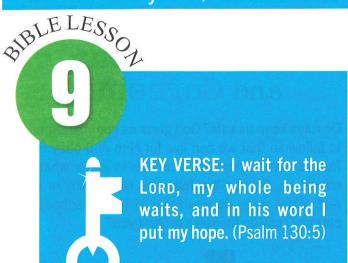
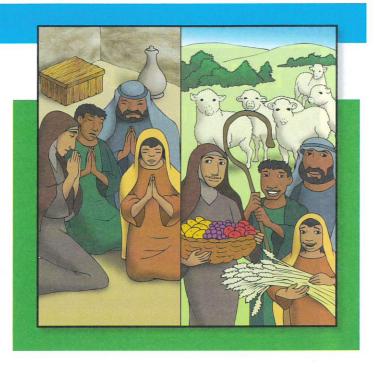
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He Always Comes Through

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 130:1-8

God's Word

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. 3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. 5 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. 6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. 7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.



Bible Story

He Always Comes Through

Psalm 130:1-8

The *psalmist* (song writer) of Psalm 130 was full of gloom and despair. He cried out to God. He asked God to hear his cry for help and show him mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. The psalmist had *sinned* (did or said something that did not please God). He asked God if anyone could survive if God kept a record of sins. The psalmist believed that God forgives our sins. Because there is forgiveness with God, we can serve God with awe and admiration.

The psalmist waited on God. He put his hope in God's word. He expected God to do good things because of who God is, and because of what God has promised. The psalmist compared his waiting to the night watchmen who waited for the morning hours.

The psalmist encouraged the people of Israel to put their hope in God. His love does not fail, and it never ends. God's love is always present. God redeemed and saved the people of Israel from the consequences of their sin. God set them free from the burden and trouble of sin.

The psalmist's words encourage us to hope in God. We can believe in and trust God to always come through because God loves us. God's love and salvation are given to all who believe.

God's Love

(Part 1)

Elijah said, "Mom, since Donavan is staying with me this weekend, I hope he has a good time. He always says that nothing good happens for him."

Elijah's mom said, "He'll have a great weekend. This is our Youth Gospel Explosion at church. The leaders have planned a great celebration for us!"

Smiling, Elijah said, "You're right, Mom. Our church youth group is the best! I have so much fun and always learn about God and His love for me. Donavan will have a lot of fun with the other kids, too. I hope that he will learn how much God loves him. He still isn't sure that God loves him."

Elijah's dad said, "We need to pray that he will hear from God—because all involved have put forth much effort to make sure that food, fun, and fellowship are experienced. We will have an awesome time!"

Just then, the doorbell rang.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! Today's lesson Scripture is part of Psalms 120-134, a group of psalms called the Songs of Ascent. The group of psalms is also called

Pilgrim Songs. Jews traveling to Jerusalem for one of the three main festivals sang the psalms for encouragement on the "ascent," or uphill road, to the city. Let's discuss how Psalm 130 encouraged the Israelite people.