



UNIT 11 | SESSION 4

DAVID SINNED AND WAS FORGIVEN

2 SAMUEL 11–12

CHRIST CONNECTION: God forgives our sin when we trust in Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- David took what did not belong to him.
- David knew he made a wrong choice.
- God forgives our wrong choices when we trust in Jesus.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

One evening, King David saw a woman named Bathsheba. She was the wife of a soldier named Uriah. David wanted Bathsheba to be his wife, so David sent Uriah to the hardest battle and Uriah died. Then David married Bathsheba. God knew what David did. He sent Nathan to tell David a story: A traveler came to a rich man who had many animals. The rich man did not give the traveler his own animal. Instead, he took a poor man's only lamb and gave it to the traveler. The story made David upset. David said, "The rich man should be punished!" Nathan said the story was about David. God had given David more than he needed, but David took what wasn't his. David knew he made a wrong choice.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to 2 Samuel 11. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

“God forgives us, God forgives us,

When we ask, when we ask.

God forgives wrong choices, God forgives wrong choices.

God is good. God is good.”

SAY “ Sometimes people make wrong choices. When we make a wrong choice, we sin. God forgives our wrong choices when we trust in Jesus. God is good. ”

2 PAINT A LAMB

Trim a piece of black heavyweight paper to fit inside a gallon-size ziplock bag. Outline a simple lamb shape with a white crayon on the paper. Add several large drops of white paint along and inside the outline. Slide the paper into the bag. Consider double bagging and sealing with duct tape to prevent leaks. Place the bags in front of the babies to pat and spread the paint onto the sheep. Remove the art. Print God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7 and the child’s name on a strip of white paper. Glue the strip to the child’s paper.

SAY “ Today, you painted lambs. Nathan told David a story about a man who took another man’s lamb. David heard the story and knew that he made a wrong choice. I am so happy that God forgives wrong choices! ”

3 TALK TO A SHEEP

Use a permanent marker to draw eyes and a nose on a clean white sock. Glue a few cotton balls or pop-poms to the sock. Use the sheep puppet to help you retell the Bible story.

SAY “ David made a wrong choice. He took something that did not belong to him. Nathan told David a story about a man who took a sheep that did not belong to him. The story helped David know that he made the wrong choice. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 11. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 CHOOSE A COLOR

Print God Forgives on a white sheet of paper with a white crayon (one per child). Provide smocks or bibs, paintbrushes, water, bowls, and paper towels. Allow children to choose a color of watercolor paint to brush over the crayon message. Read the message aloud.

SAY “ Today, you made a choice. You chose the color you used in your art. Sometimes people make wrong choices. God forgives our wrong choices when we trust in Jesus. ”

3 SORT CARDS

Print and cut apart two sets of “Choice Cards” printable. Place one set of cards faceup in front of the toddlers. Show a card from the other set, and challenge toddlers to find the matching card. Talk about each card. Allow each child to have a turn, asking whether this is the right or wrong choice after each card. Replay as time permits. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ All people make choices. Sometimes people make wrong choices. When we make a wrong choice, we sin. God is good. God forgives our sin when we trust in Jesus. ”

4 CARRY BOOKS

Place a Bible and a few lightweight books about Jesus in a small backpack. Create a tape path on the floor. Choose a toddler to walk along the path with the backpack. Open and look in the backpack. Explain that we can learn words from the Bible and remember them everywhere we go. Show the Bible story picture and review the Bible story. Read books as time permits.

SAY “ These books tell stories. Nathan told David a story about a man who took a lamb. The story helped David understand that he made a wrong choice. The Bible is true. The Bible helps us know how to make right choices. ”

5 GATHER LAMBS

Gather an empty tissue box (or container with a hole cut in the center of the lid). Toss pom-poms across the floor. Suggest toddlers pretend the pom-poms are lambs. Challenge children to pick up and place the “lambs” in the box. Repeat as interest allows.

SAY “ Our lambs wandered off and we had to find them! Nathan told David about a man who took a lamb that didn't belong to him. The story helped David know he made a wrong choice. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: LEARN ABOUT MORE AND LESS



Place one grain of rice, a handful of rice, pom-poms, and cotton swabs in ziplock bags (one item per bag). Show toddlers the bags and ask them which bag has more and which has less. Allow toddlers to count and compare. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY “God gave David more than he needed, but David still took what did not belong to him. David made a wrong choice. I am happy that God forgives our wrong choices.”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

“God forgives us, God forgives us,

When we sin, when we sin.

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3 PAPER CUP LAMBS

Distribute paper cups (one per child), spring-style clothespins (four per child), glue, and cotton balls. Use a permanent marker to color black tips on the ends of the clothespins. Clip clothespins to the top edge of the cup so the cup will stand when turned upside down. Glue cotton balls to the outside of the cup. Add googly eyes and allow to dry. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “David heard a story about a man who took a lamb that did not belong to him. The story helped David know that he made a wrong choice. God is good. God forgives our wrong choices when we trust in Jesus.”

4 DROP POM-POMS THROUGH A TUBE

Cover cardboard tubes with red, blue, and yellow paper. Tape the tubes to the wall at toddlers’ eye-level. Distribute large pom-poms and instruct toddlers to choose a tube to drop the pom-pom into. Challenge each child to name the color of the tube as he drops his pom-pom. Play as time permits, congratulating toddlers on their choices. Replay as time permits.

SAY “You made a choice in our activity. All people make choices every day. Sometimes we make wrong choices. God forgives our wrong choices when we trust in Jesus.”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.