

2021-22 Curriculum



Lesson 11 Resource

Lesson 11 Resource: “David Shows Kindness” Script

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Narrator: *The story began with David remembering his promise to Jonathan to take care of his family. He asked if there was anyone left who was related to Saul and Jonathan that he could show kindness to. They sent for Ziba, who had served in Saul’s house, because he would know if there were any family members still living.*

David: Are you Ziba?

Ziba: At your service!

David: Is there still someone from Saul and Jonathan’s family to whom I may show the kindness of God for Jonathan’s sake?

Ziba: Indeed! He lives in Lo Debar. He is the son of Jonathan and is lame in his feet.

(Actors freeze)

Narrator: *You heard David say it, and you can find it in verse 3 – what kind of kindness does David describe? (The kindness of God.) David knew that kindness reflected God’s character.*

Mephibosheth was injured by an accident that happened to him when he was 5 years old. In those days, people who were disabled were often cast aside. People did not show kindness to them. Let’s see what happened when Mephibosheth arrived...

Mephibosheth: (fell on his face and laid down before David)

David: Mephibosheth?

Mephibosheth: Here is your servant!

David: Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

(Actors freeze)

Narrator: *What do you think David meant when he said, “for Jonathan’s sake?” (He loved Jonathan and had promised to take care of his family.) As king, did David have to keep his promise? (No, he chose to show kindness.)*

Mephibosheth: What is your servant that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?

David (to Ziba): I have given to your master’s son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. Take your sons and servants and work the land so that he will have plenty.

Ziba: Me, my 15 sons and 20 servants will do all that you have commanded.

David: Mephibosheth will eat at my table like one of my sons.

Narrator: *So, Mephibosheth, who had lame feet, lived the rest of his life in Jerusalem and ate at the king’s table.*