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David Disobeys God

Key Passages

- 2 Samuel 12:1, 12:3–4, 12:7; Psalm 51:1–2

Lesson Focus

- David disobeyed God.

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will color the Forever King Coloring Sheet as a review of the previous lesson and/or play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—Students will hear how David was confronted with his sin, then found forgiveness.

Song—Students will praise God by marching, clapping, and singing the Memory Verse Song and the songs “God is Sovereign” and “Clean My Heart.” Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Nathan's Story Role Play

Students will role play Nathan's story using the Lesson Illustrations presented during class.



Activity 2: Lamb Picture Puppet

Students will color a lamb, add some cotton balls for wool, and attach a stick to make a puppet.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse with bubbles!



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Student Take Home Sheets



COME ON IN

- Print one Forever King Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Forever King Coloring Sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Play dough



CIRCLE TIME

- Print the eight Lesson Illustrations from the Resource DVD-ROM for use during the lesson. (You may want to use a special box or bag to pull them out of during the lesson.)
- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.

- Lesson Flip Chart
- Bible
- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Eight Lesson Illustrations
- Optional—tape or poster putty for attaching illustrations to the wall



NATHAN'S STORY ROLE PLAY

- Print one Nathan's Story Role Play Script from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use during the role play.
- Use the eight Lesson Illustrations from the lesson.
- Gather items to use for simple costumes for the different roles such as plain and fancy scarves, sheets for robes, crown, etc. Include other props such as stuffed sheep, walking stick, etc.

- Nathan's Story Role Play Script
- Eight Lesson Illustrations
- Costume items
- Stuffed sheep and any other props



LAMB PICTURE PUPPET

- Print and cut out one Lamb Picture Puppet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Gather other materials.

- Lamb Picture Puppet for each student
- Crayons
- Glue sticks, liquid glue, or tape
- Cotton balls
- Craft sticks



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- Bring in liquid bubbles.

- Lesson Flip Chart for memory verse review
- One bottle of bubble liquid



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Lesson Flip Chart for review
- Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the lesson key passages along with this background.

God had made David king over Israel and promised that his throne would be an enduring one that would one day lead to the Savior who would redeem sinners (2 Samuel 7:8–17). But David's life was about to change. And as we move further into 2 Samuel and David's life, we witness the reality that the human heart, if left to itself, will always fall into the lust of the flesh and the ways of the world (Galatians 5:17). Many find it difficult to think of David as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22) while reading the account in 2 Samuel of his fall from grace into serious and deadly moral failure.

Throughout this account of adultery, deceit, and murder, God gives a glimpse into our hearts and His grace. David's descent began when he shirked his kingly duty as leader and chose to stay behind while he sent his army off to war against the Ammonites (2 Samuel 11:1). This first offense brought about the occasion that led to lusting after the woman Bathsheba from the roof of his palace (2 Samuel 11:2). He was completely enticed by his own fleshly desires and pursued the woman who was the wife of one of his trusted soldiers. David's sinful manipulation and misuse of her resulted in a baby being conceived (2 Samuel 11:4–5).

We can only imagine what raced through David's mind upon hearing that news! Fearful of being found out, we do know that his immediate reaction was to cover up his sexual sin, and he again used his influence to manipulate the circumstances he found himself in. He ordered Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, back from war so that he would sleep with his wife so it would appear the child was Uriah's (2 Samuel 11:6–10). After this attempt failed, David got Uriah drunk in the hopes that drunkenness would break Uriah's resolve not to lie with his wife (2 Samuel 11:12–13). Again, Uriah foiled David's plan, and in desperation, David ordered that Uriah be placed to the front of battle and abandoned there to die (2 Samuel 11:15). After mourning her husband's death, Bathsheba moved into the palace, became one of David's many wives, and bore a son (2 Samuel 11:26–27).

It seemed as though David would get away with his sin against God. And yet, the thing that David had done displeased the Lord (2 Samuel 11:27). And in His displeasure, God acted severely but mercifully to David. Through His prophet Nathan, God convicted David—

not through thundering condemnation but through a parable of a rich man who took a poor man's pet lamb for dinner (2 Samuel 12:1–4).

David reacted indignantly toward this story—incensed at the idea that a rich man with many flocks would steal the only sheep of a poor man. In fact, David demanded that this rich man should die for his unjust behavior (2 Samuel 12:5). This indignation turned quickly to repentance when Nathan proclaimed, "You are the man!" (2 Samuel 12:7).

David thought he had concealed his sin from public exposure, but God would not let David's sin go undetected. And through the prophet Nathan, God called David to sincere repentance. God showed grace and mercy through the message of Nathan—grace to reveal that David's sin could not be concealed and mercy that allowed David to continue to live, sure of God's forgiveness.

Psalm 51 gives a closer look at David's repentance and God's forgiveness. David cried out for mercy, begging to be washed, forgiven, and restored to the joy of His salvation. Because God is faithful to forgive, He cleansed David of the guilt of his sin. But David's sin had to be judged. And God accomplished that when He justly atoned for all the sins of every believer through Jesus Christ who presented His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin once for all (Hebrews 10:10–12).

One lesson to be learned from this account of man's deceit and God's forgiveness is that sin rarely happens in a moment, but follows a certain progression. Like David, we are tempted by our own lusts and drawn away by our desires. Then desire gives birth to sin, and sin finally brings forth death (James 1:13–15).

In the end, this account with all of its sordid details gives us great hope. We, too, are sinners with hearts that seek our own pleasures. But God will not allow us to conceal the sin. If we are children of God, He will graciously reveal our sin, bring us to repentance, and forgive us through the Redeemer and Savior who died in our place.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

There should be no doubt in our minds that David's string of sins was truly heinous—lust, adultery, deceit, murder. But we can be assured that God has forgiven him of those sins in Christ. David offered a sincere prayer of repentance in Psalm 51, and he trusted that God would cleanse him from sin. Although David did

not know the name of Jesus, he could look forward to the Messiah, who would come through his lineage, to take away the sin he had committed. In fact, many of the psalms that David wrote have clear messianic language. Jesus quoted from Psalm 22 on the Cross, and we see the fulfillment of its prophetic portion in those who mocked Jesus while He was hanging there in our place (Matthew 27).

Even though David had been cleared of the guilt of his sin and faced no eternal condemnation (Romans 8:1–2; 1 John 4:17–19), he still had to face temporal consequences for his sin. God announced through Nathan that David's first child with Bathsheba would die, that David's house would be plagued by violence, and that his wives would be violated in the full view of Israel. All of these consequences related to the sins David had committed. Like David, we can go to God for forgiveness of our sins, and He will freely forgive us (1 John 1:8–10). We are assured that there is no eternal condemnation because our lives have been hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). Yet, we can expect to receive discipline for our sins because the heavenly Father chastens His children (Hebrews 12:5–6).

In spite of the momentary consequences brought on by sin, we can be sure that God's forgiveness of our

sins will lead to eternal life through Jesus Christ. For this we can praise the Creator and Redeemer forever and ever.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Holy Redeemer, it is not easy to look at David's failures. He was a man after God's own heart. Yet his sin was great. May the life of this saint remind me that I too need to be on guard when it comes to temptation and sin. When my flesh says "yes," help me to say "no" to sin. And when I sin, convict me of my sin immediately, so that I may repent quickly and say as David did, "Have mercy on me and restore the joy of your salvation." May you impress this lesson on my class, so that the students would learn how serious sin is and understand that forgiveness comes only from you.

- As you teach, refer often to the Lesson Flip Chart Page to keep the children engaged. When reading the lesson Scriptures, stand up, be enthusiastic, look at the children, and emphasize the answers to the questions you will be asking. This will help to keep the children engaged.



COME ON IN

As children arrive ...

- They will color the Forever King Coloring Sheet as a review and/or
- Play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs.

Bring your stuffed animal, Bible, Flip Chart, Lesson Illustrations, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Confession is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today let's say prayers of confession—and tell God we're sorry for the sinful things we've done.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

► Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

► Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

I'll start. Dear God, you will forgive all our sins. Please forgive me for ...
(insert personal prayer).

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer of confession.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? Is there more than one true God? No. There is only one living and true God.
- ? Where can we learn about the one true God? Hold up your Bible. The Bible.
- ? What does the one true God know? The one true God knows everything!
- ? Who should we trust and obey? The one true God!
- ? Who alone should we worship? The one true God!

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

► Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

► When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

Bible Pass Around

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. Hold up Bible. God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity. We'll start right here. Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin. You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.

Refer to the Lesson 2 Flip Chart. Now do you remember King David? King David took over when King Saul died. David was a man after God's own heart. He loved God. God promised King David that someone from his family would one day be the forever King! Refer to the decorated crown on the wall from the previous lesson.

- ? Who is the forever King who came from David's family? Jesus!

That's right! Many years after King David, Jesus was born. And Jesus was a part of King David's family, just like God told him. Now we know that Jesus died, right?

- ? How did Jesus die? *On the Cross.*
- ? That's right. But what happened to Jesus after He died on the Cross? *Allow discussion. He rose again.*

Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive and will be King forever! Jesus is the forever King! Say that with me. *Repeat the phrase together, "Jesus is the forever King!"*

That was great! Now back to King David. It looked like King David had everything he needed! Everything was going just great for him. But that didn't last long. King David soon found himself in BIG trouble. The Bible tells us that ALL are sinners—and King David was no exception. He was a sinner, too. And he disobeyed God. Today, we are going to hear what happened when David disobeyed God!

We are going to read out of 2 Samuel. Let's open the Bible to that now. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the chapter is. Have the student sit back down.*

Before I read, let me tell you some things. David was the king. *Show Lesson Illustration #1.* He had fine clothes and servants. He had good food to enjoy. He was brave and strong. And he was the commander of the army. So, as king he was supposed to go with his army when they went to fight. But there was a time when David didn't do that. He didn't go!

Instead, David stayed home in his palace. While he was there, he saw a beautiful woman who was married to one of his soldiers. *Show Lesson Illustration #2.* This is Uriah and his wife, Bathsheba. Well, King David liked Bathsheba very much. And since he was the king, he thought he could make her his wife. But God does not like that. God's Law says that marriage should be one man and one woman for life! Bathsheba did not belong to David; she was Uriah's wife. But David didn't care. And he disobeyed God and made Bathsheba his wife. Well, not only that! King David also gave orders to kill Uriah. Uriah was one of King David's soldiers! How awful! David disobeyed God. He took another man's wife and then he had the man killed!

- ? Sometimes when we sin, we might think God doesn't know. Does God know when we sin? *Yes!*

Yes. God knows when we sin. God is omniscient—He knows everything. Can you say that with me? It is a big word, but I know you can learn it. *Repeat the word omniscient with the children.*

- ? What does omniscient mean? *God knows everything!*

► When showing Lesson Illustrations, you might want to pull them out of a special bag or box and line them up on the floor or attach them to the wall.

2 Samuel 12:1

God can see what's really in our hearts. He saw David's heart. He knew David had disobeyed Him. God was not pleased at all! Sin never pleases God. Refer to Lesson 3 Flip Chart. So God did something. We can't hide our sin from God. Listen carefully. Tell me what God did. Read 2 Samuel 12:1 emphasizing the answers to the questions below.

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- What did the Lord do? *He sent someone to King David.*
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- Who did the Lord send? *Nathan the prophet.*
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- Re-read 2 Samuel 12:1. The Lord sent Nathan to King David to tell him a story.
- What was the story about? And what does the Bible tell us about the two men? *One was rich and the other was poor.*

Yes. And Nathan told King David more. He said the rich man had many, many sheep and lambs. Show Illustration #3. But what about the poor man? What did he have? Listen and see if you can hear the answer. Remember this is a parable or a story. It didn't really happen. God wanted David to learn a lesson from the story. Read 2 Samuel 12:3 emphasizing the answers to the questions below.

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- What did the poor man have? *One lamb.*
- ?
- Did he take good care of it? *Yes!*
- ?
- How did the man feed his lamb? *He shared his own food. Show Lesson Illustration #4.*
- ?
- How did the man give the lamb something to drink? *The lamb drank from the man's cup. Show Lesson Illustration #5.*
- ?
- How did the man treat his lamb? *He treated it like his own daughter. Show Lesson Illustration #6.*

Oh, yes. The man loved his little lamb very much. He loved it like he loved his own children! It was like a very special pet to the whole family. Wow! Now listen to the rest of the story Nathan told.

One day a hungry traveler came to the rich man's house. Show Lesson Illustration #7. The rich man wanted to give the hungry traveler something to eat. Listen to what this rich man did! Read 2 Samuel 12:4 emphasizing the answers.

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- What did the rich man do? *He took the poor man's lamb.*
- The rich man, who had many lambs, was not willing to use one of his own lambs to feed the traveler, so he took the poor man's only lamb, and they ate it for dinner! The poor man was very sad without his lamb.

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- How do you think David felt about this story? *Allow discussion.*

David was very angry when Nathan told him this story. He said the man who took the lamb should die and pay the poor man back. But remember, this was a parable or a story that God wanted King David to hear. God used the story to teach King David a lesson. And the Bible tells us about

2 Samuel 12:3

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God's Word and know that they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them!

2 Samuel 12:4

One day a hungry traveler came to the rich man's house. Show Lesson Illustration #7. The rich man wanted to give the hungry traveler something to eat. Listen to what this rich man did! Read 2 Samuel 12:4 emphasizing the answers.

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the lesson God wanted to teach King David. Listen to what Nathan told King David. *Read 2 Samuel 12:7.*

2 Samuel 12:7

- ? What did Nathan the prophet tell King David? *You are the man! Refer to the Flip Chart.*
- ? Wait a minute. Did King David take someone's lamb? *No.*
- ? What did King David take that did not belong to him? *Show Illustrations #1 & #2 again. He took Uriah's wife!*
- ? That's right. And did God know that David disobeyed Him this way? *Yes.*

God sent Nathan to King David to tell this story about the two men and the lambs. And through the story, King David understood that he had sinned against God! He had taken something from Uriah that was very special to him, just like the rich man in the story took the lamb from the poor man. *Refer to the Flip Chart and appropriate Lesson Illustrations.* David disobeyed God. And God sent Nathan to tell David how terrible his sin was.

Well, David realized that his sin was against God! And David really did love God. But he had disobeyed God and was very sorry for it. King David later wrote a song about this sin in his life. Listen to part of that. It is in Psalm 51. *Read Psalm 51:1–2 emphasizing "mercy."*

- ? What did David ask God for? *Psalm 51:1. Mercy.*

Show Lesson Illustration #8. David asked God for mercy. He asked God to forgive him. He was sorry for his sin and knew it was wrong.

David disobeyed God! Even the greatest king—the man after God's own heart—fell into sin and disobeyed God. He took something that wasn't his, and had Uriah killed! But David still loved God. And David came to God and asked God to forgive him. David asked God to have mercy on him. And God did forgive King David.

The Bible says that we are ALL sinners just like King David. God can't stand any sin. Yet it is so easy for us to sin. We are born with sin in our hearts. But we can thank God because He provided a way that sinners could be forgiven of their sins. God sent Jesus. Jesus died on the Cross so that whoever would believe in Him could be forgiven of their sins.

Psalm 51:1–2

SONG

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. We know that we all have sinned and disobeyed God. But Jesus can forgive us and help us live a life that pleases God. Let's sing this song about the sin in our hearts. Teach the song "Clean My Heart," repeating line by line until it's familiar.

► Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page during this part of the lesson.

Now let's see how well we remember the Memory Verse Song. *Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Sing the song together, adding clapping, hand motions, or instruments. Lyrics to the songs can be found on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.*



Nathan's Story Role Play

MATERIALS

- Nathan's Story Role Play Script
- Eight Lesson Illustrations
- Costume items such as plainly colored scarves for Nathan, the poor man, and traveler; and fancier scarves for David, Uriah, Bathsheba, and the rich man
- Stuffed sheep for the poor man to hold and any other props

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the Lesson Illustrations and Flip Chart to retell today's lesson. Pass out the eight Lesson Illustrations. As you call from 1 to 8 have the students with those pictures come up

and show their pictures as you briefly retell the lesson. You can use costumes and props for more fun.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God is omniscient. He knows everything—even what is in our hearts! We can't trick Him by trying to hide our sin. God knew David disobeyed. God sent Nathan to tell a story that would help David understand his sin. David disobeyed God. He knew what he did was wrong, and he asked God to forgive him. God had mercy on him and forgave his sin.



Lamb Picture Puppet

MATERIALS

- Lamb Picture Puppet for each student
- Crayons
- Glue sticks, liquid glue, or tape
- Cotton balls
- Craft sticks

INSTRUCTIONS

Print and cut out one puppet for each student, preferably on cardstock. Have students color the lamb's face and legs then attach cotton balls to the main body. Attach a craft stick to the back to make a puppet.

We are going to make a Lamb Picture Puppet today to remind us of the story Nathan told King David. The rich man had a lot of lambs, but he took the poor man's

pet lamb from him. King David sinned against God by taking Uriah's wife. Nathan told King David, "You are the man in the story! You sinned against God."

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

David disobeyed God. He took something that belonged to someone else, just like the rich man in the story took the poor man's lamb. God loved David too much to let him disobey and stay in his sin. So He sent Nathan to help David understand. This Lamb Puppet will help us remember that we can't hide the truth from God. When we sin against Him, we should go straight to God and tell Him we're truly sorry and ask Him to forgive us.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Use the *Flip Chart Memory Verse Page*. Explain the verse to the children as you go over the verse together. Say the verse and point at each picture several times. Ask the children if anyone wants to try and say it on their own.

MATERIALS

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- One bottle of bubble liquid

INSTRUCTIONS

Have students sit down on the floor in a circle—they will need space to move around. Using the *Flip Chart*, students will recite the memory verse together. Each time the verse is completed, the teacher will blow bubbles over the area where the students are seated on the floor. Allow students to try and catch the bubbles in some safe, appropriate way. One child at a time may be the best way to do it. Repeat as time allows.

Come here and sit down on the floor in a circle. We've looked at the words to our memory verse. Now it's time to practice it. So we're going to say it over and over. But each time we say the verse, I'm going to blow some bubbles at you to see if you can catch them. Are you ready?

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

The God of the Bible is a great and wonderful God! There is no other God like Him! King David knew that and begged God for forgiveness when he sinned. And the God of the Bible is the only God who can forgive us when we sin. And the only way we can be forgiven is through Jesus Christ who came and died on the Cross. He took the punishment for sinners, and God said anyone who would call on His name—the name of Jesus—would be saved.



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review the lesson with the children while enjoying the snack for the day.

Refer to the *Flip Chart*. David disobeyed God. And God knew what he had done, didn't He? But God loved David and sent Nathan to tell him a story so he would understand how wrong his sin was. There was a rich man with lots of sheep and a poor man with just one sheep that he loved like a daughter. The rich man took the sheep from the poor man. Just like the rich man in the story took the poor man's precious lamb, David had taken Uriah's wife for himself. David had sinned against God. David understood that he was wrong and needed God's forgiveness and mercy.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

- Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.

A very important lesson to remember is that even though King David disobeyed God, he was sorry about what he did. He knew what he did was wrong, and he went to God and told God the truth. Then he asked God to give him mercy and forgive him. Remember, God knows all things. He is omniscient. He knows what you are doing. We can't hide our sin from God—He knows our hearts. God knows when we disobey Him. But we can tell God the truth and ask Him to give us mercy and forgiveness just like King David did.



Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for His forgiveness when we disobey.
- Thank God for His Word and the truth.
- Pray that God will give us hearts that truly love Him.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

CLEAN MY HEART

(To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

In my heart, what does God see?

(Jesus loves me, this I know,)

Is He the one I want to please?

(For the Bible tells me so.)

Or does my heart need help, Oh, Lord?

(Little ones to Him belong;)

Clean out the sin and make it Yours!

(They are weak, but He is strong.)

Yes, I need Jesus! (Yes, Jesus loves me!)

Yes, I need Jesus! (Yes, Jesus loves me!)

Yes, I need Jesus! (Yes, Jesus loves me!)

Please, clean my heart today!

(The Bible tells me so.)

2 SAMUEL 7:22

(To the tune of "This Old Man")

Shout: **Therefore!** For added variety, teacher can have children hold out "therefore" as long as they can, then start singing fast.

You are great! Oh, Lord God!

(This old man, he played one,)

For there is-is none like You.

(He played knick-knack on my thumb.)

Nor-or is there any Go-od besides You.

(With a knick-knack, paddy-whack. Give a dog a bone.)

According to all that we have heard—

(This old man came rolling home.)

Whisper or Shout: With . . . our . . . ears. 2 Samuel 7:22!

Think of fun ways to sing. For example: Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.

Notes