The Lord Had Grace
Reader

A_E words included in text: (in the order in which they appear)

grace	make	same	late
came	place	hate	sake
became	care	save	rage
taste	cake	chase(d)	flame(s)
gave	bake	shake	
take	made	quake	

Vocabulary Words-These may be words that you need to discuss the meaning of before reading:

grace, gushed, idol, presence

This text was written at a first grade level (based on the phonics skills and sight words chosen). The length of the text may be longer than your child is accustomed to. My advice is to read the text TO your child on the first day. On subsequent readings, you can offer to share the reading, taking turns. Gradually release the responsibility and limit support as it is re-read.

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from Exodus 15-40

It was not soon after the people came out of Egypt that they became very thirsty. After three days, they saw water, but it had a bad taste.

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They gave Moses a hard time. "Why did you take us out of Egypt and make us come to this place? Does the Lord care for us?"
But the Lord had grace on His people and gave them good water to drink.

Moses led the people to a place with no food. Again, the people gave Moses a hard time. "Why did you take us out of Egypt and make us come to this place? The Lord does not care for us."

But the Lord had grace on His people and gave them cake that they could bake and eat called manna.

The people went from place to place. Again they became thirsty and had no water. And again they gave Moses a hard time. "The Lord does not take care of us."

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But the Lord had grace on His people again. He told Moses to hit a rock with his staff. When Moses hit the rock, God made water gush out of it.

As the people rested in the same place, an army with a hate for God's people came to fight them. Moses went to the top of a hill and held up his staff. He knew that the Lord would save them. With some help, Moses kept his arms held up and God's people chased the other army away!

The Lord came to the people in a thick cloud at a mountain. He made the mountain shake and quake. God wanted the people to see that He was their God and He would take care of them.

He called Moses up the mountain and gave him the ten commandments on two tablets.

Moses was on the mountain for a long time. The people went to Aaron and said, "It is late! For goodness sake. Where is Moses? God will not take care of us. We need a new god." So, Aaron made an idol out of gold and they worshipped it.

When Moses came down from the mountain, he saw the idol and became mad. In his rage, he smashed the tablets.

Moses met with God again on the mountain. The Lord told Moses that He was a God of grace; slow to get angry and rich in love. He wanted more than anything to be with His people.

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Moses told the people and they made a Tabernacle for the presence of the Lord. He filled it as a cloud in the day and flames of fire at night. The people could see that their Lord had grace and would take care of them.