

JULY 27, 2025 DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED 2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51

CHRIST CONNECTION

When David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

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

MEMORY VERSE

LORD, there is no one like you. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6

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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 children to see their need for the Savior and to cling to the hope only He provides.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow":

LORD, there is no one like You. There is no one like You. There is no one like You. LORD, You are great! Jeremiah 10:6

(Repeat)

CONNECT THE DOTS

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These cotton balls remind me of a lamb. In our Bible lesson today, Nathan told a story about a rich man who took the only lamb a poor man had. David was like the rich man. God had made David king and had given him what he needed, but David took what was not his. David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.

ACTIVITY #2: COLLECT SHEEP

Place cotton balls on the floor around the classroom. Show children how to pick up the cotton balls with the provided tongs. For children having difficulty using tongs, suggest they pinch and pick up the cotton balls with their index finger and thumb.

Consider placing a bowl on a table for children to place the collected cotton balls. Once all of the cotton balls have been collected, lead children to scatter the cotton balls around the room and repeat the activity.

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BIBLE TIME

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

While King David's army was in battle, David was home. One night, David saw a woman named Bathsheba. She was married to Uriah, a man in David's army.

David wanted Bathsheba to come to his palace, so David made a bad plan. Uriah died in battle. Then, David married Bathsheba.

What David did was wrong; God knew it. Nathan, the prophet, told David a story about a rich man who had a lot of sheep and a poor man who only had one sheep. When the rich man needed a lamb, he took the poor man's sheep. David got angry, but David was like the rich man.

David wrote a song and told God he was sorry. God forgave David.

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SNACK & CLOSING

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Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.

- 1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- 2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- 3. What did David do when he realized he had sinned?
- 4. Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

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

- 1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
- 2. Spot sweep if needed.
- 3. Return toys to closet, close door.
- 4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
- 5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!

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