

THEIR REDEEMER IS STRONG



The Orphan

**Their Redeemer
calls us to use our
strength for those
wounded in
childhood.**

SERIES SUMMARY

Across the Scriptural library—from the Torah to the Gospels—we see God’s heart for the most vulnerable among us.

Even when human justice grows corrupt or human systems fail to defend, there is a God in Heaven who sees, cares, and acts on their behalf.

The promise that “their Redeemer is strong” (Proverbs 23:11) stands as a bold warning to all of us across generations—and as a merciful reassurance to the orphan, the widow, the poor, and the foreigner among us.

ICEBREAKER

What food, smell, song, or place immediately takes you back to childhood?

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

The story of Mephibosheth.



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Mephibosheth carried physical wounds from his childhood, but also undoubtedly emotional wounds. What are common ways children are wounded today: A) here in America, and B) around the world?
2. What lesson might there be for us in the fact that David proactively went looking for Mephibosheth?
3. David could've just provided resources. What's the difference between that versus inviting him to share at his own table?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. If you've ever had the experience of learning the backstory of a difficult child, how did it impact your response?
5. Beyond parents/grandparents, what adult(s) had the most positive impact on you as a child?

WRITING A NEW STORY

6. From your point of view, what kinds of kids could be considered "orphans" or "fatherless," even if they don't fit those categories technically?
7. Have you found ways worth sharing that average people can serve vulnerable kids in meaningful ways?
 - A. Ideas of ways to support with resources/finances.
 - B. Ideas of ways to support with presence/belonging.

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Redeemer and Defender of the fatherless, you see every wounded child. Show us ways to provide consistent, persistent care so they might know YOU love them. Amen.

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