

# Sunday School Family Sheet: The Good Neighbor

## Sunday, April 11, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

**For this lesson:**

You will need either:

- 1) a Bible, or
- 2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers

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1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 7, & 9 or pp. 127-131 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “King David finally made Jerusalem his home after many years. It was hard, but he brought Israel to Jerusalem and brought the Ark – where the 10 Commandments were stored – to the holy city. To make Jerusalem even more the home for Israel, he wanted to build a Temple to God there. This Temple would help people worship God and see how great God was. However, God had other plans for who would build the Temple. David still was a good king to the people, even if he wasn’t allowed to build the Temple. To one man, Mephibosheth (Mef-i-bo-sheth), David was an especially good neighbor, letting him eat at his table and blessing him with land.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. ***After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:***

- a. Who was in the city of Jerusalem? To whom did it belong?  
*(The Jebusites were in Jerusalem. Jerusalem belonged to Israel but other people were there who shouldn’t have been)*
- b. What was in the Ark of the Covenant? *(The tablets containing the Ten Commandments.)*
- c. Why wouldn’t God let David build the Temple? *(David couldn’t because it wasn’t a part of God’s plan. God would have David’s son, Solomon, build the Temple.)*
- d. Who was a good neighbor to David? Who was David a good neighbor to? *(The prophet Nathan was good to David, telling David what God wanted him to know. David was good to the disabled man, Mephibosheth, who ended up being the son of David’s best friend, Jonathan.)*

2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: How can we be good neighbors? Sometimes being good means not doing what God doesn’t want you to do. Other times being good can mean helping someone who is having a hard time.

2. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Lord, help us to be good, like David and Nathan were. Help us to listen and serve others who need our help. Help us to be kind to those we do and do not know. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”