



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 42

David and Mephibosheth

Lesson Aim: To learn the importance of showing kindness to everyone.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "I can show kindness."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—that means it's time to praise God as the King who knows our hearts. He invites everyone to come praise Him. Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath." God does not leave anyone out. He invites everyone to trust in Him: big and small, rich and poor, sick and well, old and young! Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled."

God wants us to show kindness to everyone. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "I can show kindness." Let's whisper it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "I can show kindness." Include sign language. Each of you can show kindness. By giving our offering, we are showing God that our hearts want to give to His church. The money is used to show kindness to many different people all over the world. Play: "We Love" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Today, we will hear how King David showed kindness to a man named Mephibosheth. Let's say it together. Repeat slowly with children: Meff-hibbo-sheth. Mephibosheth had trouble walking because his feet did not work like most people's feet.

I wonder if Delbert and Lello have ever heard of Mephibosheth. Let's call them both to come out for a visit.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Just as Mephibosheth's feet were different from most people's feet, God made each of us to be different in some way. Even though we are different, we are each very special to Jesus. He is our best friend and He loves us all the same! Sing: "Jesus Loves Me."

THE WORD DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned King David praised God with music and dancing. Today, we will hear how David invited Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, to eat at his table. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to 2 Samuel 9:7.

WATCH THE WORD: 1 SAMUEL 9:1-11

Read poem. Display visual.

- David kept the promise
- He made to Jonathan:
- To be kind to each other's families,
- And to be forever friends.

- He found Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth
- Who was a man with two hurt feet.
- David invited him to always come
- To King David's table to eat.

Pass the bowl, inviting each child to eat a piece of food. **Where did David say Mephibosheth could eat?** (At his table.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read 2 Samuel 9:7 from the teacher's Bible. **David invited Mephibosheth to eat with his family.**

What should we show to others? (Kindness.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "I can show kindness."** Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY SHOWING KINDNESS TO EVERYONE

CRAFT: Kindness Placemats

GAMES: Just Say "Mephibosheth!", King David's Table

SNACK: Taste Of Kindness

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: 2 Samuel 9:1-11

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Trust in God!, "Trust in God" Cheer
STORY TIME