

# Old Testament

## David and Bathsheba

## 2 Samuel 11—12:15

### Younger Verse

I am the Lord's servant. Luke 1:38

### Older Verse

I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said. Luke 1:38



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Have you ever gotten caught doing something wrong? Most of us have. David did something wrong too. Let's see what happened.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers: use your discretion as to what details of the story you include.

We have talked many Sundays about David. God chose David to be the king of His people. He loved God very much. However, there was a time when he disobeyed God. Let's see what happened.

In the Spring, David's men went into battle, but David stayed at home instead of going with his men.

One night, he walked outside and saw a beautiful married woman named Bathsheba.

David thought she was so beautiful that he invited her secretly to come to the palace. That night, David and Bathsheba did a very wrong thing. They did something wrong and sinned against God.

Several months later, Bathsheba sent a note to David telling him that she was pregnant with his son! David was desperate to cover up his sin. Instead of confessing his wrongs to God, he acted like God did not know and he tried to cover up the wrong.

He asked Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, to come back from battle and stay with his wife. Unfortunately, his plan did not work. Instead of staying with his wife, he slept outside by the palace.

David still did not want to confess his wrong. He devised an awful plan. He asked his general to put Bathsheba's husband on the front lines of battle where he would be killed.

### Lesson Goals

**Share how David's mistakes grew and grew as he sinned**  
**Tell how God is sad when we sin and wants us to come to Him for forgiveness**  
**(Older kids) Set an example in purity**

Sure enough, Uriah died in battle. When Bathsheba heard the news, she was very sad. After she had a time of mourning, she became David's wife. She gave birth to a baby boy.

God was not pleased with David's sin and deception. God sent a special man named Nathan to talk to him about his sin. Nathan had much courage. He was not sure how David would react to his news from God. (After all, he had Uriah killed.) Nathan obeyed God and shared a story to help David see the horrible thing he had done.

Nathan told David a story about a rich man that had much and a poor man that had one little lamb. When the rich man needed a lamb for a feast, he took the lamb of the poor man instead of his own. David was outraged. He couldn't believe that someone would do such a thing. Then, Nathan told him that he was like the rich man in that he took someone else's wife.

Nathan told David that God knew all the wrongs that he had done. David wept and told God that he was sorry for the sins that he had committed. He even wrote a beautiful Psalm (51) to tell God he was sorry for all the wrongs he had done. Nathan told David that God forgave him. However, because of his sin, his son would die. David had to deal with the consequences of his sin.

Exactly as Nathan said, David's son became very ill and died. David was very sad but knew that God still loved him. God cared for David and blessed him and his family. He forgave his sin and made him clean again.

Just as God forgave David's wrongs, He can forgive our wrongs too. God made a way to clean out the wrongs in our heart. God's Son, Jesus, took all our punishment for the wrongs we did when He died on the cross. He was the substitute for us to pay for the sins we committed. Three days later, Jesus rose from the grave. If we believe in Him and trust Him with all our heart, He will clean out all the wrongs and forgive us. He will help us live for Him and do things His way instead of our way. Would you like to trust in Jesus? Talk to us about it today.

**Learning Activities**

Do activities that will help the kids understand the lesson and learn a lesson from the story.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Make a banner out of the verse. Talk about how we can be servants for God.

**Prayer Time**

Ask God to help us do things His way and have clean hearts. Ask God to forgive any wrongs we have done and help us follow Him.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Share snacks together!

Planning for Lesson 51  
Shimei calls David bad names  
2 Samuel 16:5-14

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
David and Bathsheba

David was a special man that God loved very much. God told him that he would be king one day and God kept His promise.

David tried to follow God and do things His way. However, David made mistakes too.

One day, he met a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. He thought that she was so pretty. David invited her to come to his palace. He should not have done that. David did some things that were wrong and he thought no one saw him. He forgot that God sees everything and He was sad about the things that David had done wrong.

God sent a messenger to David. His name was Nathan. Nathan told David a story to help him see that he had done wrong (sinned).

David knew that he had sinned against God. He told God he was sorry for all the wrong things that he had done. God forgave him for the wrongs but David still had to pay the consequences for the wrong things that had happened.

God loves us and wants us to do things His way. He wants us to be friends and love others. He wants us to be kind and care for others. This week, let's help others and do the right thing.

Sing, "Be careful little eyes what you see."

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## Hands-On Activities For David and Bathsheba

Bring clean paper for everyone, glue, and extra paper. Wad up some small pieces of paper and glue it to the page. Now ask the kids to try to “cover up” the lump. Let them do their own page if you like. Now explain that the lump was like sin. Share how we try to “cover up” our sin like David did. Now ask everyone to share their paper. Let everyone see that there is no way to “cover up” sin. Others can see it. Bring out the original clean piece of paper and compare the two pieces. Share how God knows if we are trying to lie or cover up a sin. Explain how Jesus can help us clean up our lumps and make us clean again.  
(this great illustration came from a web site)

Bring soap or antibacterial cleaner to show the kids. Explain how it cleans your hands and gets rid of bacteria or germs. Share how Jesus gets rid of our sin when we ask Him to forgive us and tell Him we want to do things His way.

Blow bubbles to help the kids remember how soap cleans us and how Jesus makes us clean if we believe in Him.

There is a Veggie tale video that illustrates the story of David and Bathsheba. It is called “King George and the Ducky.”

For smaller children, bring paper plates for each child and draw a heart shape in the middle of each one. Bring plastic wrap and chocolate syrup too. Now share how clean our “hearts” are. Place plastic wrap on each plate and drizzle syrup on all the plates. Explain that wrongs make our heart “dirty.” Tell them how Jesus can clean our hearts when we tell Him we are sorry for our wrong. Lift up the plastic wrap and show the clean plate. Presto! Jesus cleans our heart and makes us pure again.

This lesson is very important for older kids to see the necessity of staying pure. David slept with a married woman and got her pregnant. Then, he had her husband murdered! Because of these sins, the baby died and one of David’s other sons tried to take over the kingdom (later in his life). There are always consequences for the wrong things we do. God wants us to stay pure until we are married. Another lesson is how God still loves us even when we do mess up. God still loved David and used David to do many great things. Also, God said of David: “He is a man after God’s own heart.” God gives us second chances to do right. In fact with God’s help, David wrote part of the book in the Bible called Psalms. Also, remember that God promised that David’s kingdom would never end. Remember, Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem because Joseph was an ancestor of David! Jesus is our king forever!

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