

LESSON 5: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS KINDNESS.



Lesson scripture

2 Samuel 9:1-13

(See the section entitled "Presentation of the lesson".)



Main emphasis

A Spirit-filled Christian is kind to everyone.



Memory verse

1 Thessalonians 5:15 - "Always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."

To the teacher: please, explain to the students the meaning of this memory verse.



Objectives

The main goal of this lesson is to teach the students that they must be filled with the Holy Spirit so that they can be kind to everyone. At the end of the lesson, the students are expected to:

1. state that the fifth fruit of the Holy Spirit is kindness;
2. narrate the story of David and Mephibosheth;

3. enumerate acts of kindness that they can do this coming week; and
4. recite the memory verse.



Words to remember

1. Saul - former king of Israel
2. Jonathan - David's best friend; the son of Saul
3. Ziba - servant of the household of Saul
4. Mephibosheth - son of Jonathan



Materials to prepare

1. Visual aid for memory verse - Annex "A";
2. Visual aids for lesson presentation -
 - (a) spoon and fork, plate, glass - 2 sets
 - (b) table cloth
 - (c) a piece of long wood which can be used as a cane
 - (d) crown made out of cartolina
3. Materials for enrichment activity:
 - a) For younger students: paste, bond paper, and magazines for making a collage;
 - b) For older students: paper and pen for the essay that they will write.



Presentation of the lesson

To the teachers: act out the story as you tell it. Use the spoon, fork, plate and glass; tablecloth; and cane as you tell the story. The teacher will portray the role of David while the assistant will pretend to be Mephibosheth.

We have already studied four fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are: love, joy, peace and patience.

Today, we will study the fifth fruit, which is kindness. Let us listen to the story of David and Mephibosheth found in 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

Note: The following portion is a direct quotation of the lesson scripture. For your own understanding of the lesson scripture, please read chapters 8 and 10 also.

(The teacher should wear the crown now). David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"

"Your servant," he replied.

The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

"Where is he?" the king asked.

Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

(The assistant teacher enters as Mephibosheth, carrying a cane, and limping). When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"Your servant," he replied.

"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants).

Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. *(Both teacher and assistant will pretend to eat).*

Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet."



Life application

Teacher, ask the students if they know of any person who has any of the following conditions:

1. *someone with a physical defect, like Mephibosheth;*
2. *someone who is lonely;*
3. *someone who is in the hospital or bedridden at home.*

Ask the students to give the name of that person, and what act of kindness can he do for that person this coming week.

Have them make a commitment to do that act of kindness, and let them report on it next Sunday.



Evaluation

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences. The answers are in the footnotes.

1. The name of the servant of Saul's household is _____.¹

¹ Ziba

2. Mephibosheth is the son of _____.²
3. Jonathan is the son of _____.³
4. The physical defect of Mephibosheth is that he was _____⁴ in both feet.
5. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth by restoring to him all the _____⁵ that belonged to his grandfather Saul.
6. Another act of kindness of David was that he allowed Mephibosheth to always _____⁶ at his table.
7. David ordered Ziba and his sons and _____⁷ to farm the land for Mephibosheth.
8. Mephibosheth ate at the king's table like one of the king's _____.⁸
9. Mephibosheth had a young son named _____.⁹
10. Mephibosheth lived in _____.¹⁰



Enrichment activity

For younger students, let them make a collage showing acts of kindness. Use cut-outs from magazines.

² Jonathan

³ Saul

⁴ crippled

⁵ land

⁶ eat

⁷ servants

⁸ sons

⁹ Mica.

¹⁰ Jerusalem.

For older students, let them write a short essay about the time someone did an act of kindness to them.



Offering

Ask one child to lead the prayer.



Closing

Close in prayer, thanking God for today's lesson, and asking for His help in applying it to our lives.



Your notes

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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