

**Bible Story 161**  
**Remembering What God Has Done**  
**Psalm 136**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

- Color
  - Color the paper with the memory verse on it

**WORSHIP**

**PRAYER**

**STORY**

**Psalm 136**

- Involve the children as you share the passage
  - Read through Psalm 136 and have the children say, “For His mercy endures forever” each time you come to it in the passage
    - Establish a signal beforehand which you will use each time you come to that phrase in the passage such as pointing up, tapping your leg, extending your hand toward them...
  - Show illustrations of some of the things mentioned in the passage as you read them (e.g.: outer space, sun, moon & stars, the Exodus, the Red Sea parting, etc.)

**MEMORY VERSE**

**Psalm 136:1**

**“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”**

- Practice the verse by doing motions
  - “Oh” – shape your arms into a big “O” over your head
  - “thanks” – put the tips of your fingers from one hand on your chin and then lower it in front of you so your palm is facing up
  - “LORD” – make an “L” shape with your right hand and move it from your left shoulder to your right hip
  - “He” – point up
  - “good” – put your thumbs up
  - “mercy” – cross your arms over your chest
  - “endures forever” – spread your arms out in front of you

## ACTIVITIES

- Application

- Review the illustrations you showed the children as you read through the passage
- The Israelites gave thanks to God for the things He had done in their lives
- Have the children try to think of a time when God has done something for them and draw a picture of that event on a paper
- When all the children have finished drawing, have each child say, “I give thanks to the Lord for He \_\_\_\_\_ (explaining what He did in her picture).” And then have the class say, “For His mercy endures forever.”
- Encourage the children to praise and thank God daily for His work in their lives and for who He is

- Object Lesson

- Bring in some “Silly Putty” and begin to stretch it over a table
- Name things that take place in a person’s life from birth to death as you stretch the “Silly Putty.” Include normal life milestones such as learning to walk, going to Kindergarten, getting married, having children, etc. Also include some big blessings like a special trip or a new house and some difficult times like losing a job or the death of a loved one
- As you talk and stretch the “Silly Putty,” continue to emphasize how God’s love is enduring forever
- Encourage the children that God’s love will never fail. He will love them and be with them throughout their lives
- You may want to bring some extra “Silly Putty” for the children to play with or enough for each child to take some home

- Reminder Gift

- Give the children “Silly Bandz” or colored rubber bands to put on their wrists as a reminder of God’s love that will stretch on and on forever

## MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/OTTableOfContents.pdf>)
- Illustrations to match the events mentioned in the passage
- Blank paper for each child
- “Silly Bandz” or colored rubber bands for each child
- Crayons
- Tape
- “Silly Putty”