

# Clean My Heart

No matter what we've done,  
God will forgive us if we repent.

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.  
Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

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David prayed for forgiveness. Use these words to complete his prayer.

**God create spirit me clean**

\_\_\_\_\_ in me a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, O \_\_\_\_\_;  
and renew a right \_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_."

(Psalm 51:10)

Draw a picture of Nathan's story that  
helped David realize he needed to repent.

What did King David try to hide?

What part of Nathan's story made King David angry?

How did King David act when he was told that he had sinned?

I must repent when I do wrong.



# MOVE!

## Psalm 51: David Repents

King David was known as a man after God’s heart. David was an amazing king, chosen and led by God. But he was a human, like us, and humans sometimes do wrong things. David made mistakes and made choices that tarnished his heart with sin. One day he did something really wrong—he took the wife of a man named Uriah. To cover up his sin, David sent Uriah into battle to be killed. King David thought no one knew about his sin, but God knew.

God did not want David’s heart to remain full of sin, so God sent a prophet named Nathan to help David repent. Nathan didn’t just charge in with his finger pointed, shouting, “You’re a sinner and you know it!” Instead, Nathan pointed out David’s sin in a careful, tactful way, by telling a story.

Nathan started, “Once there were two men. One was rich and had a huge flock of sheep. The other was poor, with only one small lamb as his pet. The poor man loved the sheep with his whole heart. He and his children played with the sheep. He took good care of the sheep, fed it nutritious food, and treated it like one of his children.” The king thought about his years as a shepherd and the sheep he loved so much.

Nathan continued, “One day a traveler visited the rich man. For dinner, the rich man wanted to serve lamb, but instead of serving one of his own sheep from his huge flock, the rich man took the poor man’s only lamb. Nathan asked King David, “What should be done to the rich man?”

In fury, King David pounded his fist on the table. “That man should be severely punished. He is a horrible human being.”

The prophet pointed at King David and said, “You are just like the rich man. You have so much, but you took something that did not belong to you.”

Most of us would probably be angry with Nathan, but David took responsibility and said, “I have sinned.” Even though David had done many good things, this sin stained his life. David’s prayer of repentance is recorded in Psalm 51.

God forgave David’s horrible sin and restored him. Although David suffered consequences because of his actions, he continued to love and serve God. When a person sincerely repents, God forgives any sin.