



**Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 4 & 9) – The Grace of God**

**Tim Howey – Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**How did we sense what God wanted us to do last week?**

**What would God have you do now?**

**Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter**

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Matthew 11:28 NKJV**

“I can say that last week’s tragedy has brought me much closer to Christ, made me more focused on the eternal, and has encouraged me to be more confident and outspoken about my faith.”

“Deep down we know something must be done... and be emboldened without anger.”

**James 1:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:22-26**

**What has God laid on my heart for Grace?**

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,  
**Ephesians 4:14 NKJV**

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—  
**Ephesians 4:15 NKJV**

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**Grace is God's gift  
of an unending supply  
of undeserved favor  
through Jesus Christ**

**Mephibosheth  
(2 Samuel 4 & 9)**

**Everything physical in the Old Testament  
pictures something spiritual in the New Testament**

Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth. **2 Samuel 4:4 NKJV**

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Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." **2 Samuel 9:3 NKJV**

So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." **2 Samuel 9:4 NKJV**

Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. **2 Samuel 9:5 NKJV**

Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" **2 Samuel 9:6 NKJV**

So David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.” **2 Samuel 9:7 NKJV**

Then he bowed himself, and said, “What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?” **2 Samuel 9:8 NKJV**

...“As for Mephibosheth,” said the king, “he shall eat at my table like one of the king’s sons.”  
**2 Samuel 9:11 NKJV**

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet. **2 Samuel 9:13 NKJV**

**Mephibosheth was a recipient (thankful & undeserving) of David’s amazing grace**

#### **5 Ways David Pictured Jesus**

- Judah
- Bethlehem
- Shepherd
- Prophet
- King

**Like Mephibosheth, we did nothing to deserve God’s amazing grace**

There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. **Romans 3:11 NKJV**

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **Ephesians 2:1 NKJV**

**Like David, Jesus sought us & offered us God’s amazing grace**

having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, **Ephesians 1:5 NKJV**

to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.  
**Ephesians 1:6 NKJV**

**Are you a recipient (thankful & undeserving) of God’s amazing grace?**

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**This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:**

Sept 21 - Galatians 5, Family Focus – Galatians 5:22-26

Sept 22 – Galatians 12, Family Focus – Galatians 12:1-5

Sept 23 - Reflection & Prayer

Sept 24 – Galatians 6, Family Focus – Galatians 6:2-5

Sept 25 – Ephesians 1, Family Focus – Ephesians 1:3-14

Sept 26 – Ephesians 2, Family Focus – Ephesians 2:4-10

Sept 27 – Ephesians 3, Family Focus – Ephesians 3:13-21

September 21

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## GOD MADE FAMILIES

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

In this series, we will learn that God made our families and that He cares so much for them! We learn about the story of Abraham and Sarah, and how God gave them a family with their son Isaac.

**Memory Verse:** "God made families." Genesis 1:26a (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Made Families and Families Can Worship Together

**Parent Connect:** Turn on some worship music and have a dance/worship party with your family! Encourage them to use their shakers or other instruments you may have and remind them that "God made families and families can worship together".

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## GOD IS MIGHTY

In this series, kids will discover that God is mighty- stronger than sickness, armies, fear and even enemies! Through the stories of Elisha's miracles, Jehoshaphat's victory through praise, Naaman's healing, and Hezekiah's trust in God, kids will learn that God helps His people in powerful ways.

**Memory Verse:** Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10a

**Heart of the Lesson:** Elisha and Naaman | 2 Kings 5:1-1

**Parent Connect:** Check out our craft from this week and practice retelling the story from 2 Kings 5:1-19. This is the story of Elisha and Naaman, and how Naaman was healed from Leprosy! As you read the story, have your kid act it out with their craft

ELEMENTARY

## KIDS CHOICE

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE



The Kid's Choice series gives our kids an opportunity to choose what we talk about. In this series, we will answer three big questions all about the Bible. Who wrote it? How do we know its true? Why should I read it? All of this and more will get answered.

**Memory Verse:** "Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." Luke 18:16

**Heart of the Lesson:** We can trust the Bible! | 2 Peter 1:19-2

**Parent Connect:** We can trust the Bible! Different elements of the Bible have been proved throughout history and even though there are still some things we are waiting on to be proven, we know we can trust the Bible because of what has been proven before. Do some trust falls as a family. Practice trusting what you know is there, even when you can't always see it!

# GRACE

Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve: kindness, forgiveness, and a place in His family. In this series, we'll learn how to see grace the way that God does. We will explore what grace looks like, how it shows up in the Bible, and how it changes our everyday lives.

**Memory Verse:** "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8

**Heart of the Lesson:** God's Grace to Mephibosheth: Acceptance - God's grace welcomes us into His family. (2 Samuel 4, 9)

**Parent Connect:** Reflect together on areas where your student struggles with feeling accepted: maybe that's at school, with friends, or in sports. Talk about how God's grace doesn't depend on performance or popularity and encourage your student to journal about what God's grace means to them and how it makes them feel.