

## Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Can you fix it? Activity see page 87	Cup Pencil/Scissors Water Jug Playdough
Large Group	<b>Large Group Time:</b> Leader is Shena. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 92: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Psalm 51:4, why do you think David said he had sinned against God alone?</li> <li>2. If God knows our sin, why should we confess our sin to Him?</li> <li>3. What sin might you need to confess to God?</li> </ol>	Bible Ask Questions
	Hand out the white boards. Tell kids to write I am sorry God for.... And write it on their whiteboard. Tell them it is a prayer to God to forgive them. Then tell them to wash their whiteboards clean. This is what Jesus does to your sin. He washes your heart clean.	Whiteboards Markers
	Worksheet: Look up Psalm 51 in the Bible and do the worksheet.	Worksheet





## WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

**SAY** “Have you ever seen something someone else had, like a toy or a pet, and wanted it too? What was it?”


### 1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Pairing Lambs” activity page.

**SAY** “Today, we will see how David sinned against God and how the prophet Nathan helped David recognize his sin.”

### 2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

#### OPTION 1: CAN YOU FIX IT?



Hold up a paper cup, and using a sharp pencil or scissors, poke holes all around the cup and on the bottom of the cup. Ask kids if they think the cup will be able to hold water. Then use some play dough or modeling clay to cover the holes. Consider inviting kids to help you cover the holes. Ask kids if they think the cup will be able to hold water now. Hold the cup over a bowl and pour water into the cup. Demonstrate how even though you tried to cover the holes, the cup wasn't fixed.

**SAY** “Like this cup, we are all broken because of sin. We can't fix ourselves, and we can't cover up our sin. Today, we will learn how David sinned. When he tried to cover up his sin, it only made things worse. Only God can fix our sin problem. Let's get ready to hear how **DAVID SINNED, REPENTED, AND WAS FORGIVEN.**”

#### OPTION 2: WHAT AM I?



Form kids into two teams, and play a game of pictionary. Choose a kid to go first, and whisper the name of an animal or object in her ear. Lead her to draw the animal or object on a dry erase board while her teammates try to guess what is being drawn. Allow 30 seconds for teams to guess. Award a point if the team guesses correctly. Play several rounds as time allows. The team with the most points wins.

**SAY** “As you drew the pictures, the more details you added, the better your teammates could guess correctly. Sometimes we need someone to help show us a clear picture before we truly understand what it is. Today, we will see how God sent the prophet Nathan to David to help him see his sin more clearly.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

# LOVE God by Applying the Story

### 1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Psalm 51. Explain that the book of Psalms is a collection of songs and poems. Share that many of the psalms were written by David and help us see how God was faithful in David's life.

Consider pointing out Jerusalem (H5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Psalm 51:17, or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

**SAY** 🗨️ David tried to cover his sin, but God already knew what David had done. When David wrote Psalm 51, he understood that God doesn't want us to try to hide our sin. Instead, God wants us to come to him with hearts that are broken by sin. God wants us to confess our sin to Him. Going to God with our sin is the only way to be forgiven and fix our hearts. God sent Jesus to take away our sin and give us hearts that are clean. 🗨️

### 2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

| **SAY** 🗨️ In Psalm 51:4, why do you think David said he had sinned against God alone? 🗨️

Tell kids that all sin is against God because He made us and created us to love Him. When we sin—whether we lie, hurt someone, or steal—it is first a sin against God. Also, doing wrong to others is a sin against God because all people are made in His image, and He has commanded us to love one another.

| **SAY** 🗨️ If God knows our sin, why should we confess our sin to Him? 🗨️

Help kids understand that while God already knows our sin, when we confess our sin we are showing that we agree with Him about our sin. "If we say, 'We have no sin,' we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). We come into the truth when we acknowledge our sin and turn away from it. The Bible also tells us that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

| **SAY** 🗨️ What sin might you need to confess to God? 🗨️

Pause for a moment of contemplation, inviting kids to think about some of their actions this past week. Allow time for kids to pray to God and confess their sins. Help kids understand that we can turn to God at any time to ask Him for forgiveness. Remind kids that we are made "clean" or right with God when we repent of our sin and trust in Jesus.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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## DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

### IS ANYTHING OR ANYONE GREATER THAN GOD? NO, GOD IS GREATER THAN EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.

One evening, David was walking on the roof of his palace and saw a beautiful woman. Even though she was someone else's wife, David sent messengers to get her and bring her to him.

David found out that Bathsheba was pregnant with his baby. But she was already married. So, David made a plan to kill her husband Uriah. David wrote a letter to Joab and told him to put Uriah at the front line so Uriah could be easily killed. Joab obeyed King David, and Uriah died. David took Bathsheba to be his wife.

The Lord sent Nathan to David. Nathan told David a story: "There was a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had lots of sheep, but the poor man had just one lamb he loved very much. When the rich man needed a lamb to prepare a meal, he took the lamb from the poor man." David was extremely angry with the rich man in the story! Nathan replied, "You are the rich man! You decided to take the life of Uriah because you wanted his wife Bathsheba. You have done evil."

David responded, "I have sinned against the Lord!"

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You will not die."  
Then David wrote a song to God:

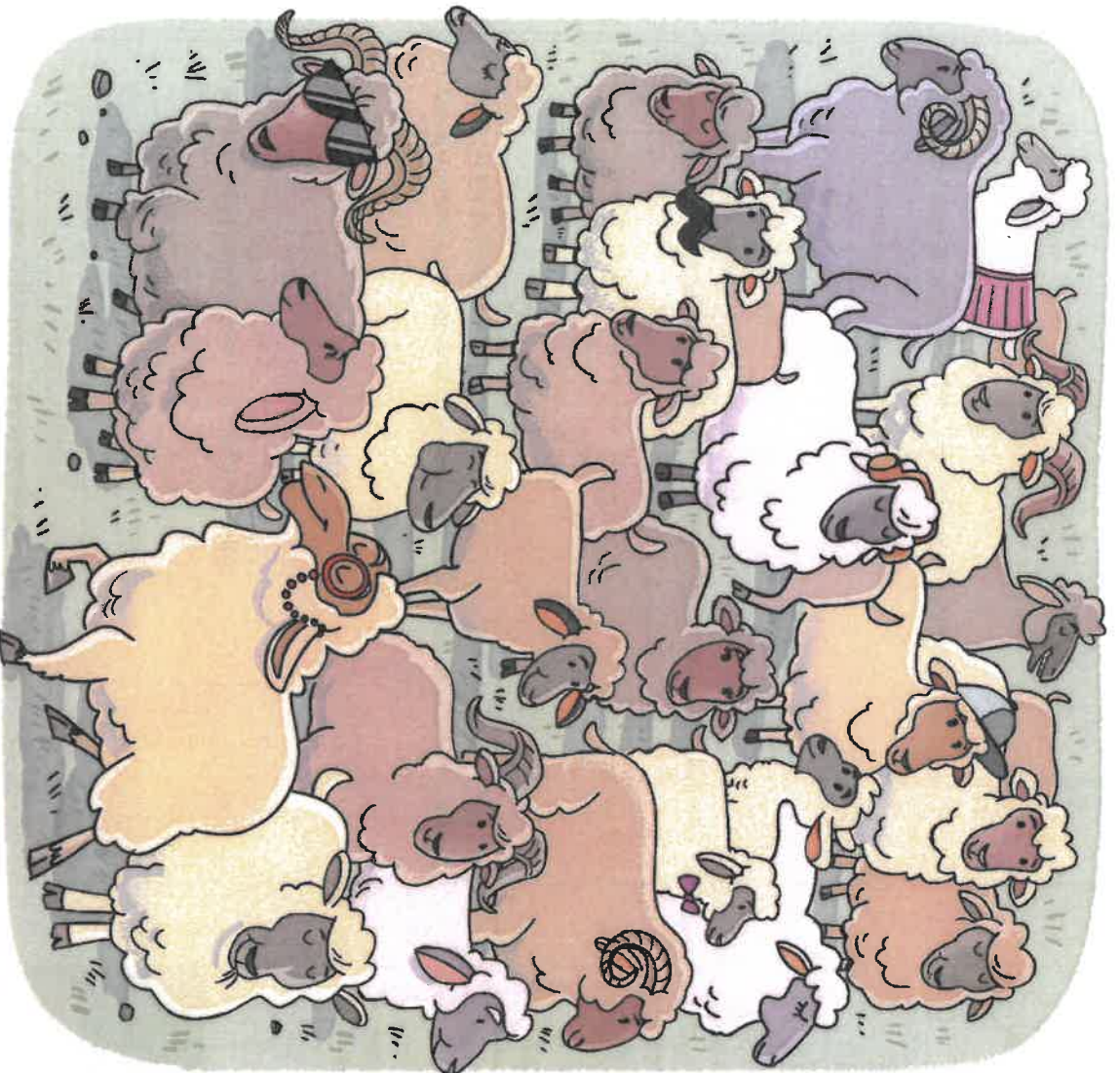
"Be gracious to me, God. Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. Against you alone I have sinned, so You are right when You judge."

**Christ Connection:** When David admitted his sin before the Lord, he was forgiven. When we confess our sins to the Lord and believe in Jesus, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!



**A Clean Heart** | David wrote Psalm 51 as a response to his repentance. Look up Psalm 51:10 and circle all the words found in the verse.



**Find the Lambs** | Nathan used a story about a man's lamb to help reveal David's sin. Use the image key to find and circle the lambs wearing these items.



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