

Unit 11 • Session 5

David Sinned and Was Restored

2-3rd Lesson

BIBLE PASSAGE:

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

STORY POINT:

David repented
and God forgave him.

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 145:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How is Jesus the Perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.



INTRODUCE THE STORY

Opening Activities
(20 MINUTES)



Opening Activity Supplies

"Word Equation" activity page
(1 per kid), pencils
Chair, small object

TEACH THE STORY

Large Group
(20 MINUTES)



Large Group Supplies

Bible
Folder with Pokemon cards
inside

APPLY THE STORY

Small Group
(20 MINUTES)



Small Group Supplies

Brown clay, Pony beads,
Waxed paper
Paper (1 per kid), glitter
glue, crayons, markers,
Bibles

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, 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 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.

INTRODUCE the Story



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BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the Perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

Welcome time

Intro Music

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Help new kids connect to your group. Prompt kids to talk about a time they tried to cover up a mistake or wrong choice.

SAY • When we bad things, sometimes we try to hide those choices. When we disobey God, that's called sin. We often think that our sin won't be a problem if we keep others from finding out about it. But today we will learn that sin is always a problem because we can never hide our sin from God.

Activity page (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Word Equation” on the activity page. Guide kids to work the word equation from left to right, writing out the letters to find the key word.

SAY • The word repentance means “turning away from sin and turning to God.” In today’s Bible story, we will discover that not even Great King David was perfect. We’ll find out what David did when he realized he had sinned.

- “Word Equation” activity page, 1 per kid
- Pencils or markers

Session starter (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Thief!

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. Place a chair in the center of the circle and select one kid to sit in the chair. Place a paper wad, or other small object under the chair. Instruct the kid on the chair to close his eyes. While the kid in the chair has his eyes closed, silently select a second kid to sneak to the center and take the item under the chair. She should hide the object in her hand, and all the kids should pretend they are holding the button. The kid in the chair will then open his eyes and try to guess who stole the item. Play multiple rounds, rotating kids through the roles.

SAY • In the game, taking the item wasn't really the same as stealing something. Today we will learn about a time King David really did steal from another man. What do you think David did to cover up his sin?

LOW PREP

- Chair
- Paper wad, or other small object

This is a fun way to connect with kids before Large Group

Transition to teach the story

[Countdown video](#)

Countdown

Show the countdown video as you transition to teach the story. Set it to end as the session begins.

TEACH the Story



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Large Group

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Large Group Game

LEADER • Everyone stand up and move to the middle of the room. Ok, on this wall we have the word “TRUE” and on this wall we have “FALSE”. I am going to give you a True or False trivia question and you all are going to pick which one you think is the right answer by running to either this wall or that one. Then I will tell you the correct answer and if you got it right, you get to keep playing! If you got it wrong, you sit down and are out of the game. We will play this over and over until there is one winner. Got it? Let’s play True False Run!

- Cows sleep standing up. True.
- Japan has square watermelons. True.
- A compass always points South. False. North.
- Abraham Lincoln had no middle name. True.
- Fortune Cookies were invented in China. False. They were invented in the United States.
- Venus is the closest planet to the sun. False. Mercury is.
- Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest mountain in the world. False. Mount Everest is.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the animal kingdom. True.
- Dave the minion has one eye. False. He has 2 eyes
- Ariel is the main character in Frozen. False. She’s the main character in The Little Mermaid.
- New York City is nicknamed “The Big Apple”. True.
- Paddington Bear keeps a marmalade sandwich under his hat in case of emergency. True.
- Silver is heavier than gold. False.
- The ancient Egyptians used picture writing called hieroglyphics. True
- In bowling, if you get 3 strikes in a row, it’s called a Chicken. False. It’s called a Turkey.

Sing

LEADER • Great job everyone! Let’s sing praises now to Jesus for being our perfect, everlasting King of kings.

"God is for us" song
"Let It Be Known" song

Introduce the session

[*Leader enters obviously flustered.*]

LEADER • Ooo, that just makes me so mad! I can't believe he would do that. [Pause to address kids.] Hey there, friends. I'm sorry you caught me so upset. I have a friend that I play Pokemon with and right now, he is making me very angry.

LGL enters with a folder with Pokemon cards inside

You see, my friend has a TON of Pokemon cards - like enough to fill up his entire closet! I only have a few - like enough to fill this tiny folder. Anyway, yesterday he came over and asked if he could borrow my cards for something important. I didn't want to be selfish with my stuff so I told him yes and he took my cards and left. But then when he returned them, they were all wet and ruined!

I asked him, "What happened to my cards?!" and he said that he took them to the pool to play Pokemon and they all fell in the water! I said, "Why didn't you use your own cards for that!" (remember, he has tons of them) and he said he didn't want to because he didn't want his cards to get wet and ruined - so he used mine! I'm just so upset that he would be so selfish. But actually ... You know, if I look on the bright side, one good thing that can come out of this frustrating situation is a great tie-in to our Bible story this week. Our story is about a time David made some really selfish, sinful choices. I'll share it with you; then I can share it with my friend.

Big picture question

LEADER • Remember that we have been answering the big picture question, *how is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings*. That means that Jesus has both the ability and the authority to do what He wants, and what He wants to do is always perfectly good and right. When we trust in and love Jesus, we will want to obey Him. Obeying Him is what is best for everyone.

CG Big picture question

Giant timeline

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

[CG](#)
[Giant](#)
[timeline](#)

LEADER • We are learning about king David. **God chose**

David to be king instead of Saul. Saul was jealous and angry about this, and he tried to kill David.

David showed mercy even though Saul hated him. After Saul died, David became the king. **God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family.** Later, **David showed kindness to**

Jonathan's son, even though he did not have to.

After all these stories, it may seem like David—who was a great king—never made any mistakes. But let me assure you, only Jesus is perfect. Our story today is called “David Sinned and Was Restored.”

[“David Sinned and Was Restored” video](#)

Watch the Bible story

Show the Bible story video “David Sinned and Was Restored.”

LEADER • As you can see, David was far from perfect.

When David tried to cover up his sin with Bathsheba, it led only to more sin—eventually, even to the killing of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. It is very scary to think about other people knowing the sinful things we do, but trying to cover up our sin is never the wise choice. **David repented and God forgave him.**

In a way, we can think about sin as being darkness. Imagine a room that is completely dark, with no light at all. You wouldn't be able to see anything, so you might stumble, fall, or hurt yourself. You cannot get rid of a dark room by covering it with more darkness; the only way to get rid of a dark room is to shine light into it. Then it won't be dark anymore!

Jesus said that He is the light of the world. [See *John 8:12*.] That helps us understand that only Jesus can get rid of sin.

When Jesus enters into a sinner's life, He lights it up, forcing out sin. Even after we have faith in Jesus, we still make sinful choices sometimes. That's kind of like trying to cover up the sun with your hand; it may cast a shadow, but it doesn't remove the light. When we confess our sin, it's like moving your hand away so the sun can shine warmly on your face again. Sin always has consequences, but Jesus rescues us from the punishment we deserve.

Christ connection

LEADER • When David sinned against God and repented, 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.

Note: You may use this opportunity to use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.



Missions moment

Show the "Mudding in Mozambique" missions video.

LEADER • We have been learning about the African country of Mozambique. We have also been hearing from the Harrell family. They have been missionaries in this country for a long time but are only now seeing people choose to put their trust in Jesus, the perfect King. The new people joining God's church often build places to meet. Their church building is very different from ours, but they worship King Jesus just like us. ***How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.***

Great King David

["Mudding in Mozambique" video](#)

Wherever God has placed us, we can tell people they can be forgiven of their wrong choices and that Jesus loves them! Who will you tell about Jesus this week?

**CG Key
passage**

Key passage

Show the key passage slide. Open the Bible and lead the boys and girls to read together Psalm 145:13.

LEADER • David wrote Psalm 145. David was a great king—he was powerful and good. But as we saw today, David was not a perfect king. Jesus is our perfect King. *How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.* His kingdom will never end.

Pray

Invite kids to pray before dismissing to small groups.

LEADER • God, You are good and You love us. We cannot earn Your forgiveness, but You still forgive us. Help us to trust You each day. We want to obey You. Help us to share your love this week. Amen.

Dismiss to apply the story

APPLY the Story



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Small Group

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Activity choice

OPTION 1: Mud art

Provide each kid with a lump of brown clay. Help them form the clay into a cross shape. Give the kids plastic gems or colorful beads to press into the clay as decoration. Give each kid a bit of waxed paper to place their cross on to dry and harden. **SAY** • In Mozambique, some Christians build places to meet out of mud because mud is inexpensive and fairly easy to build with. When you see your cross, remember that no matter where you live or what kind of building you meet in, people all over the world worship King Jesus. ***How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.*** Remember to pray for the missionaries and people living in Mozambique.

OPTION 2: Heart art

Give each kid a piece of paper. Demonstrate the following:

1. Fold a piece of paper in half and then open it.
2. Draw half a heart on one side of the paper with a pencil, trace the line with glitter glue.
3. Add additional lines inside the heart shape.
4. Close the paper and press over the drawing.
5. Open the paper to reveal a symmetrical print.

Allow kids to decorate the heart art with crayons.

Provide Bibles and instruct boys and girls to write the words of Psalm 51:10 around the outside of their heart.

SAY • David's words in Psalm 51 show that David was

• Brown clay
• Pony beads
• Waxed paper

• Paper
• crayons
• Bibles

sorry for his sin. **David repented and God forgave him.** *Repentance* is turning away from sin and self and turning to God. To repent, we recognize our sin, confess our sin, are sorry for our sin, ask for forgiveness, and turn away from our sin. God will forgive everyone who repents and trusts in Jesus.

Journal and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute journal pages and pencils. Guide kids to think about and answer the questions listed on the page:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

As kids journal, invite them to share their ideas. Then pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sin. Pray that kids would not try to hide their sin but bring it before God and receive forgiveness and restoration.

As time allows, lead kids to complete "The Deeds of David" on the activity page. Kids should number the events from David's life in the order they happened.

· Pencils
· Journal
Page, 1 per
kid