



# David and Mephibosheth

## BIBLE VERSE:

“A friend  
loves at all  
times.”

Proverbs

17:17



## SCHEDULE

Activity

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### ACTIVITY:

Ask your child what they use their feet for? "Do you use your feet to run super fast, jump high, or crawl?" For babies, you can point to their legs and toes. Help them kick and show them how strong their legs- thanking God for our legs to move and do things! "In today's story, we will learn how David showed kindness to a boy Mephibosheth who could not use either of his feet."

Help your child understand kindness by doing something kind for someone else. Ideas may be helping make a meal, making a craft, helping pick up toys, sharing a hug, etc. Explain that, "Today we were learn that David was kind to Mephibosheth, even though he didn't know him."

### PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you all that you do. Help us to be kind to others and love like Jesus. We love You. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

## WORSHIP:

Sing "Love One Another".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAfLU4> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



## BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

## Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from 2 Samuel 9.

"David and Jonathan promised to be friends always even when David had to go away! They also promised to take care of each other's families. David is now the king, and he remembered that he promised Jonathan that he would take care of his family. David found out that Jonathan had a son, named Mephi-bo-sheth. He could not walk or run like other boys and girls. He had to use crutches to help him walk. David wanted to be kind to Mephibosheth. He wanted to help him. When Mephibosheth saw David he was afraid that David would hurt him. After all, David was the king - and kings could do anything they wanted. But, instead, King David was kind to him! He treated him like a king's kid! David invited him to come and live with him. And, David made sure that Mephibosheth knew that he could stay with him always!

## BIBLE STORY:

He even told Mephibosheth that he could come and sit at the dinner table next to him. David asked some of the workers to grow vegetables for Mephibosheth because he could not do that himself. David loved Mephibosheth so much! It didn't matter to David that Mephibosheth couldn't walk. (Shake head no). He just saw all the other special things about him. He knew that God made Mephibosheth in a very special way. David took very good care of Mephibosheth and loved him as his own son! And, Mephibosheth felt so special because now he was part of the king's family! He didn't do anything to deserve this special treatment. But, King David was just kind because he was showing him the same kindness that God shows to everyone! Do you think Mephibosheth said "Thank you" to David for loving him so much? I do."

# TEACHING PICTURE





## CRAFT:

For this craft, talk to your child about how David showed love and kindness to Mephibosheth. God wants us to show love and kindness to others too even if our friends look different. God instructs us to love our neighbors as ourselves. End in prayer.

