

**2nd week of November**  
**God Gives Abundant Blessings**

- **Text:** Psalm 65:9~13 (November 4 text)
- **Bottom line:** God is the one who bestows abundant blessings and grace upon us.

**1. Praise**

(Worship and praise) God is your keeper

**2. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for coloring the autumn leaves so beautifully that I can see your beauty. Through worship, let us resemble God's beauty.

**3. The Word**

Read Psalm 65:9~13 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

**<ESV>**

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## Understanding Text

The psalmist sings of God's grace and blessings to Mother Nature. God the Creator sends rain to moisten the earth and make it sprout and bear fruit. Because of God's grace, all things are abundantly blessed, and they are filled with joyful praise. It is God who brings abundance and happiness to the whole earth.

### Understanding the text for leaders

The Israelites were originally herders (Genesis 46:34), but when they settled in Canaan, they began to farm. For farming to be successful, there needs to be plenty of rainfall. The Canaanites who lived there believed that Baal would give them rain in order for their crops to flourish. So they worshiped Baal. God was wary of this idolatry. God, who created all things, rules by His order and providence and rules over the nations. The psalmist sings of God's grace and blessings in nature. They sing of God who makes the year's crops good and brings abundant harvests with moderate rain and sunshine. They also sing of God who feeds and clothe them with the produce of the earth. God blesses us, and all things rejoice and praise God for His glory and grace. The psalmist describes the fruitfulness and fruitfulness of the earth as if it were the Garden of Eden (verses 9~13). It is God our Creator who brings abundance and happiness to the whole earth.

## 4. Sharing

1) What is God's grace and blessings on the whole earth mentioned in verses 9~13? Find out what kind of God is in those verses that stand out to you in a special way.

### Upper Grades

What verses help us know how good God's blessings are? Explain why.

### Lower Grades

Why does God care for the earth? (verse 9).

### Question Guide

Imagine in your mind and slowly read the verses that describe the blessings God has bestowed upon the earth. Find one or more expressions that vividly describe God's blessings and talk about what God is like.

### Comments for Leaders

The psalmist confesses that everything on earth is blessed and favored by God. The fact that the land is rich and fertile when it rains, and the fact that the soil that has been soaked with moisture sprouts and bears fruit, are all God's grace. The psalmist confesses that the green meadows and the small mountains seem to rejoice and rejoice, that multitudes of sheep cover them, and that the valleys are full of fruit. He gave thanks and praise to God for all His abundant blessings.

2) When do I usually praise God the Creator?

### Upper Grades

What's my favorite food? Think of and thank God for allowing the ingredients to grow until the ingredients of that food come to you .

### Lower Grades

What's my favorite fruit? I am grateful for God who made me grow and bear fruit until I ate the fruit .

#### □ Question Guide

In the hustle and bustle of your daily life, pause and look up at the sky, or look at a small wildflower or potted plant and think about God. Observe the food with your children and talk about God's providence in feeding us. Or you can talk about God's comfort and love for us through our pets.

#### □ Comments for Leaders

When seeds are planted in the ground and moderate rain and sunlight fall, they sprout, grow, and bear fruit. If it doesn't rain too little or if it rains too much, the plant won't be able to grow properly. We need to remember that rain and sunshine, which seem obvious, are God's grace and blessings. Confess that everything around us comes from God. You can feel God's hand in a small blade of grass, and you can feel God's love in the warm sunshine and beautiful flowers. Observe the gracious providence of God who feeds and clothe us abundantly in all things in nature.

#### ≡ 5. Be grateful

Give thanks today, remembering that everything you eat, drink, and enjoy comes from God.

#### ≡ 6. Prayer

Thank you, God, for always taking care of us with loving hands. I confess that it rains at the right time and that all things multiply because it is God's grace. May our lips always be filled with gratitude and praise for your wonderful blessings and grace.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"

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