



K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to Lesson 82 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, we talked some more about David. When he became king, David made Jerusalem his capital city.

- ? What did David want to bring to Jerusalem? *The ark of God, ark of the covenant.*
- ? What terrible thing happened the first time David and the people tried to move the ark on a cart? *A man touched the ark and died.*

But the second time, David followed God's instructions and brought the ark safely to Jerusalem.

Then David decided he wanted to build a beautiful temple for the ark of God.

- ? What did God say about that? Who would build the temple? *David would not build it, but one of his sons would.*

God also gave David a special promise that Jesus would come from his family and be King of kings forever.

Things seemed to be going well for David as the king of Israel. He built a palace and his family grew. David loved and worshipped God. But even men like David can fall into sin. In today's lesson, we'll see how David sinned and made the mistake of trying to cover it up.

- ? How many of you have ever done something wrong then tried to cover it up? *Show of hands.*

David's Sin

It all started in springtime, a time when kings went to war and fought battles. But when David's army went to fight the enemies of Israel, David didn't go. He wasn't sick, so he

should have been leading his army—but he chose to stay home instead.

- ? Was David doing what he was supposed to do? *No!*

Uh oh! It can lead to trouble when we choose not to do what we know we should do. While David was at home, he saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. She was married to one of David's fighting men named Uriah. David decided he wanted Bathsheba for his own wife.

David knew this was against God's laws, but he didn't care—sin had gripped his heart, and all he could think about was Bathsheba. David tried to cover up his sin, but nothing was working. Finally, David came up with a terrible plan to get rid of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah.

David sent a letter to his commander Joab who was out fighting. In the letter, he told Joab to put Uriah up front in the worst part of the battle so he would be killed by the enemy. Joab obeyed David's command, and Uriah was killed.

When David heard that Uriah died in battle, he brought Bathsheba into the palace to become his wife. But David's sin was great. He stole a man's wife and killed the man!

Let's do an experiment to help us understand what happened to David. Fill the glass halfway with water if you haven't already done so. This glass is like David. We'll say the water is his heart, the part of us where we think about what we should do or shouldn't do. David first sinned when he wanted Bathsheba as his wife even though he knew she was already married. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water.

This is called coveting when we want something very badly that belongs to someone else, and that's sin. Add more drops. Then David kept trying to cover up his sin, and he finally had Uriah killed by the enemy. Add more drops.

- ? Eww! How does David's heart look now? Dirty or clean? *Dirty.*

David chose to ignore his sin, and he tried to cover it up by killing Uriah. Place a towel over the glass so it's hidden from the class. Now Bathsheba was David's wife, and she was expecting a

baby. David got what he wanted and thought he could pretend nothing had happened.

- ? Do you think that will work for David to pretend his sin is hidden? *No!*

Nathan's Parable

Let's find out if that worked. David's disobedience did not please God at all. So God sent Nathan the prophet to speak to David.

2 Samuel 12:1–4

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. I'm going to read what Nathan told David. It's in 2 Samuel 12. Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read 2 Samuel 12:1–4.

- ? Show the Lesson Flip Chart. What did the rich man have? *Verse 2. Many flocks and herds.*
- ? What did the poor man have? *Verse 3. Nothing but one little ewe lamb.*
- ? How did the poor man feel about his one lamb? *He loved the lamb; it was like a daughter to him.*
- ? Who came to visit the rich man? *Verse 4. A traveler.*

Yes. A hungry traveler came to stay with the rich man. When the rich man wanted to feed the traveler, he didn't want to kill any of his own lambs for their dinner.

- ? So what did this rich man do? *Verse 4. He took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man.*

What?! The rich man, who had lots of lambs, didn't want to use one of his own. So he killed the poor man's lamb and served it for dinner! How terrible!

- ? What do you think King David thought when he heard this? *Allow guesses.*

2 Samuel 12:5

Let's find out in the next verse! Read 2 Samuel 12:5.

- ? How did King David feel? *He was angry.*
- ? What punishment did King David say the rich man deserved? *He deserved to die.*

David got very angry when he heard about this. He said the rich man deserved to die.

Then Nathan told David, "You are the man!"

- ? What did Nathan mean? Did David kill someone's lamb? *No. He didn't.*

Nathan told a story called a parable to help David understand his sin. He said David was the rich man.

- ? Who do you think the poor man in the story was? *Uriah.*
- ? And who was the little lamb? *Bathsheba.*

That's right. The rich man in the story had everything he needed—just like David! The rich man took what he wanted from someone else. David did the same thing; he took Uriah's wife and had Uriah killed in battle.

David could not hide his sin; God knew all about it. God always knows our hearts and sees everything we do. God knew exactly what David did. When Nathan told David this story, it was like God removed the towel from the glass so David could see what was in his own heart. Remove the towel from the glass.

David's Repentance

- ? What do you think David should do now? *Allow discussion.*

David asked God to cleanse him from his sin and forgive him—and God did! Stir bleach into the colored water until the color begins to disappear. Continue with the lesson as the bleach continues to work.

But even though God forgave him, David still had to be punished so he would learn not to sin. Nathan said that David would have trouble in his family, and his baby with Bathsheba would die. This was very sad news! But David understood that there would be consequences for what he had done.

When we sin, we are disobeying God. We end up hurting ourselves and others. And because God is holy and just, he must punish sin. But the good news is that God has promised to forgive us when we are truly sorry and confess our sin to him.

- ? Look at the water now. What happened to the color of sin? *It disappeared. It's gone.*

That's what God does for us, too! Because Jesus died on the cross and rose again, we can be cleansed from our sins and forgiven.

NATHAN TOLD DAVID A STORY:

1

A rich man
had many
sheep.



2

A poor man
loved his lamb.



YOU ARE THE MAN!

3

A rich man stole the
poor man's lamb.



David asked God to forgive him.