

Even With a Crutch

I Can Do Much



Mephibosheth was only five years old when his dad (Jonathan) and granddad (Saul) were killed in a battle. Then his nurse dropped him. She didn't mean to do it, but after that he couldn't walk or run ever again. Over time Mephibosheth learned to love and trust God.

Do you have to use **crutches** or braces to get around? Are you in a wheelchair? If so, don't let it steal your zeal for God. Talk to him about the things that bother you.

After a while you'll discover that he is taking away any anger you may feel. You'll find that he is with you when you feel sad. You'll also learn from him that there are many things you still can do.

Key Verse

*Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was **crippled** as a child.*

2 Samuel 4:4

Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of a **crutch**.

Clicker: Crutch

Whenever you see, use, or think about a *crutch*, let this HoneyWord support your heart as it clicks and sticks.



Read 2 Samuel 4:4

Make-it-Stick

If you need crutches, braces, or a wheelchair, name things God helps you do. If you don't need any of those medical helps, list what you could do with someone who does need them. Then make plans to do one of those things. (In 2 Samuel 9 you and your family can read what King David did for his friend's son, Mephibosheth.) Repeat this HoneyWord out loud as you thank God for his plan for your life.

Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, "What does this lesson mean?" If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

Hold Up the Clicker

Hold up the Click-er (crutch) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

"Even with a *crutch*, I can do much."

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life