

Psalm 78

Listen, everyone, to my teaching.
I will recount the lessons of our history.

The things our parents have told us,
we will not hide from our children,
but will pass them on to the next generation.

We want the next generation to know
all that the Lord has done for us in the past.

May the next generation in turn
pass on this knowledge to their own children,
so that they too will put their hope in God
and never forget all that God has done for us.

May future generations not be like our ancestors
who so often were unfaithful to God.

Even though our ancestors had seen God part the sea,
even though they had seen him provide food and water
for them in the desert, still they went on sinning.

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave and spared them.
He remembered they were only weak humans.

Eventually he brought them to the promised land
and gave a home to each of Israel's tribes.

But still they sinned by building mountain shrines
and serving idols.

Then God raised up David to be their leader.
God called him from looking after sheep
to be the shepherd of his people.

Lord, help us not to forget all you have done for us