

let's play



- People look different. They have different-colored hair, eyes and skin. Some run fast. Others need walkers or wheelchairs to get around.
- People think differently. Some people see pictures in their head. Some can count up to high numbers. Some people take a long time to learn new things.
- People act differently. Some people make strange movements or noises. Some people laugh a lot. Some people don't talk.

Playing with Senses

Let your child explore the five senses. Try some of these ideas: (1) Let your child play in the bathtub with shaving cream; (2) Have your child close his or her eyes and smell a favorite juice and try to guess what it is; (3) Play music and dance together; (4) Look together at family pictures. Say, **God gave us eyes to see, ears to hear, noses to smell, fingers to feel, and a tongue to taste. God wants us to enjoy the world He created.**



Enjoying the Differences

Tell your child that God created everyone to be different. **Not one of us is like another. Each is special to God. God has something for every person to do.** Talk about the people your child knows, and think about how each one is different and how each one is alike. Talk often with your child about the differences among people.

Emphasize to your child, God wants us to love people who are like us and people who are different from us.

For Younger Children

“With love, help each other.”

(See Galatians 5:13.)

For Older Children

“Be kind to one another.”

(See Ephesians 4:32.)

let's talk



Today I learned:

David showed God's love when he was kind to Mephibosheth. We can show God's love, too. We can do that by being kind to people who need help!

Ask me:

Who are some people who need our help? What are some ways we can help those people?

Who is with David? How did David show kindness to Mephibosheth (mih-FIHB-eh-shehth)?



Read the story on the next page and on pages 186-190 in *God's Story for Me Bible*.



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Bible Story

1 Samuel 26

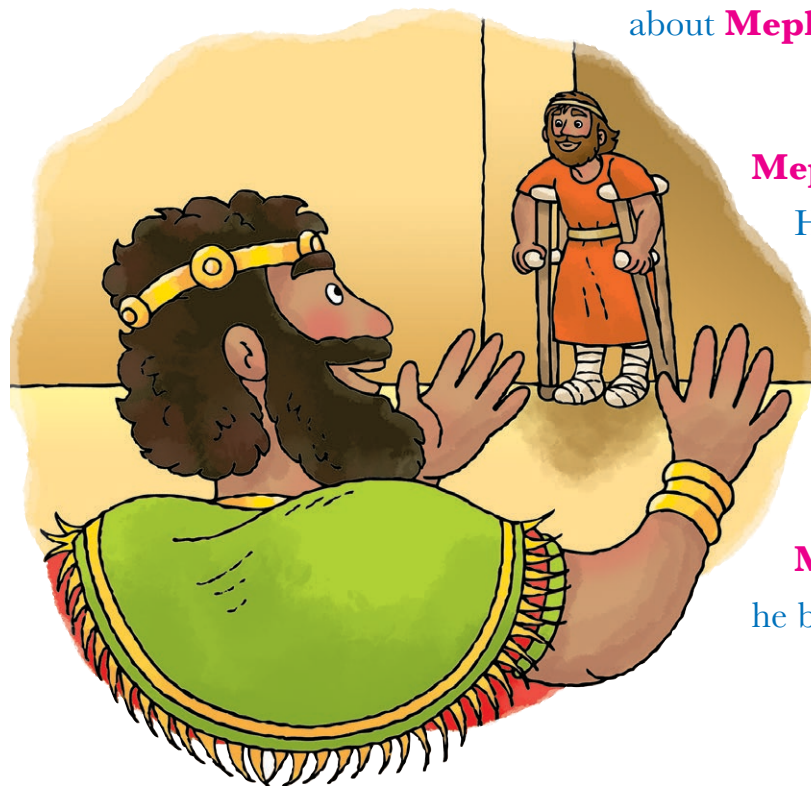
Every time you say a person's name, ask your child to wiggle his or her toes! With older children, count the circles on the page.

David and **Jonathan** had been very best friends. They had promised to always help each other. They had promised to help each other's families, too. Now **David** had become king. **Jonathan** had died in a war.



But **David** never forgot his friend. He never forgot his promise. He asked, "Is anyone still living who is part of **Jonathan's** family? I would like to be kind and help!" So **David's** servants told him

about **Mephibosheth**.



Mephibosheth was **Jonathan's** son. His feet had been hurt. He couldn't walk easily. **David** wanted to help! King **David** sent servants to **Mephibosheth's** house. The servants told **Mephibosheth** that the king wanted to see him. When **Mephibosheth** came to the palace, he bowed very low.



David said, "**Mephibosheth**, I want you and your family to come and live with me. I want you to eat with me. I will treat you as if you were my own son." **David** helped **Mephibosheth**. He was kind to **Mephibosheth** and his family!



Family Talk

Show your child a place mat and table setting. Ask,

- What are some ways we make a place for another person at the table?

- Could you help me place the items on the place mat? That is a way to be kind!
- When did David show kindness to someone by inviting him to eat with his family?

Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- Tell me about a time your friends might need your help.
- What are some ways you can be kind to them and help them?

Words to pray together:

Dear God, we love You. Please help us show Your love by being kind to [name people your child mentioned]. In Jesus' name, amen.

