



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSON: PSALM 80:7-19

Restore Us, O God Psalm 80: 7-19

In the opening verse, the Psalmist is asking God to restore His people after losing wars with foreign armies. In Canada we aren't necessarily fighting off foreign armies so it may be hard for little Lutherans to understand that type of adversity. However, Canada is very diverse, made up of people from all over the world, many of them having left warring countries and homes destroyed by natural, earthly disaster, so the requests made by the Psalmist on behalf of the people of Israel may carry some familiar feelings of longing for protection.

For those of us who were raised in Canada, we have seen a shift in the way our country views us as Christians and so the desire for God to shine His light on us is also very real.

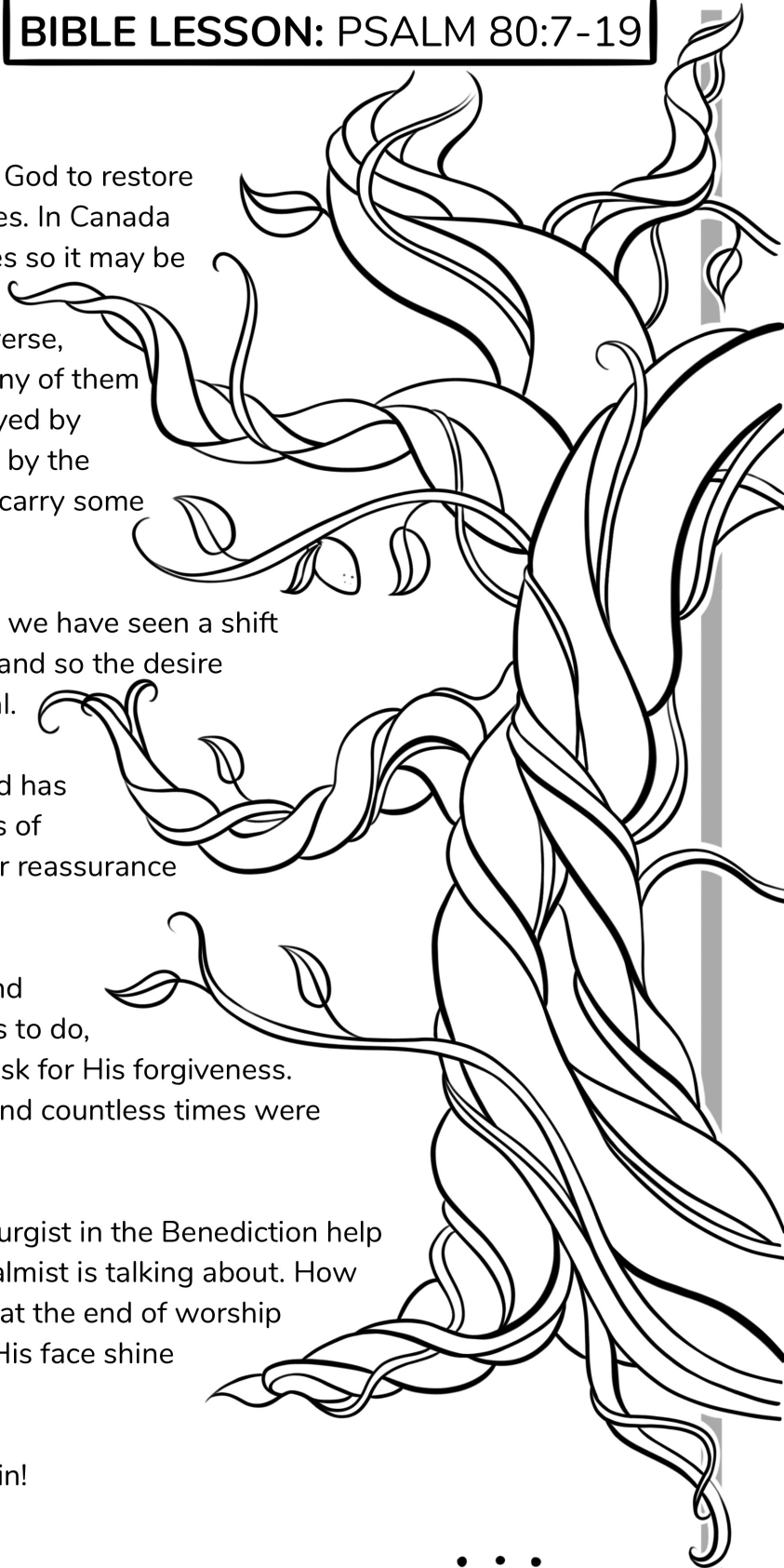
In verses 8 and 9 we are reassured that God has blessed His people with many and mighty acts of salvation and that we are not wrong to look for reassurance of His salvation in the future.

Even though we fail to follow God's laws and often do the opposite of what He has willed us to do, God forgives us when we are truly sorry and ask for His forgiveness. Israel also turned away from God repeatedly and countless times were blessed to repent and ask for forgiveness.

The words spoken to us by our pastor or liturgist in the Benediction help recall the very personal protection that the Psalmist is talking about. How wonderful that we are sent out into the world at the end of worship with the protective blessing: "The Lord make His face shine on you".

God has saved us before and He will do it again!

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LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
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Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven. Thank you for caring, protecting and loving us so much that you sent your Son Jesus to save us. Please continue to watch over us in our lives and help direct our paths. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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