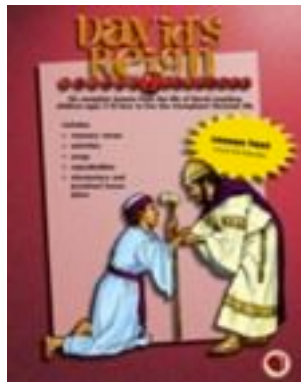


DAVID'S REIGN

Trials and Triumphs

Lesson 4: David and Mephibosheth



Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours prior to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 2 Samuel 4:4, 9:1-13 from the Bible. (20 min.)
3. Read pages 30-33 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

TEACHER'S TIP

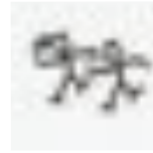
***PRACTICE OUT LOUD** before you ever get up in front of the children!! Practice and time your lesson, making sure you hit all the important points!*

Story Outline Lesson 4: David and Mephibosheth

1. **Introduction:** "The king is dead!!" (Act out with enthusiasm!)
LINK: The people were upset and afraid. Would the enemy attack? Who would be their new king?
 2. Mephibosheth's caregiver fearfully tried to carry him away to hide but dropped him, injuring both of his feet.
LINK: The new king might consider him an enemy. Until you become God's child by being born into His family, the Bible says you are an enemy of God.
- GOSPEL BOOKMARK #1**
3. David was crowned as the new king of Israel.
 4. King David recalled his promise to Jonathan to show kindness to his family.
 5. David inquired as to whether there was anyone left of Jonathan's family.
LINK: They promised to show kindness to each other's families as long as either of them lived. When you receive the Lord Jesus Christ, He wants you to show lovingkindness to others.
- GROWTH BOOKMARK**
6. A servant of Saul's named Ziba told David about Mephibosheth.
 7. David sent for Mephibosheth to be brought to the palace.
LINK: God had not forgotten about Mephibosheth! He loved him so very much. God wants you to know of His love for you, too.
- GOSPEL BOOKMARK #2**
8. Mephibosheth came before David, fearing for his life.
 9. David told Mephibosheth not to be afraid and that he would show kindness for Jonathan's sake.
LINK: David was showing Mephibosheth God's lovingkindness. In a far greater way God shows His lovingkindness to you.
- GOSPEL BOOKMARK #3**
10. David told Mephibosheth he would return to him all of the land that belonged to Saul.
 11. **CLIMAX:** Because of David's kindness, Mephibosheth would now enjoy the privileges of being part of the king's family for the rest of his life!
 12. Mephibosheth and his family lived with the king as part of his family.
LINK: Mephibosheth had done nothing to deserve it, but how thankful he must have been for David's great kindness! Although you've done nothing to deserve it, God wants to show lovingkindness to you by making you His child.

INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK



1 John 4:4

David and Mephibosheth: Lesson 4

LINK: They promised to show kindness to each other's families as long as either of them lived. **When you receive the Lord Jesus Christ**, He wants you to show lovingkindness to others.

1. Who are some people you can treat with kindness? (*allow for response*)
2. What kind things can you do for them? (*allow for response*)
3. God's Word says that we who are His children are to: (**READ Gal. 6:10**)
4. When you show God's kindness to others, it will help them know God loves them, too.

LINK: God wants you to show His lovingkindness to others. David and Jonathan promised to show kindness to each other's families as long as either of them lived.

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Note: "If you know Jesus as your Savior" (or similar phrase) is always bolded because when you are giving the growth principles, you want to identify that you are talking to the saved child. Don't leave that phrase out!!!

GOSPEL BOOKMARK #1



Romans 3:10

David and Mephibosheth: Lesson 4

LINK: The new king might consider him an enemy. Until you become God's child by being born into His family, the Bible says you are an enemy of God.

1. You are **BORN** wanting to sin, which is why you displease God by your actions and thoughts.
2. Sin is breaking God's laws, by going **YOUR** own way and pleasing yourself. What are some **WAYS** you break God's laws? (allow for answers. Keep it at a child's level: hitting, disobeying, lying, etc.)
3. When you do those wrong things, you are behaving like God's enemy. Your sin separates you from God, and the **PUNISHMENT** for sin is separation from God forever.
4. The Bible says: **READ Romans 3:10**
5. God says that **EVERYONE** has sinned. Including me and you.

LINK: As long as you are in this condition, you are an enemy of God. Mephibosheth was a member of an enemy family and may therefore have been in danger of death!

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK #2



Jer. 31:3

David and Mephibosheth: Lesson 4

LINK: God had not forgotten about Mephibosheth! He loved him so very much. God wants you to know of His love for you, too.

1. He **LOVES** you very much!
2. The Bible says: **READ Jer. 31:3**
3. That means His love for you lasts **FOREVER!**
4. You are special to God because He **MADE** you. He also made the whole world. Can you name some things God made?
(*allow for answers*)
5. God is also **HOLY**. That means He is perfect - He has never sinned. Yet this holy God shows His lovingkindness to you and to me in many great ways.
6. How has God shown kindness to you?
(*providing food, shelter, family, friends, etc.*)

LINK: God wants you to know He loves you. God loved Mephibosheth and wanted him to know He had not forgotten about him.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK #3



Rom. 5:10

David and Mephibosheth: Lesson 4

LINK: David was showing Mephibosheth God's lovingkindness. In a far greater way God shows His lovingkindness to you.

1. Many years later God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, all the way from Heaven to Earth so you and I could have a home with Him someday in heaven.
2. That's why Jesus came! He is God the **SON** - the **PERFECT** one who never sinned. He was the only one who could die and take the **PUNISHMENT** that you and I deserve for our sins.
3. Wicked men came and beat Jesus, spit on Him and nailed Him to the cross. What came out of His hands and feet? (**BLOOD**).
4. Why did Jesus allow men to do this?
5. It was so you and I would not have to be punished for our sin and continue to be God's enemies. Because Jesus gave His blood on the cross, the Bible says: **READ Romans 5:10**
6. When you receive Jesus as your Savior, you are no longer God's enemy!
7. After Jesus **DIED** on the cross, He was **BURIED** but then **ROSE** from the dead three days later! He's alive today in heaven, and when you receive Him, you can know that your sins are forgiven and one day you will be with Him in heaven!

LINK: How great is God's kindness and love for you! King David was showing God's lovingkindness to Mephibosheth, keeping his promise to Jonathan.

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INVITATION BOOKMARK



John 1:12

David and Mephibosheth: Lesson 4

LINK: Mephibosheth had done nothing to deserve it, but how thankful he must have been for David's great kindness! Although you've done nothing to deserve it, God wants to show lovingkindness to you by making you His child.

1. **REVIEW:** Even though you are a sinner, and an enemy of God, He still loved you so much that He sent Jesus to take away the punishment of sin, so you can live in heaven with God one day!
2. **READ VERSE:** Read John 1:12.
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** This verse means that if you want to be God's child, which means that you will no longer be separated from God because of your sin, and one day you will be able to go to be with God in heaven, then you need to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

To receive Jesus, you need to ADMIT your sins to God, BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, and CALL (PRAY) and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Then you can be a member of God's family!
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can have life that lasts forever in Heaven today, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.