



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023

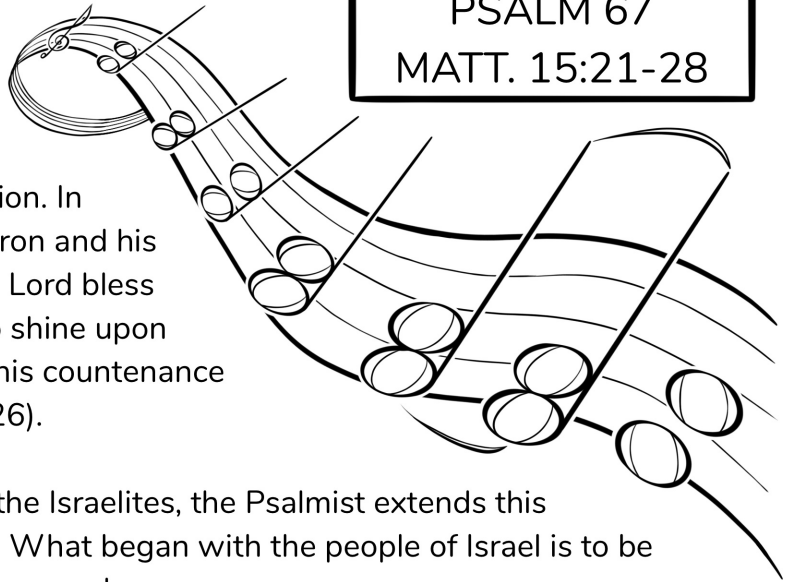
## BIBLE LESSON:

PSALM 67

MATT. 15:21-28

### Read **Psalm 67**

This Psalm might sound familiar to you. The first verse has a connection to the book of Numbers, as it uses the Aaronic benediction. In Numbers 6 The Lord told Moses to have Aaron and his sons bless the people using the words "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Verses 24-26).



While the benediction in Numbers is for the Israelites, the Psalmist extends this personal blessing to all nations everywhere. What began with the people of Israel is to be shared, as it is God's desire that all people be saved.

In verse 2 of the Psalm there is an expressed desire for God's "way" and "saving power" to be known. We know that the way God chooses to save us is through His Son Jesus. The Psalmist refers to God's way of salvation, of being saved through faith in the salvation that comes from Him through Jesus and not by any works we might perform.

In verse 4 the Psalmist connects us again back to the early books of the Bible, when he speaks of the two ways that God uses His Word for us. First as a judge and second as a guide, a reminder of the Ten Commandments and a connection to our catechism lessons about the curb, mirror, and guide.

### Read **Matthew 15: 21-28**

In today's Gospel from Matthew when Jesus was approached by a Canaanite woman for help it seems at first that He is limiting His focus to the lost people of Israel and will ignore the woman's cries for help (verse 24). The Pharisees were Israelites that had studied the Old Testament and spent most of their time in Synagogues trying to work their own salvation by following the law and yet, they denied Jesus and refused to call Him by name.

In verse 28 Jesus acknowledges the woman's faith out loud and makes a point of praising her persistence in asking Him for help. Jesus wants us to call Him by name and pray to Him for all we need with the confidence of the Canaanite woman.



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## Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the saving power of Jesus. Please forgive us when we forget to call upon you in prayer. Help us to boldly call out to you, knowing our prayers will be answered in the way that is best for us. In the name of Jesus our Saviour, your Son. Amen.

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