

Unit 11 • Session 4 David's Kindness

Babies/Toddlers Lesson

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Samuel 9

STORY POINT: Jesus is our King.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 145:13a

CHRIST CONNECTION: Because of Jesus,
God invites us to live with Him forever.



Bible Story for Toddlers

Long before David was king, he promised to be kind to the family of Saul's son Jonathan. After God had made David king, David asked, "Is there anyone still in Saul's family that I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" They told David that Jonathan's son Mephibosheth (meh FIB oh sheth) was alive, but his feet were hurt and he could not walk. David sent for Mephibosheth, who bowed to the king. David said, "Do not be afraid. I will give you your grandfather's fields, and you will always eat at my table." Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, and he always ate at the king's table like one of King David's own children.

Gospel Gems

- * David remembered his promise to Jonathan.
- * David showed kindness to Mephibosheth.
- * One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table.

Babies Supplies

Small classroom Bibles
Key passage card
Bible story picture

Toddlers Supplies

Toddler Bibles
Play Dough, cookie cutters, rolling pins
Large bin, 2 small people figures, gauze bandage, crown, toy food & dishes

BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide small Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 9. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems. Read the key passage card.

SAY • David showed kindness to Mephibosheth by letting him eat with his family at his table. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table. [*Pray.*]

Sing a Song

Sing the first verse of “Jesus Loves Me.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up online before class.

“Jesus love me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong.

They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

For the Bible tells me so.”

SAY • **JESUS IS OUR KING.** One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table. Because of Jesus, God invites us to live with Him forever.

Feeling babies feet

One baby at a time, gently touch and rub the baby’s feet. With older babies, ask them to show you their feet. Remind them that God made their feet.

SAY • David showed kindness to Mephibosheth (meh FIB oh sheth), whose feet were hurt. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** Because of Jesus, God invites us to live with Him forever.

March with joy

Hold a baby securely in your arms as you and the other leaders march around the room. Play music and bounce babies gently.

SAY • Mephibosheth (meh FIB oh sheth) could not walk and dance like we can. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth got to eat at David’s table. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table. Give parents today’s big picture card.

TODDLER Activities

Choose one or more of these activities to use each week.

Make a play dough feast

Provide play dough, rolling pins, and food-shaped cookie cutters for toddlers to make foods they would serve a king. Talk about the Bible story while children play.

SAY • David remembered his promise to Jonathan. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth and invited him to eat at the king's table. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** Jesus will come back. One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table.

Look at a sensory box

Place sensory items for toddlers to explore, such as people figures to represent David and Mephibosheth, a gauze bandage, toy food, and toy dishes. Retell the Bible story as toddlers explore the box.

SAY • David remembered his promise to Jonathan. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth and let him eat at the king's table. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** One day, we will eat with Jesus at His table.

Circle time

Provide small Bibles for toddlers. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 9. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

Practice the story point

Play music and invite toddlers to walk in a circle, facing the same direction. When the music stops, guide toddlers to shout the story point with you. Repeat, this time walking in the opposite direction. Retell the story.

SAY • Mephibosheth could not walk very well his feet were hurt. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth and invited him to his table. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** Because of Jesus, God invites us to live with Him forever.

Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.