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DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51

CHRIST CONNECTION

When David admitted his sin before the Lord, he was forgiven. When we confess our sins to the Lord and believe in Jesus, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

MEMORY VERSES

Jeremiah 10:6-7a



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

David was a king after God's own heart, but he was also a sinner. As we study 2 Samuel 11-12, we learn how David fell into temptation and sinned against God and others. Yet, we also witness the incredible mercy offered to those who repent of their sin. Out of David's brokenness, we see what it looks like to have a broken and contrite heart, and we gain a glimpse of the redemption offered to us through faith in Christ.

What transformations do we see in David's life? How do these passages lead us to walk in restoration rather than in sin?

In our previous session, we read that David was established as king over Israel. Yet from the start of 2 Samuel 11, we see how David's temptation to follow his heart led to sin. As other kings and soldiers went to war, David idly passed his time in Jerusalem. Rather than lead his men in battle, David allowed the lust of his eyes to rule him. Through one choice at a time, David plummeted into covetousness, adultery, lying, and murder.

Only after being confronted by the prophet Nathan did David repent of his sin, leading him to pen the words of Psalm 51. In this psalm, David declared God's righteousness in contrast to his own unrighteousness. He begged God to cleanse him of his sin. He asked for a new heart and spirit to be able to teach sinners the way of repentance.

This psalm models repentance to us, showing us what it looks like to turn from sin and to receive the mercy only God provides. David's hope was in the God of His salvation who promised a future descendant to rule with justice and righteousness. Unlike David, Christ lived a perfect, sinless life and died for sin so that our hearts may be made clean.

Through confession of sins and profession of faith in Christ, we are saved, forgiven, and cleansed of our unrighteousness. Lead boys and girls to see the weight of our sins that separate us from God and the gift of grace that reunites us with the Father who sent His Son to redeem us. Pray for kids to see their need for the Savior and to cling to the hope only He provides.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

MEMORY VERSE

There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due.

Jeremiah 10:6-7a, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

It's Bible Bucks Day! 🎉

After Large Group, our Bible Bucks Leaders will pull kids from the activity to give them the opportunity to recite any memorized Bible verse to earn Bible Bucks.

Remind kids that we memorize God's Word so that we can have His words with us at all times. The more we read God's Word and spend time with Him, the more we learn about Him!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

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Most kings went out to fight wars in the spring, but David stayed home in Jerusalem and sent his commander Joab and the army out instead. One evening, David was walking on the roof of his palace and saw a beautiful woman.

David asked who the woman was. A servant told him, "This is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah." Even though she was someone else's wife, David sent messengers to get her and bring her to him.

When David found out that Bathsheba was pregnant with his baby, he wanted her to be his wife. But she was already married. So, David made a plan to kill her husband Uriah.

Uriah was a soldier in the Israelite army. David wrote a letter to Joab and told him to put Uriah at the front line so Uriah could be easily killed. Joab obeyed King David, and Uriah died. David took Bathsheba to be his wife, and she gave birth to his son. David sinned in secret, but the Lord knew the evil David had done.

The Lord sent Nathan to David. Nathan told David a story: "There was a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had lots of sheep, but the poor man had just one lamb he loved very much. When the rich man needed a lamb to prepare a meal, he took the lamb from the poor man rather than using a lamb from his own flock."

David was extremely angry with the rich man in the story, saying that he deserved to die! Nathan replied, "You are the rich man! God has given you so much, and yet you decided to take the life of Uriah because you wanted his wife Bathsheba. You have done evil."

David responded, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You will not die."

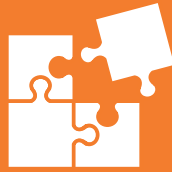
Then David wrote a song to God:

"Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love. Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. Against you alone I have sinned, so You are right when You judge. Purify me, and I will be clean; Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create a clean heart for me and renew my spirit. Do not remove Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and I will teach sinners to return to You."

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

MAIN ACTIVITY

If weather allows, do this activity outside!

Give kids a paper cup and pencils/scissors. Have kids poke holes on the side and bottom of the cup. Ask if they think their cup will be able to hold water.

Then, have kids use the provided supplies (e.g., play dough, tape, stickers, etc.) to cover the holes. Ask if they think their cup will be able to hold water now. Pour some water into the cups to see.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Like this cup, we are all broken because of sin. We can't fix ourselves—no matter how hard we try—and we can't cover up our sin. Today, we learned how even King David sinned against God, and when he tried to cover up his sin, it only made things worse. Only God can fix our sin problem! When we put our faith in Jesus, God makes us NEW.

CONNECT THE DOTS



The Bible is the Word of God! It's important for us to learn from the Bible and about the Bible. One way we can do that is by learning all the different books that make up the Bible.

BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Choose one of the Bible Skills review games below to play as a group:

- Chance
- Bible Battleship
- Bible Tic-Tac-Toe
- Jeopardy

Instructions and questions for each game will be provided in your curriculum bin.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. If God knows our sin, why should we confess it to Him?
2. Why do we try to hide our sin?
3. Why must God judge sin?
4. In Psalm 51:4, why do you think David said he had sinned against God alone?
5. How did David show true repentance in our lesson today?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your room. (*Hit the back button until you see it.*) There, you'll find games and activities to do with your group!



BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!