



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 42

David and Mephibosheth

Lesson Aim: To promise to show kindness.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing to eat for dinner?

GAME: Guess Who David Invited!

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:13

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD DAVID AND MEPHIBOSHETH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: David spared King Saul's life.

Today, we will learn how David kept the promise he made to Jonathan. When Jonathan and his father King Saul died in battle, David became king. David searched for Jonathan's relatives so he could show kindness. He found Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. Let's learn his name. When I point to your group, say your part of his name. Group 1: "Meff" Group 2: "fabb" Group 3: "o" Group 4: "sheth." Repeat three times, each time getting faster.

Mephibosheth lived in Lo Debar. Point out the distance between Jerusalem and Mahanaim, Israel—the nearest city to Lo Debar. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 2 Samuel 9:2-3, 5-7. Pray. Read.

THE WAY PROMISE TO SHOW KINDNESS

What was the promise between David and Jonathan? (To show kindness to each other's families.) **Keeping a promise takes work. Did David wait for Jonathan's family to ask him to keep his promise?** (No.) **Who did David find?** (Mephibosheth.) **David showed kindness by giving him all the land belonging to Saul and inviting him to eat at his table. Like David, we should look for ways to show kindness.**

The Bible says Mephibosheth was "crippled in both feet." Those are words used to describe feet that are unable to stand, walk, or run. Some people use words like disabled or lame to describe his feet. **How do you think you might feel if you were not able to stand on your feet?** If a physically disabled child is present, this is an excellent opportunity to honor this child, and acknowledge his or her challenges. The child and teacher can explain the most meaningful ways to show kindness to this child and his or her family.

Some of us have parts of our bodies that do not work well. Some have trouble with walking or talking. Some have trouble breathing, thinking, seeing, or getting their body to do certain things. There are special needs that come with each of these challenges.

What are ways we can show kindness to those with special needs and their families? Let's make a promise to show kindness to anyone with special needs. We'll call it our "Mephibosheth Promise." Raise your right hand and repeat each phrase after I say it. Say each phrase, pausing to give children time to repeat it. THE MEPHIBOSHETH PROMISE: I promise – to show kindness – to those with special needs – and to their families.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

More than 1000 years after David showed kindness to Mephibosheth, Paul challenges believers to put others first. Reveal Romans 12:10. Read.

To honor others above yourself is to treat others as more important than yourself. What are some ways we can honor one another?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Heart-shaped candy
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: David and Mephibosheth at King David's table.
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Dinner with David

GAME: Thumbs Up!, Stand Up for What Is Right

CRAFT: Promise Placemats

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: My Heart Knows Psalm 23, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

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