

Unit 11 • Session 5

David Sinned and Was Restored

4-5'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
(30 MINUTES)



TEACH THE STORY

Large Group
(15 MINUTES)



EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Small Group
(15 MINUTES)



Opening Activity Supplies

"Color to See" activity page
Crayons
1 Bag of cotton balls
Timer on phone

Large Group Supplies

Bible
Bookmark

Small Group Supplies

Bible story coloring page
Paper tree
"Gospel Memory Cards" game

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.

Activity page

Invite preschoolers to color the blocks using the appropriate color based on the key.

- “Color to See” activity page, 1 per child
- crayons

SAY • What did you discover when you colored your page?

A cross! The cross reminds us of how Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. When we disobey God, that is called sin. In today’s Bible story, we will hear about a time King David sinned and God forgave him.

Take responsibility

Set up 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 (use what you have available in your classroom). 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.

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.

· Cotton balls
· Timer

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.

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 worship and the 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



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Introduce the Bible story

- Bible
- Bookmark

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.

· [CG Giant Timeline](#)

Watch the Bible story

Show the "David Sinned and Was Restored" video.

SAY • Doing what God says not to do is called *sin*. David sinned. The prophet Nathan helped him understand his sin. David felt sorry for his sin 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 that Jesus was punished for our sin by dying in our place, then God will forgive our sin too!

· ["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. Invite preschoolers to repeat the verse after you 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!

· Bible

· 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 never disobeys God 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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LOW PREP

Paper tree

Remove leaves

Show preschoolers the paper tree in your small group bin. Hold the tree and help preschoolers to tear a leaf off the tree. Then ask preschoolers to try to put the leaves back on the tree. Encourage preschoolers to share what they observe.

SAY • Removing leaves from a tree is easy, but putting them back on is impossible! It is also easy to sin. When we disobey God hates sin because it hurts us and other people. We need changed hearts that no longer want to sin, but we cannot change our own hearts, just like we cannot put leaves back on a plant. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives us because Jesus was punished for our sin when He died on the cross. Jesus changes our heart so that we no longer want to sin. **God forgave David**, and God will forgive us, too, when we trust in Jesus.

·The Gospel plan “Gospel Memory Cards” game

Play a gospel memory game

Use the gospel plan sheet to review the gospel with preschoolers. Specifically point to the symbols as you review.

Lay the "Gospel Memory Cards" in a facedown grid. Invite preschoolers to take turns turning over two cards at a time to find a match. Play until all the matches have been revealed. Then lay the cards in a faceup grid. Review the gospel again using the poster. Instruct preschoolers to touch a card with the matching symbol when you come to that part of the poster.

SAY • Remember, many people here and around the world do not know the good news that Jesus forgives us. We can share this good news with people too! Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

Review & Prayer

We can talk to God when we make wrong choices and ask Him to forgive us. **God forgave David**, and God will forgive us, too, when we believe in Jesus.

Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

1. Was God happy with what David did to Uriah and Bathsheba? (*no*)
2. Who was the prophet who showed David that he had sinned? (*Nathan*)
3. What did David ask God to do? (*forgive him*)
4. Did God forgive David? (*Yes, God forgave David.*)
5. What did God need to change so David did not want to sin again? (*David's heart*)
6. ***How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.***

Transition

Preschoolers may color the Bible story coloring page if time allows.

As parents pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Send the home the Bible story coloring page for families to use during the week.

· Bible story
coloring
page
· Crayons