



4. Bible Study

10 minutes

David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth: 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

Set Up: Before this lesson, prepare a snack. Here is a suggestion:
slices of apple.

Commander Says: Have you boys ever heard the Mephibosheth story? After David became king of Israel, he asked if any of Saul's family was still living. You see Saul was the guy who used to be king. A servant of Saul's was working for David. His name was Ziba. Ziba told David about Jonathan's son Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was Saul's grandson. When Mephibosheth was little, he was accidentally dropped, and was injured so he could never walk. When David found out that Mephibosheth was from Saul's family, he sent for Mephibosheth to come to him at the palace. You would think Mephibosheth would be so excited to get to meet the king, but he was nervous about having to meet David. At one time, his grandfather, Saul, had tried to kill David. Mephibosheth was afraid David was going to kill him now.

But King David had only good things for Mephibosheth. He gave to Mephibosheth all the land that had belonged to his grandfather, Saul. How do you think Mephibosheth felt about that? (*Allow the boys to answer.*) That was not all King David did for Mephibosheth. David said that Mephibosheth was going to eat at the king's table for the rest of his life. Isn't that great? David was very kind to Mephibosheth and promised to take care of him for the rest of his life. You would think that was enough, but there was one more thing David did for him. David allowed Saul's servant Ziba and his family to help Mephibosheth and to care for his land for him.

I have prepared a snack for you because I wanted to show you how important it is to take care of each other.

Review: While the boys eat, ask them what ways they can show kindness to their family and friends.

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Courteous J. B.

Color this picture of J. B. Beaver.
Can you say the blue point Courteous?



A Royal Ranger is Courteous.
He is polite, kind, and thoughtful.

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