

# brite\* Parent Information

## Unit 5-Lesson 4: David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)

**brite\* Idea:** God's plan involves His kindness.

In this story, David became king and asked if there were any of Saul's (the previous king) relatives living. He was brought Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son. Instead of killing him, which was customary for a new king, David showed God's kindness and mercy to Mephibosheth to show loyalty and honor to his friendship with Jonathan, Mephibosheth's father. Through this story, we learn that God is kind to us and we can show kindness to others.

### He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: How involved is God in our lives?
  - We learned that God cares about the details of our lives and He can put us where He wants us to be.
- Our **We** Question about people: How should we treat others, even those who may threaten our future?
  - We learned that we can show God's grace and kindness to one another and not worry about the future.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: Why does it matter if I trust God has a plan?
  - We learned that when we trust God has a plan, we can stop being so worried about ourselves and think about how we can show God's kindness to others.

### Memory Verse

Philippians 1:5-6— *Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

### Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1. When was the last time you made someone smile? What happened?
2. Do you know anyone at school, work, or in your neighborhood who has trouble making friends? How could you help?
3. David was kind to and made friends with Mephibosheth, who wasn't used to being treated that way because of his disability. Do you think Mephibosheth was important to God? How can you be more like David in how you treat others?

## Encouragement for parents:

### How should we face parenting battles?

*Philistine and Israelite armies avoided the high cost of battle by pitting its strongest warriors against each other. In parenting battles, do you fight by powering up? King David shows us the best, most effective way to fight any battle. First, pause and ask God if this is a battle to fight or not. If it is, choose words and actions aligned with God's heart, mercy and forgiveness, ending the battle by giving God the glory instead of taking glory ourselves. Great parenting plan!.*