

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this 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?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Read Psalm 51 together. What parts of David's prayer stand out to you?
- Do you ever try to hide your sin? Why?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus died for your sin—past, present, and future?

David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

STORY POINT: DAVID REPENTED AND GOD FORGAVE HIM.

David was the king of Israel. One spring, David sent out the army. David stayed in Jerusalem. One evening, David looked out from his palace and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. 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. 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 refused to visit his wife.

So David instructed 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. 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. 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. David confessed his sin and prayed, "God, create a clean heart for me." God wanted David's heart to change so that he would not want to sin again.

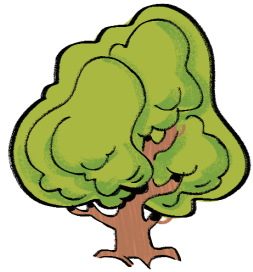
Christ Connection: When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.



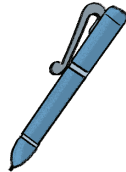
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Word Equation

Work the word equation from left to right, writing out the letters to find a word that means “turning from sin and turning back to God.”



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The Deeds of David

Number the events from David's life in the order they happened.

- _____ David sinned and then repented.
- _____ David became Israel's king.
- _____ David fought Goliath and killed him.
- _____ Samuel anointed David.
- _____ David showed mercy to King Saul.
- _____ David showed kindness to Jonathan's son.