

CIRCLE PICTURES

David chose to love and be kind to his friend Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. David invited Mephibosheth to live in his palace. He took care of him.

CIRCLE the **PICTURES** below that show someone being kind.

UNIT VERSE

God loves us, so we should love others.

—1 JOHN 4:11



TRACE a LETTER

We can choose to love and be kind like David. The word *kind* starts with the letter *K*.

TRACE the word *kind*.



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CONVERSATION

David Helped Mephibosheth

BASED ON 2 SAMUEL 4:4; 9

WEEKLY VERSE: Be kind to one another. *Ephesians 4:32*

LIFE POINT: People can choose to love and be kind.

Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth (meh FIB oh sheth). Mephibosheth's feet were hurt.

When David became king, he wanted to know if anyone in Jonathan's family was still alive. He asked Ziba (ZIGH buh), one of Saul's servants: "Is anyone left in Jonathan's family? God has been kind to me. I would like to be kind to someone in the same way."

Ziba answered, "Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, is still living. Both of his feet were hurt." So, King David had Mephibosheth brought to his palace.

King David said, "Do not be afraid. Your father, Jonathan, and I were good friends. I will be kind to you. I will always give you what you need." King David gave Mephibosheth all the land that had belonged to his grandfather, Saul. Mephibosheth thanked the king for being kind to him.

Then King David sent for Ziba. He said to Ziba, "You and your family must take care of the land I am giving to Mephibosheth. Grow food on the land." King David took care of Mephibosheth and treated him as one of his own sons.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that people can choose to love and be kind. David chose to help Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son. David remembered his promise to his good friend, Jonathan.

LIVE IT OUT

Sit with your child and tell him to clap with you as you chant: "K-I-N-D, I can be kind." Ask your child to name ways he can be kind to family members, friends, and other people.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God allows me to make right and wrong choices.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 4:32

Monday: James 2:15-16

Tuesday: Matthew 5:7

Wednesday: Proverbs 3:27-28

Thursday: Proverbs 19:17

Friday: 1 John 3:17

Saturday: Micah 6:8



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