

# OVERVIEW

## Unit 3 GOD'S GRACE IN OUR LIVES

*What do a thief, a murderer, and a doubter have in common? God responded to all of them with grace and forgiveness. In this unit, God, who makes all things new, loves humanity and shows limitless compassion and grace.*

### LESSON 10

The theme of life-giving water is found throughout Scripture. In this lesson, you will explore the use of this symbol in Revelation and how it leads us to a deeper truth about God's sustaining grace.

### LESSON 11

After Cain murders his brother, God sends him into exile. Still, God extends grace and forgiveness, protecting Cain from those who would hurt him. Even when we do wrong, God continues to love and care for us.

### LESSON 12

During their time in the wilderness, the people of Israel were filled with anxiety, fear, and doubt. We often experience these same feelings. This lesson reminds us that God always provides us with what we need.

### LESSON 13

The thief on the cross beside Jesus needed to know that God would never let him down, even in the face of death. Jesus' assurance of grace towards the thief is the same grace Jesus extends to us.

### LESSON 14

God is still doing new things in the church today. God's grace allows us to embrace and participate in this new life.

## THE RIVER OF LIFE-GIVING WATER

### The Future

	5 Years—2025	10 Years—2030	50 Years—2070
Write your age in this year here:			
Transportation: <i>What will we be using to get around?</i>			
Fashion: <i>What will we be wearing?</i>			
Society: <i>What events will shape our society?</i>			
Sports: <i>What games will we be playing?</i>			
Technology: <i>What devices/ systems will we use to connect with one another?</i>			

### REVELATION 22:1-5 (NRSV)

- 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;
- 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
- 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**KEY VERSE:** *They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always. — Revelation 22:5 (CEB)*

**LECTIO DIVINA**

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Have someone read the Bible verses aloud.

1. Listen as the Bible verses are read.
2. As you listen to the Scripture, underline words or phrases that catch your attention.
3. Now read the Bible verses silently. Circle five key words that you think best summarize the passage.

**HAVE I HEARD THIS BEFORE?**

With your class, talk about the following questions and make notes about interesting points in your conversation.

1. Throughout the Book of Revelation the author alludes to a number of different Scriptures, including Jeremiah 3:17, Psalm 119:105, Luke 8:16-18, Isaiah 2:5, and John 8:12.
2. Read some of these verses and note in the space below the similarities you see between these verses and today's Bible verses.

Verses:

Similarities:

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**CITY OF JEWELS**

Talk about the following questions with your class.

- How do you think the idea of the New Jerusalem applies to your life?

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- What would it mean to you to be made new in the same way as the city described in Revelation?

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## LIVING WATER TODAY

Explore one or more of the following websites:

- [www.thelastwell.org/](http://www.thelastwell.org/)
- [www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org)
- [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc)

- What did you learn about the global water crisis?

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- What are some ways you can help, either personally or as a community?

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