

Refrain Litany

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IN ONE SENTENCE



Give thanks to the LORD, whose steadfast love endures forever, as shown in creation, rescue from Egypt, and daily provision.

Remember it: One thirty-six: twenty-six times over, his steadfast love endures forever.

MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

Psalm 136:1 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

חַסְדּוֹ

"his steadfast love" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 129 times, in 54 psalms

חַסְדּוֹ is the LORD's "steadfast love," his loyal, covenant-keeping kindness that does not quit. Every one of the psalm's 26 verses ends with it, so creation, the Exodus, conquest, and supper on the table are all told as chapters of one unfailing love.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1-3 Give thanks to the good God of gods and Lord of lords

4-9 He made the heavens, the earth, and the lights

10-16 He brought Israel out of Egypt and through the sea

17-22 He struck kings and gave their land to Israel

23-26 He remembers us, rescues us, and feeds every creature

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 136 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/136.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

God in Creation

Israel's Story

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Give thanks to the LORD, whose _____ love endures forever, as shown in _____, rescue from Egypt, and daily _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. The sun was made to...

☐ (A) light the temple

☐ (C) rule by day

☐ (B) guide sailors

☐ (D) mark the feasts

2. What did the LORD do to the Red Sea?

☐ (A) Dried it with fire

☐ (C) Turned it to blood

☐ (B) Filled it with fish

☐ (D) Divided it apart

3. To whom does the LORD give food?

☐ (A) To every creature

☐ (C) To the priests

☐ (B) Only to Israel

☐ (D) To the kings

TALK IT OVER

1. What events does the psalm list as reasons to give thanks?

2. Why do you think the same refrain is repeated after every line?

3. Write your own line of thanks that ends with "his steadfast love endures forever."

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 136 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 1 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: steadfast · creation · provision · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 8) · 2. D (v. 13) · 3. A (v. 25)