? After the singing and the sermon do you remember how, just before the people went home, the minister stood up and lifted his hands and said,

"THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL."

That is what our lesson is about to-day—THE GRACE OF GOD.

And now I know you are saying to yourselves, "What is the grace of God?"

Think for a moment of Jesus and of God's promise to save us from sin and make us happy, if we trust Jesus. Do we deserve such a wonderful gift? But God loves us so that he receives us for Jesus' sake, even though we do not deserve his love. This is God's grace. So we are to think of Jesus as God's gracious Gift.

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It was hundreds and hundreds of years ago. The baby Jesus lay in his mother's arms and slept quietly.

That night, a wonderful dream came to Joseph. An angel spoke to him and said: "Arise and take the young Child. Flee with him into the land of Egypt, for wicked King Herod is about to search for him."

So Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt. Baby Jesus was saved, because God the heavenly Father was watching over him. God had sent the angel to warn Joseph.

