



Unit 11, Session 4

David's Kindness

2 Samuel 9

Story Point: David showed kindness to Jonathan's son.

David was a good king for Israel. 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 said to one of Saul's servants, "I want to show kindness to someone from Saul's family. Is anyone still alive?" The servant said, "Yes, Jonathan's son—the one whose feet were injured—is still alive."

The servant told David where Jonathan's son lived. His name was Mephibosheth. David called for him to his palace. "Mephibosheth!" David said. Mephibosheth answered, "I am your servant."

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

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

"Why would you show such kindness to someone like me?" he wondered.

David made sure that Saul's servants would 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.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Use the words in the word list to fill in the Christ Connection.
Word List: *family, forever, greater, Jesus, kindness, Mephibosheth*

King David showed surprising _____ to _____ even though he didn't have to. In a _____ way, God shows surprising kindness to us. Because of _____, He invites us into His _____ and gives us life with Him _____.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How can we respond to the good news of the gospel?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- How did David show kindness to Jonathan's son?
- How does God show kindness to us?
- How can showing kindness help people understand God's kindness?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Psalm 145:13 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for showing great kindness to His people. Pray that you would show God’s love to others as you choose to show kindness.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Samuel 9:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 2:14-15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Titus 3:4-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 3:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6:10 |