

**K-5th Grade**  
**David's Kindness**  
*Discussion Questions*

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 2 Samuel 9

**STORY POINT:** David showed kindness to Jonathan's son

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 145:13

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

**K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to 2 Samuel 9. Explain that the events in 2 Samuel begin with the death of King Saul and record the life of King David.

**Say:** As king, David led the Israelites in many military victories. Israel was strong, and God blessed David. One day, David thought about his friend Jonathan, who had died. David showed kindness to Jonathan's son. Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, and he ate at King David's table.

**Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:**

How did David show kindness to Jonathan's son? Lead kids to discuss details from the Bible story. David restored to Jonathan the lands belonging to Saul, and he invited Mephibosheth to eat at his table as if he were one of David's sons. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 2 Sam. 9:7.)

How does God show kindness to us? Allow kids to discuss ways they have experienced God's kindness in their lives. Emphasize the good news of the gospel. God showed His kindness and love by sending His Son, Jesus. He saved us—not because we deserved it, but because He is compassionate and merciful. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Titus 3:4-7.)

How can showing kindness help people understand God's kindness? Guide kids to discuss ways they can show kindness (smiling, encouraging others, sharing, showing patience, helping others, and so on). Help kids recognize that choosing kindness often means putting others first. The Bible instructs us to be kind; Jesus showed the greatest kindness by giving up His life for us. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Col. 3:12.)

**Journal and prayer**

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself? Whom can I tell about this story?