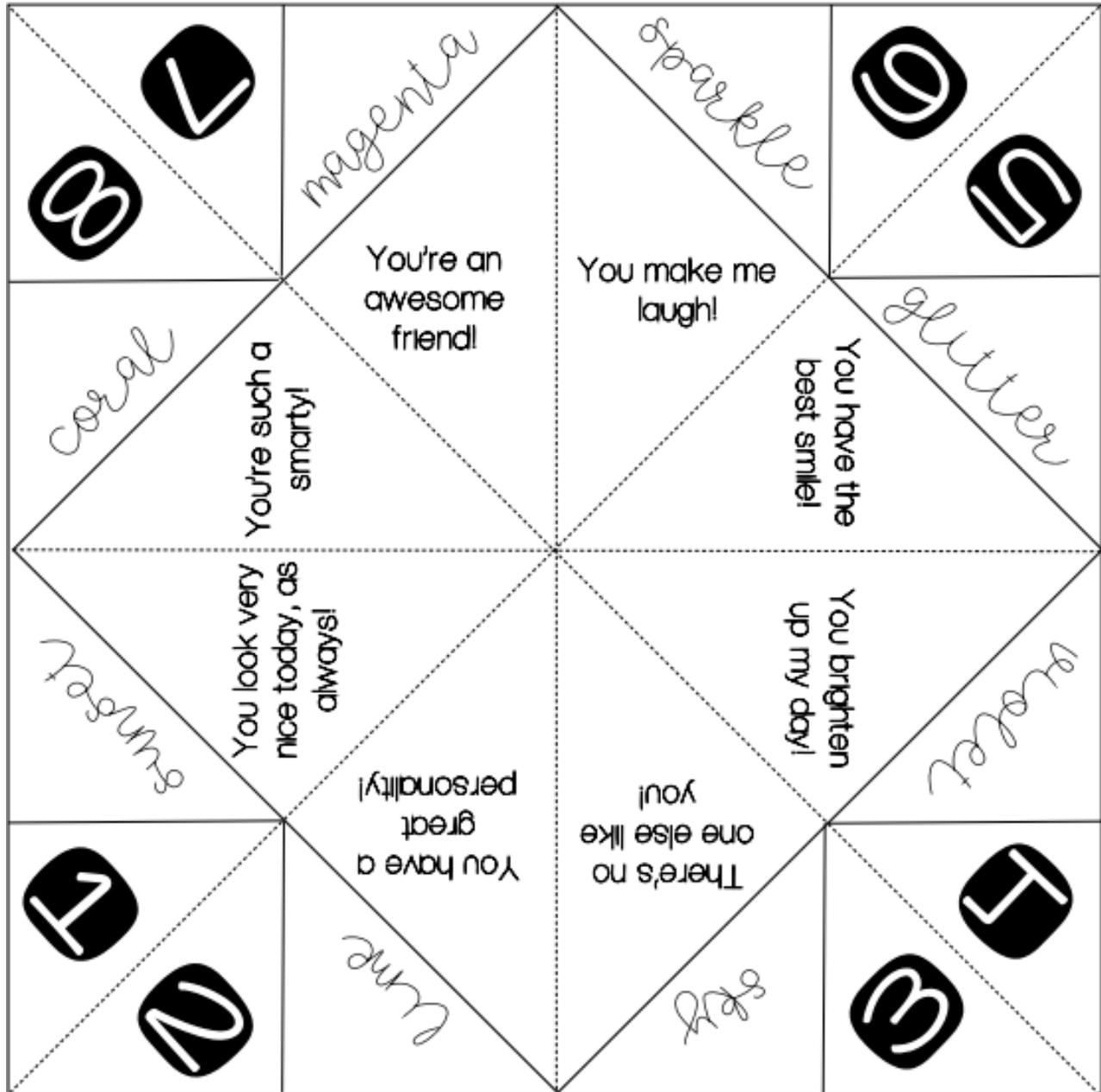


# Kindness Catcher



Cut out the Kindness Catcher square. Fold the square backward along one of the diagonal lines so the words are facing out. Open it back up and fold backward along the other diagonal line. Open the square again. Fold each corner backwards so the point touches the center and press the folds. Fold each new corner forward so the point touches the center and press the folds. Fold the square in half each way to make it easier to put your fingers into. You're ready to play with your Kindness Catcher with a friend.

**Check out this link for a step by step tutorial:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAZKv\\_PVcn0&t=97s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAZKv_PVcn0&t=97s)

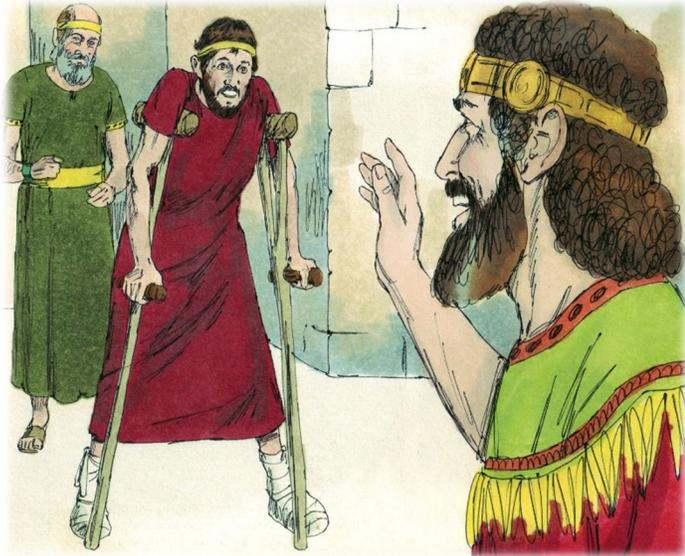


# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## THEME VERSE

2 Samuel 9:3, "The king asked him, 'Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them.'"

## David Shows Kindness



Has anyone ever been mean to you? It feels awful when people are mean. It makes us feel sad, angry, and upset. It especially isn't good when we did nothing to deserve it. But have you ever been mean to someone else? It might feel like there is a reason to be mean to someone; however, this not only hurts them, but it hurts God too. King David was given a choice to make. He had to decide what to do with the last living relative of King Saul. Would he be mean, or would he be kind?

A man named Mephibosheth was the very last living relative of King Saul. He was Jonathan's son and King Saul's grandson. Traditionally speaking, he should be king of Israel. David knew this. When David found out that Mephibosheth was still living and that he was disabled, he had to make up his mind. He could kill Mephibosheth, or he could show him kindness. He knew that the right thing to do and to make God happy, he should be kind to Mephibosheth. David loved God so much that he chose to be kind. He gave Mephibosheth all of the lands that King Saul had owned and servants to work the land. Also, David allowed Mephibosheth to live in the palace and eat with David's family each night. He indeed showed unbelievable love and kindness to Mephibosheth.

Jesus was kind to us, just like David was kind to Mephibosheth. We've all sinned, and because of our sin, we deserve to be punished. But, Jesus died on the cross to forgive us for any wrong we've ever done. He showed us kindness when he could have been mean. Like Jesus and David, we should choose to show compassion to those around us. We will not only be blessed by God for this but we will be filled with Joy. Follow Jesus and David, and show kindness to all.



### What can I do this week?

Choose not to be mean to anyone around you. Look for ways to be kind to others. Your parents can help!

# FAMILY PRAYER SHEET

Think of some specific prayer requests, and pray about them several times together as a family this week.

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**David Was King Word Scramble**

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

 UASL 

REALIS 

AJANOTHN 

NOVETNAC 

BOSMIPHETEHH 



God is my 

## Youth and Parent Devotional

Get a notebook, a pen, and your bible. This devotional is designed to help you do this bible study. By the end, you should more thoroughly understand God's word, but more importantly, you'll understand what to do with it in your own life. This devotional will take about an hour.

**Scripture Verse:** 2 Samuel 9:3, "The king asked him, 'Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them.'"

Read - 2 Samuel 9

Study -

- 1.) This is an encouraging and Christ-centered story.
  - a.) Summarize the plot points of this story.
  - b.) List out the choices David could have made regarding Mephibosheth.
  - c.) Why do you think David made the choice he did? What was the blessing in it?
  
- 2.) Think about the Character of David.
  - a.) What motivated David in this chapter?
  - b.) What was Mephibosheth feeling?
  - c.) How do you think those around David responded? Who gives us an insight into the reactions of others?
  - d.) What is important to us because of David's actions
  
- 3.) We learn about Christ from David's actions.
  - a.) There are parallels in this story to our own stories. Christ is like David, and we are like Mephibosheth. We were sinful, deserving to die. However, Christ was full of love and grace. List out some other ways this story relates to us.
  - b.) Honestly, given the same opportunity, what would you have done?
  - c.) What should we do for others because of what Christ did for us?

### Put it all together

- 1.) **Acknowledge** That we've been shown extraordinary grace from Christ.
- 2.) **Think** about how you can offer this type of grace to others.
- 3.) **Ask** God to help you do this because it is not easy.
- 4.) **Worship** the Lord. Know that you live in freedom and forgiveness because of what Christ did for you!

## Additional Resources

- 1.) Phenomenal free bible and collection of bible resources:  
[www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com)
- 2.) The Bible Project video on the book of 2 Samuel:  
<https://youtu.be/YvowDXNDJgs>
- 3.) Song for children to learn about King David and to be encouraged:  
<https://youtu.be/MMqkODGZSSs>
- 4.) Signup for **Right Now Media**, a MASSIVE kid and adult video database provided to you for free by Beartown Road Alliance Church.  
[tinyurl.com/BRACmedia](http://tinyurl.com/BRACmedia)
- 5.) Our Church's online presence:  
[Beartownroad.org](http://Beartownroad.org)  
[YouTube.com/beartownroadalliancechurch](https://YouTube.com/beartownroadalliancechurch)  
[Facebook.com/beartownroad.org](https://Facebook.com/beartownroad.org)
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We are praying that this resource would be a great help to your family in taking your next steps with Jesus.