

Unit 11 • Session 5

David Sinned and Was Restored

2-3's Lesson

BIBLE PASSAGE:

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

STORY POINT:

God forgave David.

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 145:13a

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.



INTRODUCE THE STORY

Opening Activities

(25 MINUTES)



Opening Activity Supplies

1 bag of cotton balls
Timer
Centers with toys

TEACH THE STORY

Large Group

(15 MINUTES)



Large Group Supplies

Bible
Bookmark
Key passage marker

EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Small Group

(20 MINUTES)



Small Group Supplies

Bible story picture
Key passage poster
Bible story coloring page
crayons

LEADER Bible Study

The Ammonites were no strangers to the Israelites. They often fought over the region of Gilead, which stretched east of the Jordan River. David had tried showing kindness to the Ammonites, but they humiliated the Israelite ambassadors. (See 2 Sam. 10:1-5.) Thus began a war between the Israelites and Ammonites. This context sets the scene for the story of David's sin and restoration.

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.

The BIBLE Story

David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

David was the king of Israel. One spring, David sent out the army to fight. He put another man in charge of the army, and David stayed home.

One evening, David was walking on the roof of his palace. He looked out and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah, one of the best men in David's army. David made up a plan. He told the leader of the army to send Uriah into the hardest part of the battle. David hoped Uriah would be killed. David's plan worked. Uriah was killed, so David took Bathsheba into his house to be his wife.

God knew what David did, 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 give the traveler his own animal. Instead, he took a poor man's lamb—the only lamb the poor man had—and gave it to the traveler to eat.

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



“You are the man!” Nathan said. God had made David king and given him more than he needed, but David took what wasn't his. **David realized he had sinned against God.**

David wrote a psalm. He **told God he was sorry and asked God to forgive him, and God did.** David wrote, “God, change my heart.” David realized he could try to please God with sacrifices, but that would not be enough to pay for his sin. **David's heart needed to change so that he would not want to sin again.**

Christ Connection: God hates sin because it dishonors Him and hurts us and other people. When we sin, God forgives us because Jesus took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. Jesus changes our heart so that we no longer want to sin.

INTRODUCE the Story



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Welcome time

- **Intro Music** Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers.

LOW PREP

- Cotton balls
- Timer

Gather sheep

Scatter cotton balls all over the floor. Invite preschoolers to pick up as many cotton balls as they can in two minutes. Compare the number of cotton balls each child collected. Gather the cotton balls and scatter them on the ground again. Play another round. Continue play as time allows.

SAY • Did you have fun gathering the cotton balls? These cotton balls remind me a little bit of sheep. Some of you gathered a lot of sheep, and some gathered just a few. In our Bible story today, the prophet Nathan told a story about a man who had a lot of sheep but still took a sheep from someone else! Let's find out more in our Bible story time.

Centers
with toys

Take responsibility

Set up at least three different centers for children to play in. These centers should be filled with items that preschoolers can easily clean up, such as a block center, a home-living center, or books. After five minutes of play, tell preschoolers that it is time to clean up. Ask them to take responsibility for their centers. Adult leaders may assist with cleanup to ensure everything gets put away correctly.

SAY • Thank you all for cleaning up your centers! You showed responsibility and did your jobs very well. Today's Bible story is about a time when King David did not take responsibility for something he had done wrong. He tried to hide his sin instead of confessing it to God. We will find out what happened when we hear the Bible story.

Transition to tell the story

To gain the attention of all the preschoolers and move them to Large Group, show the countdown video. Invite preschoolers to march as if they are in an army as they move to Bible story.

[Countdown video](#)

Sing

Sing "Everlasting Kingdom" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

["Everlasting Kingdom" song](#)
["Crown Him with Many Crowns" song](#)

TEACH the Story



Large Group

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Introduce the Bible story

Place a bookmark at 2 Samuel 11 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Display the open Bible.

SAY • The Bible is God's Word, and God's Word is true!

Today's Bible story comes from the Book of 2 Samuel in the Old Testament.

Point to the Bible story picture on the giant timeline.

Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues us through His Son, Jesus.

Watch the Bible story

Show the "David Sinned and Was Restored" video.

SAY • Doing what God says not to do is called *sin*. David made a wrong choice. The prophet Nathan helped him understand his wrong choice. David felt sorry and asked God to forgive him. **God forgave David.** We sin when we do things God says not to do too. When we disobey our parents or treat someone unkindly, we sin. We can ask God to forgive us, just like David did. If we trust in Jesus, then God will forgive us too!

- Bible
- bookmark
- [CG Giant Timeline](#)

· ["David Sinned and Was Restored" video](#)

· [CG Bible Story Picture](#)

Practice the key passage

Place the key passage marker at Psalm 145:13. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Repeat the verse in different voices. Suggested voices are a whisper, a shout, an ant's voice, a lion's voice, a high voice, and a deep voice. **SAY** • No matter how you say it, our key passage is always

true! God's kingdom will last forever!

· Key passage marker

· [CG key passage](#)

Learn the big picture question

SAY • Our big picture question is, *How is Jesus the perfect*

King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything. King David did many good things, but he also did wrong things. He disobeyed God, just like all of us. The only One who has no sin is Jesus. Jesus is the perfect King, and He will rule over everything forever!

· [CG big picture question](#)

Pray and transition to experience the story

EXPERIENCE the Story



Small Group

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Transition activity: March in an army

Encourage preschoolers to line up behind you and follow your movements.

Demonstrate how to pump your arms, pick up your feet, and march in place. When you stop, salute, and say the story point (**God Forgave David**). Repeat several times as you march to your small group spot.

SAY • David made a wrong choice. David sent Uriah into the hardest part of battle, and Uriah died. David thought no one knew what he did, but God knew. David asked God to forgive him, and God forgave David. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** Jesus came to forgive us for our wrong choices.

Sing a song

Lead preschoolers in singing the following lyrics to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

“David sinned and said ‘I’m sorry,’
said ‘I’m sorry,’ said ‘I’m sorry!’
David sinned and said ‘I’m sorry.’
God forgave David.

We all sin and need forgiveness
need forgiveness, need forgiveness.
We all sin and need forgiveness;
God will forgive us too.”

SAY • Good singing! David sang a song when he realized he disobeyed God. **God forgave David.** We all disobey God, and we all need forgiveness too. But God sent Jesus to take the punishment for us. If we say we are sorry and believe Jesus died for us, then God will forgive us!

Look for David

Print a copy of the Bible story picture and hide it in plain sight. Invite toddlers to look for David. Play again as time allows.

SAY • David tried to hide his wrong choice. No one knew what he did—except God! David asked God to forgive him, and God forgave David. **JESUS IS OUR KING.** God forgives us when we trust in Jesus.

Transition

Preschoolers may color the Bible story coloring page and practice the key passage. If parents are picking up their children at this time, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

- Key passage poster
- Bible story coloring page
- Crayons

Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.