




# DAVID SINNED & WAS RESTORED



2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51

## **Instructions**

The curriculum we use for elementary aged children goes through the Bible chronologically. Currently we are finishing up the book of Deuteronomy. So that your child can continue their journey through the Bible we will be putting together VERY basic Bible lessons for you to do at home. Below you will find a summary of this week's Bible passage. All you have to do is read it with your kids. Then you will see two different sets of discussion questions. One for older kids (3rd-4th grade range) and one for younger kids (Kinder-2nd grade range). Read the discussion questions with your kids. Remember, discussion is not one sided, it's different people talking together. Give your kids the opportunity to think and speak. I pray the Lord speaks to you and your family as you dive into His word together.


## **Tell the Bible Story**

David was the king of Israel. One spring, David sent out the army, but he put another man in charge of them. David stayed in Jerusalem.

One evening, David looked out from his palace and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah, one of the best warriors in David's army. 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. David should not have a baby with someone who was not his wife. 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



didn't think it was fair for him to relax at home while the other men were at war. He slept on David's doorstep and refused to visit his wife.

So David made up another plan. He instructed Joab, 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. Uriah was killed in battle. 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. Nathan told David a story: A traveler came to a rich man who had many animals. The rich man did not offer his own animal. Instead, he took a poor man's lamb—the only lamb he had—and gave it to the traveler to eat.

This story made David feel angry. "The rich man should die!" David said.

"You are the man!" Nathan said. 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. "You won't die for this," Nathan assured David, "but God will punish you. Your son will die instead."

David confessed his sin and prayed, "God, create a clean heart for me." David realized he could try to please God with sacrifices, but that wouldn't be enough to pay for his sin. 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.*



## Discussion & Bible Skills - Older

Guide your kids to open their Bibles to Psalm 51. Point that today's Bible story came from the Book of 2 Samuel, but in response to his sin, David wrote a psalm. We can find his words in Psalm 51. Explain that David wrote nearly half of the psalms in the Bible.

Ask the following questions. Lead your kids and discuss:

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

*Suggest kids find Psalm 51 in their Bibles. Help them identify David's requests: "be gracious," "blot out my rebellion," "wash away my guilt," "cleanse me," "purify me," "create a clean heart," and so forth. Emphasize that God is willing to do all of these things when we repent of our sin and turn to Him!*

2. Do you ever try to hide your sin? Why?

*Lead your kids to discuss reasons we try to hide our sin from others or from God. Guide them to recognize that we try to avoid shame, consequences, or embarrassment. We may be able to hide our sin from other people, but God sees our sin. He knows our hearts, and He sent His Son to be our Rescuer.*

3. Why can God forgive us?

*Assure your kids that though we may face consequences for our sin, those who trust in Jesus will never be separated from God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our sin on the cross.*



## SAY:

*When the Israelites went to war, David stayed in Jerusalem. After David sinned and took Bathsheba as his wife, God sent the prophet Nathan to confront David. Nathan told David a story about a rich man who stole the lamb that belonged to a poor man. The story was meant to show David that he had used his position of power to take what wasn't his. David knew he had sinned. David repented and God forgave him.*

## Discussion & Bible Skills - Younger

Help your kids find the Bible passages. Explain that David wrote Psalm 51 about his sin and God's love. Tell kids that 2 Samuel is in the History division and Psalms is in the Poetry and Wisdom division of the Old Testament.

Ask the following questions. Lead your kids to discuss:

1. Where was David when he saw Bathsheba?

*On the roof of the palace, not at war with his army; 2 Sam. 11:1-2*

2. How did David try to cover his sin with Bathsheba?

*First, David tried to get Uriah to come be with his wife. Then David decided to get Uriah killed in battle; 2 Sam. 11:7-15*

3. What did David say about the rich man in Nathan's story?

*He deserved to die, 2 Sam. 12:5*

4. What do you think David meant when he wrote that he had sinned against God alone?

*Guide your kids to discuss the idea that God is our Creator and King. He is the one who makes all the rules, so all our sin is against Him. Our wrong actions against God are the most serious part of our sin because God is the perfect Creator and King of the universe.*

5. If God always knows our sin, why do you think confession and repentance are so important?

*Define confession as "the act of admitting our sin to God or others." Remind your kids that repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus. Guide your kids to discuss that confession helps us to see that we need God, and repentance is the act of turning to Him for salvation.*

6. Do you have any sins in your life that you are trying to hide from God or other people?

*Help your kids think honestly about their life. If kids choose to confess something, listen graciously, thank them for their honesty, and pray with them that God will begin healing the damage sin causes in our lives.*

## SAY:

*David repented and God forgave him. When we confess sin and repent, God forgives and restores us.*