

City LG - November 16-17, 2019

Bible Story: Count on Me (David and Mephibosheth) • 2 Samuel 9:1-13 (Supporting: 2 Samuel 4:4)

Bottom Line: Honor others by keeping your promises.

Memory Verse: Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Romans 12:10 (NIRV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Zeal” and “Not the Same”

Worship Leader prays...

“Hi, everyone! This month we’ve been talking about a man named David. (*Hold up Bible.*) David was a great king over God’s people. In fact, David was called ‘a man after God’s own heart.’

“But I’m jumping ahead a little bit. In the part of the story we’ve talked about so far, David was still waiting to be king, because King Saul was still in charge. And David was best friends with King Saul’s son, Jonathan. David had made an important promise to Jonathan: he promised that he would always be kind to Jonathan’s family.

“Though King Saul was jealous of David and many times tried to kill him, David and Jonathan remained close friends . . . until one day when David found out that Saul and Jonathan had died in battle. King Saul had died, which meant that David could become king. Even so, it was many years and difficult battles before David was finally king over Israel.

“One day, David remembered the promise he had made to be kind to Jonathan’s family. He called for his officials and asked if there was anyone left from Saul and Jonathan’s family. The officials sent for a man named Ziba who had served Saul’s family.”

CG: Zebra JPEG

“Okay, Ziba wasn’t actually a zebra. He was a person. But this will help us remember his name.

“Ziba told David that a son of Jonathan was still alive. His name was Mephibosheth. We’ll stop right there, and let our Bible Story video pick up the rest. Let’s watch!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:30)

“Mephibosheth and his son, Mika, came to live in Jerusalem. David provided everything they needed—just as he had promised Jonathan years before.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“David knew it’s important to **[Bottom Line] honor others by keeping your promises.** Remember—David didn’t HAVE to help Mephibosheth. No one would have said anything if he had just forgotten his promise or if he had chosen not to go through with it. But David remembered what he had said to his friend. He chose to honor Jonathan by showing kindness to Mephibosheth and his family.

“We need God’s help to keep our promises like David did. Let’s pray and talk to God about that now.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for always keeping your promises to us. Thank You for this great reminder about how it’s important for us to keep our promises to others. We know that it’s a great way to honor them and show them how valuable they are. Please help us to **[Bottom Line] honor others by keeping our promises.** We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“It’s really important for us to keep our promises. When we do, we show others how valuable they are.

Remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Honor others by keeping your promises.

“Don’t just SAY you’re going to do something. Make sure that you DO what you say you’re going to do. If you promise your mom that you’ll stop your TV show when your screen time is over, do it! If you promise to be nicer to your brother or sister, do it! When you keep your promises, you’ll find that it helps people to trust you more. It shows them how much you care. I know I want others to keep the promises they make to ME—so I should keep the promises I make to others.”

“Before we head to Small Group, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International!”

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.