



This week's memory verse is -

"For Thou, Lord, art good,  
and ready to forgive;  
plenteous in mercy unto all  
them that call upon Thee"



Psalm 86:5



## Question Box

*Ha! My turn to ask you a question!*

*Can you find out what the word 'mercy' means? I really want to know what you understand about mercy.*

*There is space here for your question too, if you have one!*

## Where would you find God?

Many people today are searching for God. They know deep inside that they are not right with God, and need to make peace with him. Sometimes, they look in the right place to find God - in His Word ( the Bible), or by listening to preaching about Christ. Other times, they search for satisfaction in their own ideas and they turn to self-help remedies, false religions, good works and many more. Even things like TV, sport and work can be used by many to search for satisfaction and look for peace, when the answer really lies in finding God, and making peace with Him.

Many of the Israelites came to the Tabernacle to find God. Where do you think they would find God? Well, back in those days, the Bible tells us that God chose to 'dwell' or live, with His people, right at the mercy seat, in the very centre of the Tabernacle, within the Holy of Holies.

In the Holy of Holies, there was a special golden box called The Ark of the Covenant. This contained the Law for the Israelites, written on tablets of stone. The Ark of the Covenant had a lid, made from pure gold. This lid had cherubim (specially-made golden angel figures) attached to it. It was here that God said He would dwell: " There I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:17).

There was something else very special about this mercy seat. Once a year, the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled blood on and before the mercy seat. Why do you think this was?

Use the space below to draw a picture of what the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat might have looked like. Have a read in Exodus 25: 17-22 to help you. Can you draw the cherubim on top?



Ps. Don't worry too much about what it looks like - no one is really sure - just give it a go!

## The Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat

Have you thought any more about why there was blood at the mercy seat? Can I give you a clue? The Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat are another picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you remember what He did at the cross? Here is a verse from the Bible which shows how the Lord Jesus death on the cross, when His blood was shed, was a sacrifice for our sins: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb 9:12).

How beautiful that God calls the place in the Tabernacle where the sacrifice was made, the mercy seat! Isn't it amazing that God chose to live at that place? Do you know that Christ will live within each one of us at the same place, the place of mercy, the place where He has forgiven our sins, through His death on the cross? Are your sins forgiven?

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Read the story, and learn the memory verse. You can receive points for your work if you scan your e-lesson and email it to us - [info@God-is.net](mailto:info@God-is.net) or post to PO Box 1012 Strathalbyn, South Australia, 5255

Once you have learned your memory verse really well, recite to your Mum or Dad, and ask them to give you points (out of 5) Send your e-lesson in every week, if you can. **Add your name to your e-lesson below!** Add your address if you are posting your e-lesson. Complete 40 lessons within one year to earn a small prize.

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