

Show Kindness

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the children showing kindness or draw an X over the children not showing kindness in each scene.



Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 11 • Session 4
David's Kindness

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- David had promised to show kindness to his friend Jonathan's family when he became king.
- David showed kindness to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth.
- David gave Mephibosheth all the land that had belonged to his grandfather and invited him to eat all his meals at David's table.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 145:13a

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Did Mephibosheth do anything to deserve David's kindness?
- Who is someone we can show undeserved kindness to? How?
- How does God show surprising kindness toward us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Brainstorm how your family can show unexpected kindness to someone this week.
- Do one act of surprising kindness for each child this week. Point them to the surprising kindness God shows them through Jesus.



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STORY POINT: **DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS TO JONATHAN'S SON.**

The BIBLE Story

David's Kindness

2 Samuel 9

David was a good king for God's people. He won battles against his enemies and God helped him do what was fair and right for the Israelites. One day, David thought about King Saul and his family.

David and Saul's son Jonathan had been best friends.

He had promised to be kind to Jonathan's family. David wondered if anyone from that family was still alive.

David said to one of Saul's servants, "I want to show kindness to someone from Saul's family. Is anyone still alive?"

"Yes," said the servant. "Jonathan's son—the one who cannot walk—is still alive."

Jonathan's son was named Mephibosheth (meh FIB oh sheth). David called for him to come to Jerusalem. When Mephibosheth got there, he bowed down before David.

"Mephibosheth!" David said.

"Don't be afraid. I made a promise to your father, Jonathan, and I want to show kindness to you."

David told Mephibosheth what he would do for him. "I will give you all the land that belonged to your grandfather, Saul. And I want you to eat all your meals at my table."



“Why would you show such kindness to someone like me?” Mephibosheth wondered.

David told some servants to take care of the land and farm it for Mephibosheth. **From that time on, Mephibosheth lived at the palace and ate his meals at King David’s table as if he were one of King David’s own sons.**

Christ Connection: King David showed surprising kindness to Mephibosheth even though he didn’t have to. In a greater way, God shows surprising kindness to us. Because of Jesus, He invites us into His family and gives us life with Him forever.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Gather around the table:** Set a table for a fancy dinner with a nice tablecloth, flowers, cloth napkins, flameless candles, and so forth. Tell the Bible story as children are gathered around the table.
- **Emphasize kindness:** Invite preschoolers to give a thumbs-up each time the word *kind* or *kindness* is said in the Bible story.