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Thank You, David

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David Takes Good Care of Mephibosheth

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Laying a Foundation

Today's story is found in 2 Samuel 9. Saul and Jonathan have both died. In this passage, David showed love for his enemy, Saul's family and honors the promise he made to his friend, Jonathan. David asked if there were any remaining family members to whom he might show kindness. Jonathan had one son, now a man, named Mephibosheth. He had become crippled in both feet as a child. He was actually the rightful heir to Saul's throne, and David could have seen Mephibosheth as a threat. Mephibosheth had actually been living in hiding from David. In Biblical times, when a new king came to power, he would often kill all of the remaining members of the old king's family. Perhaps this is why Mephibosheth was so overwhelmed at the kindness King David showed him. Not only does King David restore all of the land that would have been Mephibosheth's inheritance, but he invites him to sit at the king's table for the rest of his life!

Storytime

Read the story for this week from the International Children's Bible.

2 Samuel 9 International Children's Bible

David Helps Saul's Family

9 David asked, "Is there anyone still left in Saul's family? I want to show kindness to this person for Jonathan's sake!" **2** Now there was a servant named Ziba from Saul's family. So David's servants called Ziba to him. King David said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He answered, "Yes, I am Ziba, your servant." **3** The king asked, "Is there anyone left in Saul's family? I want to show God's kindness to this person." Ziba answered the king, "Jonathan has a son still living. He is crippled in both feet."

4 The king asked Ziba, "Where is this son?" Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

5 Then King David had servants bring Jonathan's son from the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar. **6** Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, came before David and bowed facedown on the floor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" Mephibosheth said, "I am your servant." **7** David said to him, "Don't be afraid. I will be kind to you for your father Jonathan's sake. I will give you back all the land of your grandfather Saul. And you will always be able to eat at my table." **8** Mephibosheth bowed to David again.

Mephibosheth said, "You are being very kind to me, your servant! And I am no better than a dead dog!" **9** Then King David called Saul's servant Ziba. David said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

10 You, your sons and your servants will farm the land for Mephibosheth. You will harvest the crops. Then your master's grandson will have food to eat. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will always be able to eat at my table." (Now Ziba had 15 sons and 20 servants.) **11** Ziba said to King David, "I am your servant. I will do everything my master, the king, commands me." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table as if he were one of the king's sons. **12** Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. Everyone in Ziba's family became Mephibosheth's servants. **13** Mephibosheth was crippled in both feet. He lived in Jerusalem and always ate at the king's table.

David and His Family Bag

The newest art kits are available from the Preschool Ministry Office. Please stop by the Front Desk at Carmel or at Wee School to ask for your kit! If you have any questions, please email cindib@carmelbaptist.org.

Today's art supplies are found in your David and His Family Bag under November 22nd.

Today's Art is **King David and Mephibosheth with His Crutches.**

- Have your child color the men colorfully.
- Make each crutch into a T-shaped crutch by gluing the small popsicle sticks to the top of the long popsicle sticks.
- Put the brad through the arm and shoulder of Mephibosheth.
- Talk about the story while you work.
- Ask questions to make sure your child understood the story. Ms. Nicole will also talk in depth about the story in large group time.



Today's coloring sheet is titled **King David Helps Mephibosheth.**

Pray About What You Have Learned

Dear God, Thank you for the example of how to be kind to someone even when we might not want to be kind. Thank you for how David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. Help me to show kindness and generosity to everyone that is around me. Thank you for this week of Thanksgiving. Thank you for this country where we can learn about You each week. Thank you for Your Word! In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.