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## **“Passing the Torch of Faith”**

*(Psalm 78:1-8)*

From the Jerusalem Bible:

Listen to my law my people.  
Pay attention to what I say,  
I am going to speak to you in a parable  
And expound the mysteries of our past.

### **Four generations**

What we have heard and known for ourselves,  
And what our ancestors have told us,  
Must not be withheld from their descendants  
But be handed on by us to the next generations.

### **Four things to teach**

This is the titles of Yahweh, his power  
And the miracles which he has done  
When he issued the decrees for Jacob  
And instituted the law in Israel.

### **Four generations**

He gave our ancestors strict orders  
To teach it to their children.  
The next generation was to learn it.  
The children yet to be born,  
And these in turn were to tell their own children

### **Seven results**

So that they too would put their confidence in God,  
So that they would never forget God’s achievements,  
So they would always keep God’s commandments,  
And not become like their ancestors  
A stubborn and rebellious generation,  
A generation with no sincerity of heart  
In spirit unfaithful to God