

David Administers Justice and Kindness

Printed Text • 2 SAMUEL 9:1–12
Devotional Reading • PROVERBS 18:24

Words You Should Know

- A. **Kindness** (2 Samuel 9:1) chesed (Heb.) Love, grace, mercy
- B. **Father** (v. 7) ab (Heb.)—Male parent or ancestor

Teacher Preparation

Unifying Principle—The Mercy of Justice.

People rely on the kindness and support of others. How can people show radical kindness to one another? King David acted justly, remembered his promise to Jonathan, and was kind to Jonathan's son.

- A. Read the Bible Background and Devotional Reading.
- B. Pray for your students and lesson clarity.
- C. Read the lesson Scripture in multiple translations.

O—Open the Lesson

- A. Begin the class with prayer.
- B. Search online for examples of medieval and Renaissance art depicting the relationship between David and Mephibosheth. Select and display the art, and invite students to respond to them.
- C. Have the students read the Aim for Change and the In Focus story.
- D. Ask students how events like those in the story weigh on their hearts and how they can view these events from a faith perspective.

P—Present the Scriptures

- A. Read the Focal Verses and discuss the Background and The People, Places, and Times sections.
- B. Have the class share what Scriptures stand out for them and why, with particular emphasis on today's themes.

E—Explore the Meaning

- A. Use In Depth or More Light on the Text to facilitate a deeper discussion of the lesson text.
- B. Pose the questions in Search the Scriptures and Discuss the Meaning.
- C. Discuss the Liberating Lesson and Application for Activation sections.

N—Next Steps for Application

- A. Summarize the value of keeping promises.
- B. End class with a commitment to pray for breaking down artificial barriers that separate people.