



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

BIBLE LESSON:

PSALM 96:1-13

1 THESS. 1:1-10

Worship in the Spondor of Holiness Psalm 96: 1-13

The Lutheran Study Bible tells us that this psalm is for two joyous occasions. David previously used the opening verses from this Psalm in 1 Chronicles 16: 23-24 when he victoriously brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem. Here in Psalm 96, he repeats and expands on these two celebratory verses.

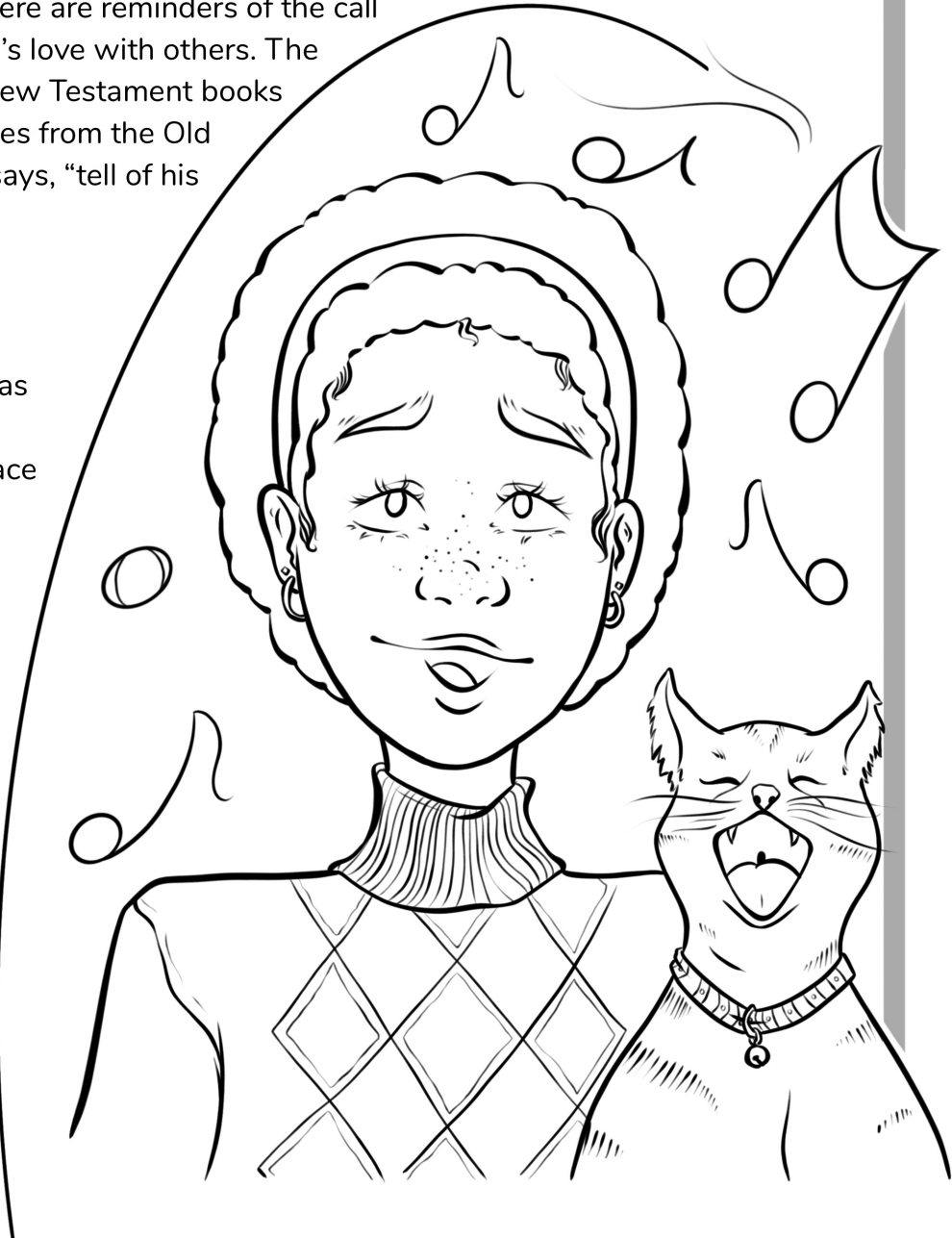
First David encourages the reader to give praise to God and then turns to us with an appeal, to share what we know about the victory over death and the good news of salvation with other people. All throughout the bible there are reminders of the call for us to share the message of God's love with others. The call may feel more obvious in the New Testament books after Jesus' appearance, but it echoes from the Old Testament in verse 2 when David says, "tell of his salvation from day to day".

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

In last week's Epistle, St. Paul was addressing the Philippians and reminding them to reflect God's grace through gentleness and respect to one another. In today's lesson Paul is speaking to the people of Thessalonica about connecting with their brothers and sisters and lifting each other up so that they might be encouraged in the faith.

The Thessalonians suffered persecution in Jesus' name both from outsiders and their countrymen, but they remained faithful, and the bible tells us that the Holy Spirit used them to spread the Word through the example of their life.

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 LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA

Both the Psalm and the Epistle from Thessalonians provide us with examples to model of God fearing brothers and sisters who give thanks to God for His gift of salvation, support one another in the faith and are sharing the message of God's love with others.

Children can plot themselves on this timeline too. Begin in the Old Testament, with David, and then with Jesus and His call to serve our neighbour and the passing on from St. Paul to the Thessalonians and others. Now it is our turn to love our neighbour by sharing God's message of salvation with those who cross our path.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Thank you Lord for the life you gave to David, to Paul and to the Thessalonians. Please send the Holy Spirit to work within and around us so that we too can be witnesses of your love that came to earth in the form of Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

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