

Sunday, June 28

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David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

Scripture:

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Story Point:

God forgave David.
God forgives us, too,
because Jesus took the
punishment for our sins.

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.

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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.

Hands-On Activities

Remove Leaves

- Guide your kiddos on a walk outside. Walk them to a tree, bush, or other plant where they can remove leaves.
- Instruct your kiddos to take several leaves off the plant or tree. Then ask them to try to put the leaves back on the tree.
- Say, "Removing leaves from a plant is easy, but putting them back on is impossible! It is also easy to sin."
- Help your kids understand that God hates sin because it dishonors Him and 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.

Talk About It

While your family is gathered around the table for lunch or dinner, talk about the lesson again and talk through these questions:

Was God happy with what David did to Uriah and Bathsheba? (no)

Who was the prophet who showed David that he had sinned? (Nathan)

What did David ask God to do? (forgive him)

Did God forgive David? (Yes, God forgave David.)

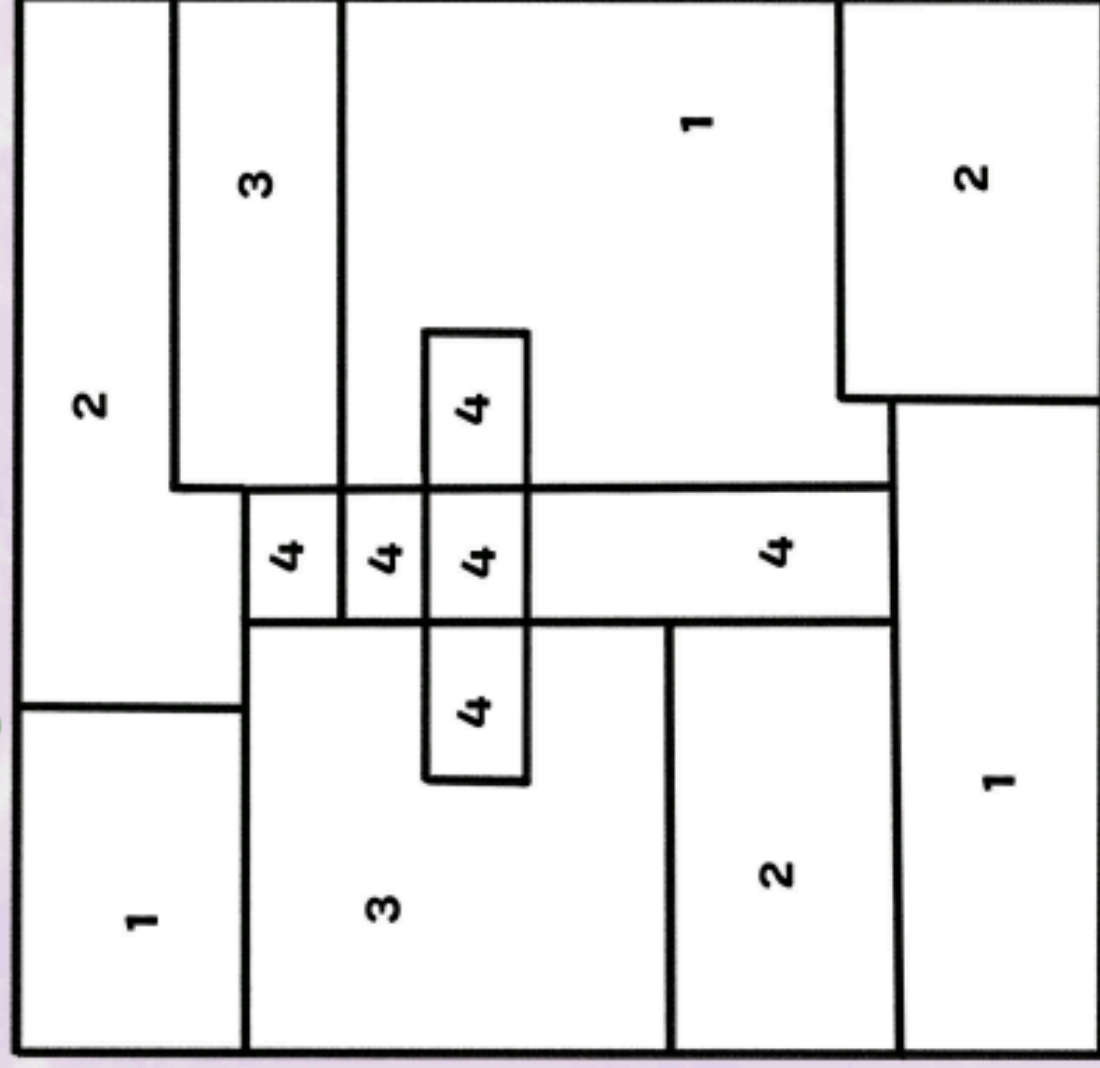
What did God need to change so David did not want to sin again?
(David's heart)

How is Jesus the perfect King? (Jesus perfectly rules over everything.)

Color to See

INSTRUCTIONS: Color each block using the appropriate color based on the key.

1 – red 2 – green 3 – blue 4 – yellow



Unit 11 • Session 5 David Sinned and Was Restored

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- David took Uriah's wife to be his own.
- God sent Nathan the prophet to tell David a story.
- David realized he had sinned and asked God to forgive him.
- God forgave David.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 145:13a

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How does sin dishonor God?
- How does sin hurt people?
- How will God forgive our sin?
- How does Jesus change our hearts?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Model age-appropriate confession and repentance for your children this week. Own up to a sinful action or choice. Let them hear you pray, asking God for forgiveness.
- Discern an appropriate time to read Psalm 51 to your children as you discipline them. Help them understand that sin is first and foremost disobedience to God.



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