



Unit 11, Session 5

David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

Story Point: David repented and God forgave him.

David was the king of Israel. One spring, David sent out the army. David stayed in Jerusalem. One evening, David looked out from his palace and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. David sent his messengers to get Bathsheba, and she came to David's house. Later, Bathsheba told David that she was going to have a baby; the baby would be David's.

David knew what he had done was wrong. So David made a plan to make sure no one found out that Bathsheba's baby was his.

David called Uriah home from the battle and told him to go spend time with his wife. But Uriah refused to visit his wife.

So David instructed the leader of the army to send Uriah into the hardest part of the battle so he would be killed. This time, David's plan worked. David took Bathsheba

into his house to be his wife, and she had a baby boy.

God knew what David had done, and He was not happy with David. God sent Nathan the prophet to talk to David. God had given David a position of great power, and David took what wasn't his. David realized he had sinned against God. David deserved to die. David confessed his sin and prayed, "God, create a clean heart for me." God wanted David's heart to change so that he would not want to sin again.

Christ Connection: When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events from David's life in the order they happened:

- _____ David sinned and then repented.
- _____ David became Israel's king.
- _____ David fought Goliath and killed him.
- _____ Samuel anointed David.
- _____ David showed mercy to King Saul.
- _____ David showed kindness to Jonathan's son.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How did David react when he realized God knew his sin?

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APPLY the Story

- In Psalm 51, what did David ask God to do?

- Do you ever try to hide your sin? Why?

- Why can God forgive us?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Psalm 145:13 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to die on the cross for your sin. Confess any sin, bringing it before God to receive forgiveness and restoration.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 1:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:38 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 3:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 139:11-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 2:14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 28:13 |