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TEACHING PASSAGE: Psalm 78:1-8

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

- 1. Discussion Questions: How does the first verse call for your attention?
- 2. Parables (verse 2) are tools used by teachers of wisdom that require imagination to unlock their meaning. What is the foundation of those parables and who else used parables? (verses 2-3) (Matthew 13:34-35)
- 3. What should not be hidden from God's children? (verse 4) (Exodus 12:24-27, Deuteronomy 11:18-19 and Joshua 4:6-7)
- 4. Who has the responsibility to teach the children (verse 5) and what should their hope be in and why? (verse7)
- 5. Psalm 78 is clear about its purpose to recount events for future generations for God's people so that they (we) might take it to heart. What is the warning in verse 8 that we should not be like?

## **Additional Resources**

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Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

- <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- <sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation
- the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
- <sup>5</sup> He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers
  - to teach to their children,
- <sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
- and arise and tell them to their children,
- so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God,
- but keep his commandments;
- <sup>8</sup> and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation,
- a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

## For small children:

Ask: Who is the writer writing to? What is the writer writing about? Do you think you should listen carefully when someone is teaching you? Why should we listen carefully when someone is teaching? How can you practice listening carefully?

Read verse 4 again.

Ask: What are they not hiding from the children? How are God's deeds described? Can you think of some of his glorious deeds that show His strength?

Ask: Why is it so important to talk to our children about God and the mighty things he has done?

Read verses 5 and 7 again. Then read Deuteronomy 5:6-21 and 6:4-9 Ask: Verse 7, we are to tell our children about the mighty works of God and his commandments so that what?

Parents: tell you kids about the mighty works of God in your own life as well as the true stories of old in the Bible.

Activity: Start a family journal recounting the mighty works of God. Some entries might be what you are learning during your daily Bible reading, some might be answered prayer. Decorate the journal and give it a name. You can use the coloring sheet as a cover for your journal.

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