

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Mephibosheth felt in today's Bible story?
- Share about a time you regret not being kind to someone.
- Honor a family member you have seen showing kindness recently.

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."

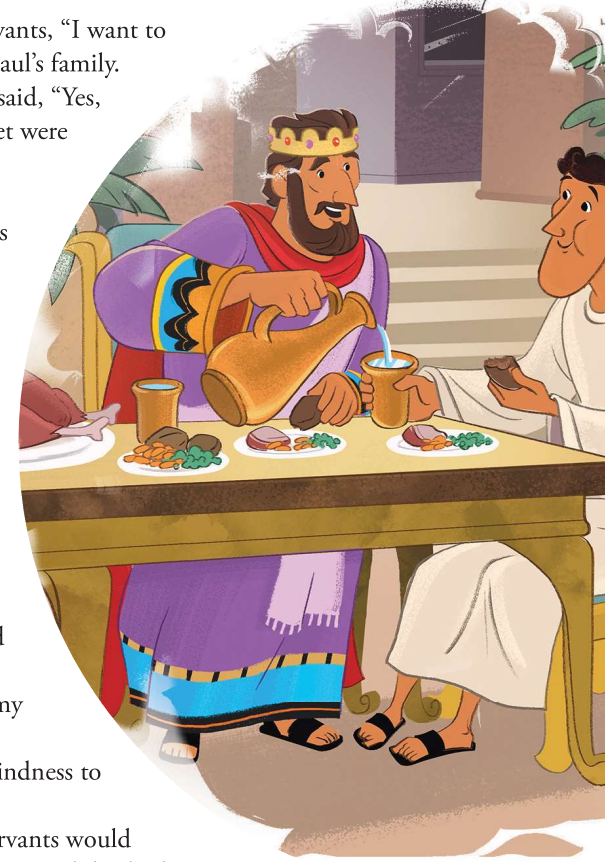
"Don't be afraid. I made a promise to your father, Jonathan, and I want to show you kindness for your father's sake."

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.

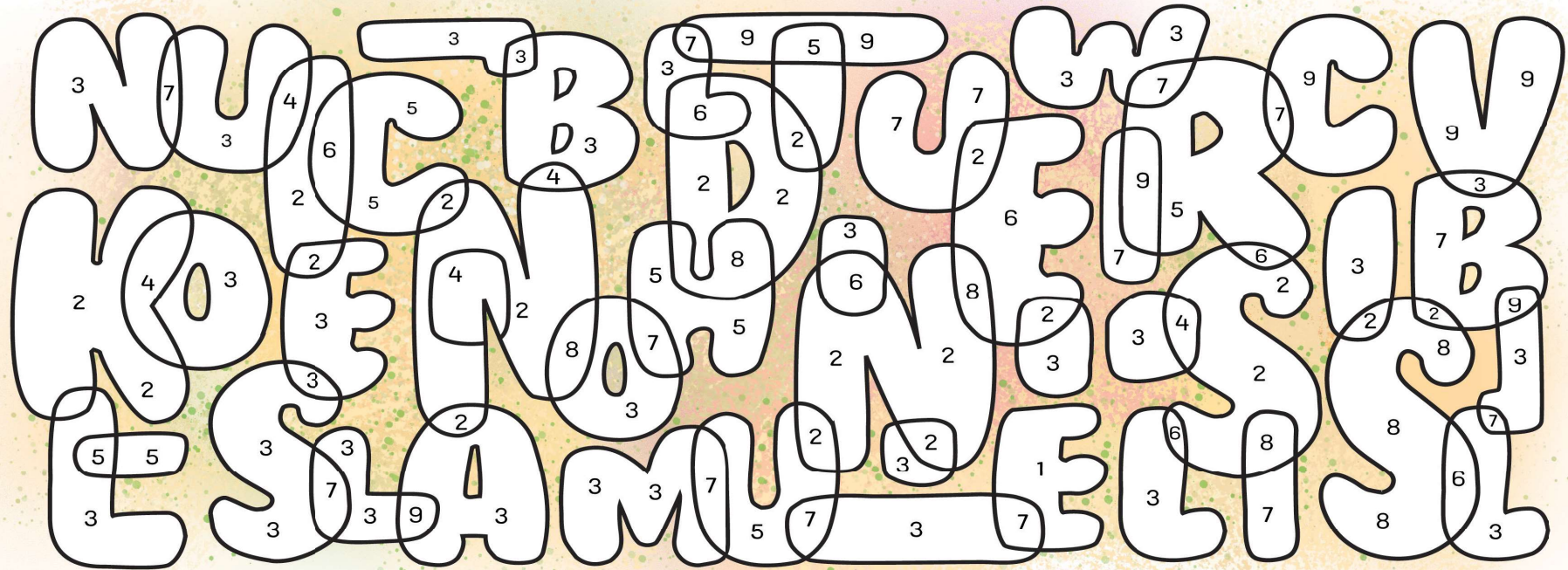


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Color in the spaces marked with even numbers to reveal a hidden word. Then circle its definition below.

1. the ability to judge a particular situation or subject
2. an unfriendly or hostile state, attitude, or action
3. the quality or state of showing a gentle nature and a desire to help others



The Greatest Kindness

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 _____.