

# Vacation Bible School 2024

## *Adventures through the Bible*

### “Hidden Heroes”

#### Day 2 – Junior Lesson

**Title:** Mephibosheth’s Amazing Story

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel, Chapter 4 and 9

**Objective:** To learn about Mephibosheth’s story in the Bible and what we can learn from his experiences.

#### Background Story:

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Mephibosheth. He lived a long, long time ago in the Bible times, and his story is told in the book of 2 Samuel.

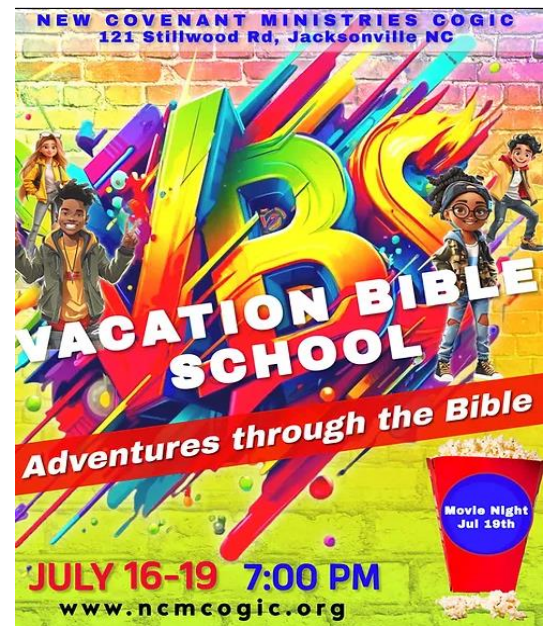
Mephibosheth was the grandson of a king named Saul and the son of a prince named Jonathan. When he was just a little boy, only five years old, something very sad happened. His daddy, Jonathan, and his mommy both died.

Mephibosheth had a nurse who took care of him. One day, while they were trying to escape from danger, Mephibosheth fell and hurt his legs very badly. After that, he couldn't walk and was called "lame" or "crippled."

A new king named David became the ruler of Israel. Many years later, after some difficult times, King David found out about Mephibosheth. He wanted to help him and take care of him, so he invited Mephibosheth to come and live with him in the palace.

Even though Mephibosheth couldn't walk, King David loved him very much. He treated him just like his own son. Mephibosheth got to eat at the king’s table with all the other princes and was part of the royal family.

Mephibosheth’s story is special because it shows that everyone is important and loved, no matter what challenges they face. It reminds us that kindness and acceptance are very important, and that we should always care for others.



This story happened a very long time ago, around the time when the ancient Israelites lived, which was many, many years before Jesus was born. It's a part of the Bible that helps us learn about love, family, and God's care for everyone.

### **What We Can Learn from the Story:**

- God is loving and caring: Just like King David, God is loving and caring towards us. He wants to help us and be with us.
- We should be kind to others: King David showed kindness to Mephibosheth, even though he was a stranger. We should always try to be kind to others.
- We should trust in God: Mephibosheth could have been afraid of King David, but he trusted him and was blessed as a result.
- God uses ordinary people: Mephibosheth was an ordinary person who was used by God in a special way.
- God is faithful: Even though Mephibosheth made mistakes, God was faithful to him and loved him anyway.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was wrong with Mephibosheth's legs?
2. Who helped Mephibosheth when he was a little boy?
3. Why did King David want to help Mephibosheth?
4. What did Mephibosheth do when he met King David?
5. What did Mephibosheth learn from his experience?

### **Conclusion:**

Mephibosheth's story is an amazing reminder of God's love and kindness towards us. We can learn so much from his experiences and apply them to our own lives. Remember, God is always with us, loving us and caring for us, just like King David loved and cared for Mephibosheth.

## **Craft Ideas:**

1. Mephibosheth's Legs: Cut out a pair of legs from paper plates and decorate them with markers or crayons. Glue them onto a paper bag or a cardboard box to create a puppet of Mephibosheth.
2. King David's Palace: Create a cardboard box or paper bag palace with markers or crayons. Add a picture of King David sitting on a throne or welcoming Mephibosheth into the palace.
3. Mephibosheth's Blessing: Cut out a paper crown or a blessing certificate with markers or crayons. Write "Blessed" or "Special" on it and decorate it with stickers or glitter. Give it to each child as a reminder of God's blessings in their lives.