



THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 13/25

King David:
After God's Heart

Today's Scripture:

1 Samuel 13:14

**But now your kingdom will not endure;
the Lord Has sought out a man after
his own heart and appointed him
ruler of his people, because you have
not kept the Lord's command."**

Today's Scripture:

2 Samuel 7:18-19

Then King David went in the tent and sat in front of the Lord. David said, “Lord God, why have you made me so important to you? Why have you made my family important? But that was not enough for you, Lord God. You have also said these kind things about my future family. I am your servant. Lord God, this is not the usual way you talk to people.



The Story: King David

- During his reign, King David made some big mistakes. He hurt people for his own benefit, and betrayed people that loved him.**
- However, when David was confronted with his sin, he did something that the king before him didn't do – he repented.**
- To repent means to tell God you're sorry for doing something wrong, make it right if you can, and choose to follow Him instead of doing that wrong thing again.**
- That's why King David is called the man "after God's heart". Even when making big mistakes, King David always chased God and God's heart!**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- No matter how hard we try, we'll always make mistakes.**
- God has shown us, through people like King David, how we should respond; with repentance.**
- When we repent, God not only forgives us, but draws closer to us than ever before.**



GOD IS...

God is forgiving. To forgive means to let go of the wrong someone has done to you instead of trying to get even. We have all sinned against God, but because of Jesus, He gladly forgives everyone who comes to Him and asks for forgiveness.

Reflection Questions

1. **What is the first part of repentance?**
Tell God you're sorry for doing something wrong.
2. **What is the second part of repentance?**
Make it right if you can.
3. **What is the third part of repentance?**
Choose to follow Him instead of doing that wrong thing again.

Challenge Question: How will you repent this week?