## You are Special! You are a possibility!

Hello boys and girls! Can you imagine being all alone, feeling abandoned, hopeless, scared in a foreign land with no family and not fitting in?

In the Bible, 2 Samuel 9:1-13, is a story of Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and grandson of Israel's King Saul. Mephibosheth and the servant, Ziba were the only surviving individuals when King Saul and Jonathan died. Mephibosheth was only 5 years old when he became an orphan and disabled. Ziba along with Mephibosheth fled and lived far away from everyone they knew. Mephibosheth didn't have any friends. People defined him by his disability.

King David heard that Mephibosheth was the only living relative of King Saul and his best friend Jonathan. So, King David requested to find and meet Mephibosheth to show him kindness and give him property to live on because of the promise that was made to Jonathan. Despite Mephibosheth's fear, and insecurity he was happy to meet King David.

King David recognized Mephibosheth's value and they became very good friends. Even though Mephibosheth had a disability, this did not prevent King David from loving and embracing Mephibosheth. Love and loyalty created belonging for Mephibosheth in an unexpected situation.

It is encouraging to know that you are never alone, and God always places people in your life that embrace who you are. It doesn't matter what your differences are because we are all welcomed and loved by God. We should show love to others like how God shows us love.

You are never second best because God created you with a brilliant mind and body. You are special!