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**Children's Bible Story Video:** [https://youtu.be/7ijW\\_uqu-C8](https://youtu.be/7ijW_uqu-C8)

**Worship Theme:** God is kind.

**Memory Verse:** "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:12)

Songs (Youtube links):

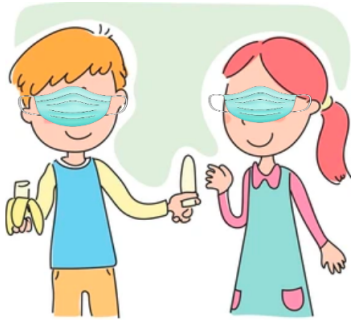
1. Isn't He Wonderful <https://youtu.be/uFsMi06lhvE>
2. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
3. God Will Make a Way <https://youtu.be/pKmid-FNhhw>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Feeding Banana"

Materials Needed: Banana, chroma, mask



1. Divide the children into 4 groups and ask them to stand in line as they face each other. (Group 1 face group 2, group 3 face group 4)
2. Using the mask, the teacher blindfolds all the children.
3. Give a banana to all the children in group 1, and they will feed group 2 while being blindfolded. Give a banana to all the children in group 3, and they will feed group 4 while being blindfolded. The time limit for the game should be about 5 minutes.
4. After the game, explain to the children that we can show kindness to our friends by sharing our food or snacks.

### Introduction:

How many of you like to get gifts? Are you happy when you receive gifts from your parents or friends? Have you ever given gifts to others? God gives us all kinds of gifts like food and clothing and medicine to help us grow. God wants to use us to show kindness to others in many ways, too. Today we'll hear how God worked through King David to show kindness to someone no one cared about.

### Bible Story:

After King Saul died in a battle, David became the king of Israel. He did many wise things to make the nation of Israel strong. God gave him victory wherever he went. One day, King David remembered his friend Jonathan, the son of King Saul, who died in a battle along with his father. He wanted to show kindness to the family of Jonathan.

Most kings would find the descendants of the previous king to execute them so that they would never be a threat to the throne. But that was not King David's concern. Instead, he wanted to show kindness to Jonathan who had saved his life.

Jonathan's son's name was Mephibosheth. He became crippled when he fell while fleeing with his caretaker after Jonathan and Saul were killed in battle. When he found out that King David wanted to see him, he must have been scared for his life.

But King David offered kindness to Mephibosheth. He gave Mephibosheth all the land that had belonged to Saul and his family. He also gave Mephibosheth a seat of honor at the king's own table, as if Mephibosheth were David's own son!

King David showed great kindness to Mephibosheth, the grandson of Saul who wanted to kill him. King David did not have to be kind to Mephibosheth, but he showed kindness

because he knew that's what God wanted him to do. He understood that God had always been kind to him.

God also wants to use us to show kindness to everyone in our lives. God sent his Son, Jesus, to show us how to treat others with love and kindness. When we follow Jesus' example, we can be kind and loving to others.

### Questions to discuss:

1. Who did King David look for after he became the king of Israel? (the descendants of Jonathan)
2. Why did King David look for this person? (to show kindness to him)
3. What kindness did King David show this person? (gave him all the land belonging to Saul and allowed him to eat at the king's table as if he were the king's son)
4. How can you show kindness to those around you? (encouraging friends, helping those in need, being nice even when a friend is not nice to you, etc.)

### Game: "Show Kindness Lottery"

Materials Needed: paper with rewards, Candies, cookies, or snacks



1. Teacher will prepare papers with words like "Two candies" "Five cookies" or "Ten candies." (It can be "two banana" "Five watermelon" or "Ten papaya" as available in your town.)
2. Fold these papers and put them in a basket.
3. Have volunteer children come out and pick a paper. When they get their reward, encourage them to share with friends.
4. After the game, explain to the children that we can share when we little or a lot. Showing kindness is important because God is always kind to us.

### Memory Verse:

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:12)

### Craft: "David Is Merciful to Mephibosheth"

Materials: Print Mephibosheth craft sheet, scissors, crayons, glue, popsicle sticks



1. Cut out Mephibosheth.
2. Cut the hand area so that you can glue the popsicle sticks in them.
3. Glue popsicle sticks to Mephibosheth to show that he was crippled.
4. Explain to the children that if King David did not show kindness to Mephibosheth, he would have had to live a very sad life since he could not work. King David showed kindness to Mephibosheth because he knew that God was always kind to him. God is also kind to us! We should show kindness to everyone around us.

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Pray

#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Because of Jesus' ultimate act of love and kindness—dying on the cross for us—we are free from death. Kindness is more than just being nice. Read verse 2 Samuel 9:7. What part do justice and righteousness play in kindness? How would our relationships change if we considered doing what's "just" and "right" for others? Thank God for showing us, through Jesus, the difference that kindness can make, and let's share his kindness with others and spread the love!

David Is Merciful to Mephibosheth



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