

## COVENANT LESSON 26

# EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## Psalm 136

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

## Psalm 136:3–4

MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. **Psalm 136:3–4**

“Hindsight is always 20/20.” What that means, of course, is that we have perfect vision when looking at the past. It’s always easy to see how we could have done things better if we had known then what we know now. But we wouldn’t ever want to change the love, grace, and blessings of God. Because we are His children, He has protected us from uncountable pitfalls that we aren’t even aware of. It would be more than just a little scary to imagine our pasts without God’s loving hand upon us.

Read Psalm 136. It’s pretty hard to miss out on the meaning of this psalm: God’s love is eternal! In addition to praising Him for the things He made and did, the psalmist listed in verses 10–24 some of the specific blessings He gave the Israelites as they fled Egypt.

Living a life of gratitude to God for His love points others to Christ—including your family and, more specifically, your teenager. It is likely that people close to you respond to God the same way you do. Your children look to you for leadership and influence, perhaps more than you know. Try modeling the right attitude of thankfulness and praise. You can help these values take hold in your children’s lives, as well.

Think about the following: How well do you respond to God as the giver of all blessings? Do you reflect the love and blessings God has given to you into the lives of others?

Stop to thank God for His amazing love for you and for His amazing blessings.

## FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

### Connect . . .

First, the family members write their names on strips of paper. Then, a family member places the strips of paper in a bowl or cup. Each family member draws someone else’s name. Then, family members take turns reading the names aloud and identifying ways God has shown His love to the family member listed on each piece of paper.

### Explore . . .

A family member reads Psalm 136:1–9. Then, a family member reads: **Consider that the God who made the heavens, stars, the sun, the earth, and everything on it is the same God who showers us with His love and His blessings. Every day, we face this question: are we willing to thank God for His goodness as the psalmist did, or will we simply take His love for granted?**

### Transform . . .

First, the family discusses: **In what specific ways can we give thanks to God for His past love and for the future He has planned for us?** Then, the family comes up with a list of possible ways to thank God for His love. Place this list in a prominent place so it will be visible throughout the week.

*Pray that your family will be ever mindful of God’s unending love.*

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