

Give Thanks to the Lord: From Psalm 136 KJV

(Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26)

Arranged for Readers Theater by Carol Montgomery

Performance Time = about 1 1/2 minutes

Readability = 8th & 9th Grade (high due to the use of old english)

CAST (6+):

Child 1

Child 2

Child 3

Child 4

Dad

Mom

Children (May use Child 1, 2, 3, 4.)

Ladies (means all females—including girls, young ladies)

Men (means all males—including the boys, young men)



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Child 1: O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:

Ladies: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Child 2: O give thanks unto the God of gods:

Men: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Child 3: O give thanks to the Lord of lords:

Ladies: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Child 4: To him who alone doeth great wonders:

Men: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Dad: To him that by wisdom made the heavens:

Children: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Child 1: To him that stretched out the earth above the water:

Ladies: For his mercy endureth for ever.

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Child 2: To him that made great lights:

Men: For his mercy endureth for ever:

Child 3: The sun to rule by day:

Ladies: For his mercy endureth for ever:

Child 4: The moon and stars to rule by night:

Men: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Mom: Who remembered us in our low estate:

Children: For his mercy endureth for ever:

Child 1 & 3: And hath redeemed us from our enemies:

Ladies: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Child 2 & 4: Who giveth food to all flesh:

Men: For his mercy endureth for ever.

Parents: O give thanks unto the God of heaven:

Children: For his mercy endureth for ever.

All: His mercy endureth for ever.



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Curriculum Links (Valid January 2026)

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<https://www.childrensministrylessons.com/kids-bible-lessons/thanksgiving-bible-activity-gratitude-jar-craft>

“Thankfulness & Gratitude Bible Lesson for Kids: Psalm 136 with a Fun Gratitude Jar” Lesson with multiple activities for small groups, classes, or families. Full of ideas on teaching this Psalm: art, banners, creative writing, culinary, drama, games, music...

https://www.sundayschoolnetwork.com/lesson_thankful.html

T-H-A-N-K-F-U-L Lesson and Game for 2nd-6th grade. The game could be adapted for indoors or family fun.

<https://www.twinkl.com/blog/10-free-gratitude-and-giving-activities-for-kids>

“10 Free Gratitude and Giving Activities for Kids” includes: a variety of ideas from paper to Google slides & PowerPoint. Some are for individual use and some are collaborative.

<https://rhythmsofplay.com/thankful-tree-printable-with-gratitude-leaves/>

“Gratitude and Thankful Tree Printable with Leaves” provides options for creating a craft where the students personalize the leaves of their Thankful or Gratitude Trees (2 PDF options).

<https://thecraftathomefamily.com/thankful-tree-craft/>

“Thankful Tree Craft (with Free Template!) provides another option for creating this simple craft. (See photos to see which tree you like the best—the link above or this one.)

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YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsBJoZopQ68>

“Psalm 136: 1-12–Easy Bible Memorization for Kids” is an upbeat, catchy, AI-generated song with words from the ESV version of the Bible (3 verses). (3m)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM6I-jGap50>

Worshipful song, “Oh His Mercy Endures Forever” (8:19)

Maybe have students answer these questions while they listen:

- What does Psalm 136 (or song) teach us about God’s character?
- What does Psalm 136 teach us about God’s actions?
- How has God helped you?

Or, compose and personalize their own psalms.

(This song has very few words & would lend itself well to a quiet time of listening following the Readers Theater reading of Psalm 136.)

Of course, YouTube inserts ads.)

