

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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2nd Grade

Sunday Morning

Study 14

Sons and Daughters of God

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The Objective is the key concept for this weeks lesson. It should be the main focus of the study

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The “Main passage” is the basis of the study, where the other verse support the objective of the lesson.

These are the books of the Bible we will be memorizing. New books for this month are in bold. If a student can memorize all the books up to this month’s books, you may give them a prize from the “reward box” found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God’s Word.

Objective This lesson will look at how God has made believers His sons and daughters and the blessings that result from being God’s children.

Key Verses

Galatians 4:4-7; 2 Samuel 9—Main Teaching Passages

John 1:12-13

Luke 11:9-13

Hebrews 12:5-11

Books to Memorize

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, **1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus**

Hook

This week during craft time, withhold one of the supplies your students need for the craft. Have them come up and ask you for the thing they need, but when they ask, give them the wrong thing. Keep this up for a few students who ask. Then give them what they need.

Ask, “Do you think God is like this when we pray? Does He give us what we don’t need instead of what we do need?” Of course not. Today, we are going to learn why.

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK

In Galatians 4:4-7, Paul says that Jesus came to redeem (save) us so that we could be adopted as sons and daughters of God. Because Jesus makes us God's sons and daughters, we get to call God, "Father," and are treated as children of God, just like Jesus (see also John 1:12-13). What does it mean to be a part of God's family? In 2 Samuel 9, we see a beautiful picture of what this looks like.

Our story begins shortly after David was crowned as the second king of Israel. The first king, Saul, had died after years of chasing David, trying to kill him. However, Saul's son Jonathan was friends with David, and David promised Jonathan to show kindness to his family when he became king. Now Jonathan was dead, and David wanted to fulfill that promise. David asked if there was anyone left in Saul's family that he could show kindness to. Saul's servant Ziba told David that Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who could not walk.

When David heard this, he asked for Mephibosheth to be brought to him. Mephibosheth was scared, since his grandfather Saul had tried to kill David. But David told Mephibosheth that he was going to live in the king's house and eat with the king's family. David gave Mephibosheth Saul's land and ordered Ziba and his family to take care of it. But Mephibosheth would return with David and be like one of the king's sons. David brought Mephibosheth into his family.

LOOK

The more you look at the story of David and Mephibosheth, the more you will realize that it is a picture of what God has done for us. In the story, Mephibosheth was from a family that had sinned against David. It would have been natural for him to be treated like one of David's enemies. The same way, we learned last week that we were enemies of God and had a broken relationship with Him before Jesus saved us. We did not deserve to be forgiven. We deserved to be separated from Him.

It was David's mercy and kindness that led to him inviting Mephibosheth into his home to be a part of his family. Mephibosheth didn't do anything to earn it, nor did David force him to work for it. His kindness was a free gift that Mephibosheth received by grace. The same way, Jesus saved us by His grace. He didn't make us work for our salvation, and there is nothing we could do to earn it. It was the free gift of God. He saved us not because we deserved it, but because He loves us and wants to forgive our sins and be with us forever.

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK (Continued)

It would have been enough for David just to forgive Mephibosheth for his father's sins. Even if he didn't let Mephibosheth live with him and eat at his table, it still would have been a generous deed. But David went further than that and made Mephibosheth like one of his sons. He brought Mephibosheth into his family. As incredible as that is, God did something even more amazing for us. He didn't make us *like* one of His sons. He adopted us as His sons and daughters. We aren't just like His children, we are His children. We can truly call God our Father because He has adopted us and made us His own.

Being adopted as God's sons and daughters means several things. First, it means that we can come to God in prayer as our Father. Just as a son can ask his father for whatever he needs and know his father wants to help him, we also can come to God with our prayers, knowing that He wants to help us (see Luke 11:9-13). Second, we are heirs of God. An heir is a child who receives all that belongs to his or her parents. Because God is our Father, all that is His is given to us. Last, just as a good father disciplines his kids to help them grow, God uses discipline to help us grow in our faith (Hebrews 12:5-11).

TOOK

As a class, review the books of the Bible Matthew-Titus.

Review the lesson by going over the story of David and Mephibosheth. What are the similarities between what David did for Mephibosheth and what Jesus has done for us?

Pray: Thank Jesus for making us sons and daughters of God. Lift up your requests to God as your loving Father.

Parent Question: What are the blessings that come from God making us His sons and daughters?

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life?

FURTHER STUDY

Commentary on 2 Samuel 9 by David Guzik

DAVID'S KINDNESS TO MEPHIBOSHETH

A. David's kind heart towards the house of Saul.

1. ([2Sa 9:1](#)) David's kind question.

Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

a. **Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul:** In [1 Samuel 7](#) David asked, "What can I do for God?" and he proposed to build a temple for the Lord. Now David asked another question we should each ask: "What can I do for others?"

i. David's question showed a great love because Saul made himself an enemy of David. It was customary in those days for the king of a new dynasty to completely massacre anyone connected with the prior dynasty. David went against the principle of revenge and against the principle of self-preservation and asked what he could do for the family of *his enemy*.

b. **That I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake:** David did this because he remembered his relationship and covenant with Jonathan ([1 Samuel 20:14-15](#)). His actions were not only based on feelings, but also on the promise of a covenant.

2. ([2Sa 9:2-4](#)) Ziba, a former servant of Saul, tells David about Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan.

And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!" Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

a. **Ziba:** David could only learn that there *was* a descendant of Saul still living and could only learn *where* he was through this servant named **Ziba**. This meant that Mephibosheth was in hiding.

b. **The kindness of God:** This phrase is key to understanding David's motivation in this chapter. David wanted to show someone else the same kindness God showed to him.

c. **There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet:** We first learned of Mephibosheth in [2 Samuel 4:4](#). It tells us that this son of Jonathan was made **lame in his feet** from an accident when they heard that his father Jonathan and his grandfather Saul died in battle.

i. We should remember *why* Mephibosheth's nurse gathered the boy and fled in haste at the news of Saul and Jonathan's death. She rightly feared that the leader of a new royal dynasty would execute every potential heir of the former dynasty ([2 Samuel 4:4](#)).

d. **A son of Jonathan:** This means that according to the prior dynasty of Saul, Mephibosheth had the right to the throne. He was a son of the first-born son of the king, and other potential heirs were dead. In a political sense David could see Mephibosheth as a rival or a threat.

i. Later in [2 Samuel 16:5-8](#) we see a man named Shimei who was a partisan for the house of Saul against David. There were at least a few in Israel who felt that the house of Saul should still reign over the nation and that David shouldn't be king. Mephibosheth might draw upon these partisans and develop a rival following.

ii. Ishbosheth was Mephibosheth's uncle, and he waged a bloody war against David for the throne of Israel. There was at least an outside chance that Mephibosheth might do the same.

e. **He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel:** This speaks of Mephibosheth's low station in life. He didn't even have his own house. Instead, he lived in the house of another man.

i. **Machir the son of Ammiel** later showed he was intensely loyal to David. When David's son Absalom led a rebellion against David, Machir supported and helped David at great danger to himself ([2 Samuel 17:27-29](#)).

B. David's kindness to Mephibosheth.

1. ([2Sa 9:5-6](#)) Mephibosheth makes a humble appearance before David.

Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

a. **Then King David sent and brought him out of the house:** Mephibosheth must have been terrified when messengers from David knocked at his door and demanded that he come with them to see the king. In the back of his mind he anticipated the day when David would do as other kings did and massacre every potential rival to his throne.

i. The knock on the door also meant that Mephibosheth was no longer hidden from David. He felt secure as long as he believed the new king didn't know about him.

b. **He fell on his face and prostrated himself:** According to the custom of the times, Mephibosheth had a lot to fear from David. Yet his fear of David was not founded in fact, only on assumption.

i. Up to this point Mephibosheth and David never had a relationship, and it was because Mephibosheth wanted it that way. He avoided David out of unfounded fears.

2. ([2Sa 9:7-8](#)) David removes the fears of Mephibosheth.

So David said to him, "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." Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

a. **Do not fear:** These words would be cruel or meaningless unless David gave Mephibosheth a *reason* to **not fear**.

b. **I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake:** David made a covenant with Jonathan in [1 Samuel 20](#), promising to show kindness to the descendents of Jonathan. David gladly made good on his promise, though Jonathan was long dead.

c. **Will restore to you all the land of Saul:** David simply promised Mephibosheth would receive what was his. Mephibosheth knew about these lands all along but he was afraid to take possession of them because it would expose him before the king. David went against all custom in showing such kindness to an heir of the former dynasty.

d. **And you shall eat bread at my table continually:** This went far beyond giving Mephibosheth what was rightly his. He gave Mephibosheth the honor of a close relationship with the king.

i. A similar promise is given to the followers of Jesus. Jesus told the disciples that they would eat and drink at His table in heaven ([Luke 22:30](#)).

e. **What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?** Mephibosheth didn't feel worthy of such generosity. He considered himself a **dead dog**, meaning a worthless and insignificant person.

i. All the years of hiding from the king and living in fear and poverty made Mephibosheth think of himself as worthless.

3. ([2Sa 9:9-12](#)) David's instructions to Ziba.

And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest*, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," *said the king*, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons." Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

a. **You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him:** In addition to the land, David gave Mephibosheth servants to work the land. The food from the land was for Mephibosheth's family, because he now ate at David's table.

b. **He shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons:** Mephibosheth was happy to know that David didn't want to kill him. To have a promise like this was almost unbelievable.

4. ([2Sa 9:13](#)) David fulfills his promise to Mephibosheth.

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

a. **Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem:** No longer hiding in fear of the king, this descendant of Saul now lived openly among the people of God.

b. **He ate continually at the king's table:** No longer in poverty and estranged from the king, now he had great privilege before the king.

c. **He was lame in both his feet:** Mephibosheth's weakness did not vanish. His life was far better, but he was still **lame**.

i. David's grace to Mephibosheth is a wonderful picture of God's grace to us. *We are Mephibosheth.*

- We are hiding, poor, weak, lame, and fearful before our King comes to us.
- We are separated from our King because of our wicked ancestors.

- We are separated from our King because of our deliberate actions.
 - We separated ourselves from the King because we didn't know him or His love for us.
 - Our King sought us out before we sought Him.
 - The King's kindness is extended to us for the sake of another.
 - The King's kindness is based on covenant.
 - We must receive the King's kindness in humility.
 - The King returns to us what we lost in hiding from Him.
 - The King returns to us more than what we lost in hiding from Him.
 - We have the privilege of provision at the King's table.
 - We are received as sons at the King's table, with access to the King and fellowship with Him.
 - We receive servants from the King.
 - The King's honor does not immediately take away all our weakness and lameness, but it gives us a favor and standing that overcomes its sting and changes the way we think about ourselves.
- ii. David's grace to Mephibosheth is also a pattern for us in serving and ministering to others. *We are David.*
- We should seek out our enemies and seek to bless them.
 - We should look for the poor, weak, lame, and hidden to bless them.
 - We should bless others when they don't deserve it, and bless them more than they deserve.
 - We should bless others for the sake of someone else.
 - We must show the *kindness of God* to others.