



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 83

David Disobeys God

2 Samuel 11:14–17, 12:1–14; Psalm 51:1–4

Using the words on the left, answer the questions below then find and circle the words in the word search. If you need a hint, look up the verses in the Bible.

Name _____

BATHSHEBA

1. When David chose to disobey God's laws and give in to his sinful desires, whom did he sin against? (Psalm 51:4) _____

CLEANSE

2. What was the name of Uriah's wife, the woman David wanted for his own? (2 Samuel 11:3) _____

FORGIVEN

3. Who did David have killed in order to cover up his sin? (2 Samuel 11:15) _____

GOD

4. What was the name of the prophet who told David the parable about the lamb? (2 Samuel 12:1) _____

MERCY

5. When David heard the parable, he confessed and said, "I have _____ against the LORD." (2 Samuel 12:13)

NATHAN

6. David asked God to _____ him from his sin. (Psalm 51:2)

SINNED

7. In 2 Samuel 12:13, Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin." That meant God had _____ David.

URIAH

8. David asked God for _____. (Psalm 51:1)

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ANSWERS: 1) God, 2) Bathsheba, 3) Uriah, 4) Nathan, 5) I have sinned against the LORD, 6) Cleanse, 7) Forgiven, 8) Mercy



Which vowels are missing?
Use A, E, I, O, U to complete the verse.

I ACKN__WL__DGED MY S__N TO Y__U, AND I DID NOT C__VER MY
IN__QU__TY; I SAID, "I WILL CONFESS MY TR__NSGRESSIONS TO THE
L__RD," AND YOU FORG__VE THE INI__Q__ITY OF MY SIN. PSALM 32:5



What You Heard *In the Word*

- David gave in to temptation and sinned when he took Uriah's wife and then tried to cover up his sin by having Uriah killed.
- God revealed David's sin to him through a parable, and he forgave David when David cried out to him in repentance.



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said that he has done too many bad things for God to forgive. **What could you say?**

Everybody sins. You may think you've committed too many sins to be forgiven, but God is able to forgive you. God must judge sin, and a penalty must be paid in order for your sins to be forgiven. The good news is that God sent his Son, Jesus, to pay that penalty for us. If you ask God to forgive you and trust in Jesus to be your Savior, he will forgive all your sins. You can start fresh by walking in obedience to God. You can read about King David in the Bible. He was called a "man after God's own heart," but he committed terrible sins, including murder. When he repented and asked God to take away his sin, God forgave him.



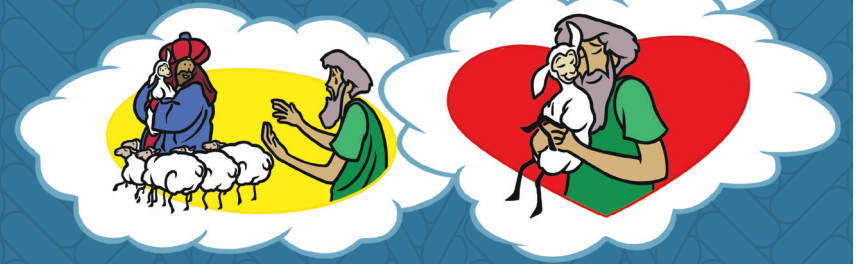
HomeWord *For Parents*

David's fall into sin began when he stayed home while his army went to war. This decision led to lusting after the woman Bathsheba. He was enticed by his own fleshly desires and pursued the wife of one of his trusted men. David's sin resulted in a baby being conceived. His immediate reaction was to cover up his sin. When this failed, he became desperate and ordered Uriah to be placed on the battlefield to die. Then David brought Bathsheba to the palace to become one of his wives, and she bore a son (2 Samuel 11:26–27).

God was displeased and sent the prophet Nathan to David. Nathan told David a parable of a rich man who took a poor man's one pet lamb and killed it to feed a traveler. David became angry that a rich man with many flocks would steal the only sheep of a poor man. He declared that this rich man should die for his lack of pity. But his indignation turned to repentance when Nathan proclaimed, "You are the man!" (2 Samuel 12:1–7).

In Psalm 51 we see David's cry for mercy because of his sin. He begged to be forgiven and cleansed. God forgave him, but David's sin had to be punished. God said David would live but his child with Bathsheba would die and the sword would never depart from his house (2 Samuel 10–14).

In the end, this account gives us great hope. We, like David, are sinners with hearts that seek our own desires. But God will not allow us to conceal sin. If we are his children, he will graciously reveal our sin, bring us to repentance, and forgive us.



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