



David Sinned and was Restored

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

Memory Verse: ⁶No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. **Jeremiah 10:6**

Bottom Line: I believe in and love Jesus because He makes me clean.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

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.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Ping Pong Pyramid Minute to Win it

What You Need: 2 small bowls, 12 cups, ping pong balls

What You Do:

- Set out 6 cups as a pyramid. Fill one bowl with ping pong balls.
- Separate kids into 2 teams.
- Set your timer for 1 minute.
- Kids will bounce the ping pong balls till there is one ball in each of the kid cups standing at the other end of the table away from the pyramid.
- Keep playing till everyone has a turn. (in between each player, replace the ping pong balls)
- Award points for each cup with a ball in it.
- If players run out of balls in the bowl, they can collect the loose balls and start again until time runs out.

What You Say "This summer we are playing a different game each time you come to small group. As we play we should get to know each other's names and see if there is a way we can learn from our Bible story as well. It's time for large group, let's clean up and get ready to see what story we have today."

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

David had experienced a season of blessing from God and success on the battlefield. The tribes of Israel united under David. But the upward trajectory of David's life did not continue much longer.

One evening, David looked from his rooftop and saw Bathsheba bathing. He found out that she was the wife of Uriah, one of David's elite soldiers. Her married status alone made her off-limits to David, but he nevertheless called for her and slept with her. David probably assumed his sin would go unnoticed, until Bathsheba told him she was pregnant. With Uriah gone to war, it was obvious the baby was not her husband's.

David called Uriah home from the battle and encouraged him to be with his wife. But Uriah refused. Uriah didn't think it was fair for him to be with his wife while other men were at war. So David instructed his army commander to position Uriah in the most violent part of the battle so he would be killed. This time, David's plan worked. Uriah was killed, and David took Bathsheba as his wife.

God knew David's sin and sent Nathan the prophet to confront David. David's confession is recorded in Psalm 51. God wanted David's heart to change so he would not want to sin again. God forgave David, but David still faced the consequences of his sin.

Like David, we need more than a changed lifestyle to be made right with God; we need new hearts. Jesus died to satisfy God's wrath



against sin so that we could be made alive in Him.

TEACHING FOCUS (2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51)

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.**

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TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- David was far from perfect but he loved God and God loved him.
- When David sinned, he confessed it to God, repented, and was changed.
- We can't hide our sin from God.
- Like David, we need more than just a changed lifestyle. We need God's forgiveness.
- **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He makes me clean.**
- When we sin, we can always turn back to God and ask for forgiveness and commit to follow Him in the future.

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- Where was David when he saw Bathsheba? (*on the roof of the palace, not at war with his army; 2 Sam. 11:1-2*)
- 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*)
- What did David say about the rich man in Nathan's story? (*He deserved to die, 2 Sam. 12:5*)
- What do you think David meant when he wrote that he had sinned against God alone? [*See Psalm 51:4.*] *Guide 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.

- 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 kids that repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus. Guide kids to discuss that confession helps us to see that we need God, and repentance is the act of turning to Him for salvation.*
- Do you have any sins in your life that you are trying to hide from God or other people? *Help 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.*

Activity: Broken Hearts

What You Need: Psalm 51 Heart Activity page (1 per kid), scissors, tape, markers/crayons.

What You Do:

- Provide each kid with an Activity page.
- Encourage kids to cut out around the heart.
- After they cut out the heart, task the kids with cutting their heart into about five or six irregular shapes like a puzzle.
- After this, kids should swap their heart puzzles with one another and try to reassemble them.
- You may provide tape for kids to hold their puzzles together.
- Look at the verse together. Talk about how baptism is a picture of this verse. Asked kids if they have questions about baptism. Use the baptism discussion card in your folder to help lead questions if you feel like your kids are ready to talk about it.

What You Say Even after putting those hearts back together, they are not fully restored. The damage of cutting them apart has already been done. David repented and God forgave him, but his sin still had consequences.

In our lives, when God repairs our hearts from the damage sin causes, it may feel like the restoration isn't complete. Sin hurts us and others. But one day, Jesus will return to earth as the perfect King. When he does, all sin will be removed and all brokenness will be fully and permanently fixed. **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He makes me clean.**

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Memory Verse Word Search Week 6(1 per kid), pencils

What You Do:

- Display the memory verse poster.
- Lead kids in reading aloud together.
- Then distribute copies of the word search for kids to find words of the memory verse.
- As they finish, guide them to turn over their word search and write the memory verse on the back from memory.

What You Say ” [Allow volunteers to recite the memory verse when they are ready from memory] The kingdom of God is not like other kingdoms of earthly kings. God's kingdom lasts forever, and He always keeps His promises. Say our big picture question and answer with me: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.



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Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

“God, You are so good. You pour out Your mercy on undeserving sinners, and we are thankful. We can turn from our sin and turn to You, knowing that we will find forgiveness through Jesus. God, make us truly sorrowful over our sin. Like David wrote, give us clean hearts. We love You. Amen.”

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question. Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone. **BL: I believe in and love Jesus because He makes me clean.**