

**BIBLE STORY:**

1 Samuel  
20:14-17;  
31:1-4,  
2 Samuel  
4:4,9

**NEED TO KNOW:**

I'm blessed  
even when I'm  
sad.

**HAPPENING NOW!**

Current series:  
Crowned!  
As children of the  
King, God has  
blessings in His  
kingdom for us as  
we have the  
attitudes Jesus tells  
us to have in  
Matthew 5.

Let parents know  
the take-home page  
each week is a  
family resource that  
goes along with the  
message they heard  
this morning in their  
worship service.

**WELCOME** kids to class! Ask them how they're doing and listen to what they share!

**SCHEDULE:**

<u>K – 2nd</u>		<u>3rd &amp; Surge</u>	
<u>9:00</u>		<u>9:00</u>	
8:45-9:30	Small Group	8:45-9:30	Small Group
9:30	Travel to Room 111	9:30	Travel to Room 111
9:35-9:55	Worship	9:35-9:55	Worship
9:58-10:05	Prayer & Wrap-Up	9:58-10:05	Prayer & Wrap-Up
<u>10:30</u>		<u>10:30</u>	
10:15-11:00	Small Group	10:15-11:00	Small Group
11:00	Travel to Room 111	11:00	Travel to Room 111
11:05-11:25	Worship	11:05-11:25	Worship
11:28-11:35	Prayer & Wrap-Up	11:28-11:35	Prayer & Wrap-Up

**GET STARTED****SUPPLIES:**

- Memory Verse Cards (2 sets), bean bags

**WHAT TO DO:**

- As kids arrive, invite them to play a game to help them learn the new memory verse. Spread the Memory Verse Cards crown side up in an open space on the floor. Have kids take turns tossing a bean bag onto one of the cards. The card it lands on can be turned over. Once all of the cards are turned over kids will work to put them in order of the memory verse.
- The game can be played with two teams racing to put their team's cards in order.
- **To begin class**, have kids put supplies away and **DISCUSS: Welcome to our new series called Crowned! Because God is King over everything and we are His children, we are all royalty! As we pass the crown around the group, tell us your name and one thing that makes you sad.**
- Once all kids have shared: **Even as royalty, there are going to be times in our lives when we are sad. Maybe it's something small, like getting a bad grade or something big, like a person you love passing away. But God wants us to know that He will bless us and make us happy, even when we are sad! That's what we need to know today:**

**I'm blessed** (thumbs to chest)  
**even when I'm sad** (make a sad face)



## MEMORY VERSE:

Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them.

Matthew 5:3

## BIBLE STORY

*Before you teach the Bible story, pray out loud with the kids and ask God to show them what He wants them to learn about Him in the story.*

### SUPPLIES:

- Bible Story Coloring Page, Bible Story Sheet

### WHAT TO DO:

- **Today's Bible story is about a man in the Old Testament of the Bible who was sad, but God blessed him through it.**
- If time allows, show kids how to find the books of 1 & 2 Samuel in the Bible.
- Give each child a Bible Story Coloring Page and set out the coloring utensils. Instruct kids to listen as you give them instructions for coloring their sheet as you read the Bible story.

### DISCUSS:

- **How did God bless Mephibosheth in his sadness?** (Gave him a friend in David) **That's right! God knew that Mephibosheth would need a friend to help in his sadness, so God gave him David! God blessed Mephibosheth beyond what he expected by having King David take care of him.**
- **Who is one person in your life that makes you feel blessed when you are sad?** (ALLOW responses) **God provides people in your lives to help you remember how blessed you are even when you feel sad!**
- **How can you know you're blessed even when you're sad?** (God tells us He blesses us and reading stories from the Bible reminds us of that, too.)
- **When you're sad, God will comfort you and when He does, that will make you happy and remind you of His blessings for you.**

## PRAY

Dear God, help us to remember that when we are sad, we can talk to you about what we are feeling. Help us to see off of the blessings you have given us and to be thankful for them, even in times when we are sad. Amen.

## LET'S PRACTICE

### SUPPLIES:

- Playing Cards (2 decks)

### WHAT TO DO:

- **SAY:** To practice what we've learned today, we're going to play a game called "Bow to the King."
- **HAVE** kids stand in a circle so that everyone can see and reach the middle. Place a chair in the middle of the circle.
- **EXPLAIN** to the group that each child will get several playing **cards**. **TELL** kids not look at their cards and to hold them in a pile, face down, in their hands. Then **DISTRIBUTE** the deck of cards around the group until none are left.
- Going around the circle, **LET** each child flip over the card on the top of their deck and place it on the chair in the center of the circle.

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- When a card with a king is flipped over, everyone should bow. If a child bows at the wrong card or if a child is the last to bow to the king, he/she will pick up all the cards from the center of the group. The first child to get rid of all of their cards is the winner.
- ASK: If you had to pick up all of the cards from the middle, how did that make you feel? (ALLOW responses) Even if you were sad because you got behind or didn't win, you are still blessed because you got to play! In that same way, when we are sad, God blesses us! One way we can be blessed is by thinking of all the things God has done for us. That thankfulness will make our hearts feel less sad.

## MEMORY VERSE

### SUPPLIES:

- Memory Verse poster

### WHAT TO DO:

- Read the Memory Verse out loud with the kids several times. Talk about what it means and ask for volunteers to say it from memory.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

### WHAT TO DO:

- Invite kids to share a prayer request or a praise – something they are thankful to God for. You can write prayer requests on the chalkboard or bulletin board (K) along with praises.
- As kids are picked up, give them a "This week I will pray for.." paper of another child's name to pray for during the week.

## EXTRA TIME?

- Play Hangman with words from the Bible story.
- Play Pictionary and have kids draw things you might find in a castle for the others to guess

### PRAYER PALS

As kids arrive, write each child's name on a Prayer Pals slip to give to children as they are dismissed.

### HARBOR BUCKS

The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks.

Leaders - you may give out Harbor Bucks to kids who

1. Bring their Bible
2. Bring a friend or for first-time friends
3. Say the memory verse
4. Show helpfulness