

Mephibosheth: A picture of a Pauper

Discussion & Application Guide



The purpose of this take-Home sheet is to be a tool to assist you and your family as you build faith in your homes. At Jericho Ridge Community Church we want to equip you with resources to continue the conversation and growth at home. We recognize that, one, parents are the primary influence in building faith in kids. After all, as Mark Holmen says in his book *Building Faith at Home*, research has shown that mom and dad “are two to three times more influential [in faith development] than any church program.” Two, that faith is not just a Sunday morning dress that gets tossed after church but influences and speaks into every aspect of our lives.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Mephibosheth must have been surprised by David’s gracious actions. When have you been surprised by someone’s generous behaviour toward you?
2. David insisted that Mephibosheth eat at his table, just like one of his sons. Do you think that Mephibosheth might have felt embarrassed to receive such honour? Have you ever rejected an extension of grace because it has made you feel uncomfortable? How does your response to grace relate to the story of Mephibosheth?
3. Compare the story of David’s grace toward Mephibosheth with God’s grace for you. What similarities and differences can you find?
4. Do you find yourself trying to earn God’s grace? If so, how can you remind yourself that God’s grace is freely given?

Kindness Charades



David imitated God’s loving kindness to us by showing loving-kindness to Mephibosheth even though Mephibosheth didn’t deserve it or do anything to earn it. God loves it when we act as He acts and show Love to others. This game is one way to have fun practicing kindness.

On index cards make a list of kind actions. Then have one person pick up the card and act it out while everyone else guesses what they’re doing. Afterward’s brainstorm ways you can practise showing kindness to others this week (people at work, home, park, etc.).

Memory Verse

“I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believed. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. You are not saved by the things you have done, so there is nothing to boast about.”

Ephesians 2: 8—9



G **R** **A** **C** **E**

Teaching Notes

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ALWAYS
DAVID
FEET
HARVEST

JERUSALEM
JONATHAN
KINDNESS
LAME

MEPHIBOSHETH
MICHA
SAUL

SON
TABLE
ZIBA



Can you find all the letters of the word KINDNESS in the picture below? Circle them.

WORD SEARCH



KINDNESS

COLOUR MEPHIBOSHETH