

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

2 SAMUEL 11–12; PSALM 51

CHRIST CONNECTION: When we trust in Jesus and are sorry for our sins, God will forgive us. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: LORD, no one is like You. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- David made a bad plan and sinned by doing the wrong thing.
- Nathan told David about a rich man with a lot of sheep who took a poor man's only sheep. David was like the rich man.
- David told God he was sorry, and God forgave David.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: While King David's army was in battle, David was home. One night, David saw a woman named Bathsheba. She was married to Uriah, a man in David's army. David wanted Bathsheba to come to his palace, so David made a bad plan. Uriah died in battle. Then, David married Bathsheba. What David did was wrong; God knew it. Nathan, the prophet, told David a story about a rich man who had a lot of sheep and a poor man who only had one sheep. When the rich man needed a lamb, he took the poor man's sheep. David got angry, but David was like the rich man. David wrote a song and told God he was sorry. God forgave David.



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 Poster as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sit babies in leader's lap or in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Sing to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." As you sing, gently move babies' hands to the words.

"LORD, there is no one like You. (Cross your hands back and forth in front of you.)
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LORD, You are great!" (Punch your fist in the air on "LORD," "You," and "Great.")

SAY "Our key passage phrase says, 'LORD, no one is like You. You are great.' David did the wrong thing, and he told God he was sorry. What did God do? He forgave David! God is great!"

2 BLOW BUBBLES

Sit babies in leaders' laps or beside leaders in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Show the Bible Story Poster, and point to David. Extend babies' hands, palms up, like David in the picture. Blow bubbles near the babies, and allow babies hands to pop the bubbles. Say, "David told God he was sorry, and God forgave him." Read the gospel gems as babies play.

SAY "David made a bad plan and sinned by doing the wrong thing. When King David told God he was sorry, did God forgive him? Yes! When we do wrong things, will God forgive us? Yes, Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins."

3 DROP POM-POMS IN A CUP

Gather a plastic cup and large white pom-poms. Sit babies in leaders' laps or beside leaders in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Place a cup in front of each baby, and drop a pom-pom in the cup. Provide extra pom-poms for babies to drop in the cups. Allow babies to dump out the pom-poms and drop them back in the cup. Pretend the pom-poms are the sheep in the Bible story as the babies play. Monitor safety, ensuring no baby puts any item in her mouth.

SAY "What kind of animal was in our Bible story? Yes, sheep! Nathan, the prophet, told David about a rich man with a lot of sheep who took a poor man's only sheep."

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.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible Story Poster 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 Poster 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 PAINT WITH POM-POMS

Provide painting smocks, spring-type clothespins, large pom-poms, and white washable paint. Squirt a small amount of paint in bowls for toddlers to use. Use a clothespin to clip a pom-pom (one per toddler), dip it in the paint, and paint dots on green construction paper. Allow toddlers to paint as you review the Bible story. Once dry, allow toddlers to draw legs and eyes on each "sheep," if desired.

SAY “What kind of animal did Nathan use to help David see that he did the wrong thing? Yes, sheep! David told God he was sorry, and God forgave him!”

3 PASS A SHEEP AND SING

Sit in a circle with the toddlers. Show a small toy sheep. Pass the sheep around the circle while singing. Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”: “LORD, there is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / There is no one like You. / LORD, You are great!” Challenge the toddler holding the sheep on the word “great” to share one way God is great. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “God is so good! When we trust in Jesus and are sorry for our sins, God will forgive us!”

4 SORT PICTURES

Print and cut apart “Kind and Unkind Cards” printable. Place pieces of red and green paper on the floor beside each other. Assign the red paper as “Wrong Thing” and the green paper as “Right Thing.” Hand a card to a toddler, and say, “Is the child doing what is right or what is wrong?” Assist in placing the cards on the correct response.

SAY “Sometimes we do not do the right thing. God calls this sin. What does God do when we tell Him we are sorry? That’s right! He forgives us!”

5 PLAY A GUESSING GAME

Place three plastic cups upside down. Display a pom-pom, and place it under one of the cups. Slide the cups to mix them up. Call on a toddler to guess which cup is covering the pom-pom. Reveal the pom-pom. Replace the pom-pom, and replay as interest allows. Review the story.

SAY “Nathan told David a story about a man who took another man’s sheep. What did David tell God? He told God he was sorry for his sins. God forgave him! Will God forgive us when we do wrong things? Yes, when we trust in Jesus and are sorry for our sins, God will forgive us too.”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: COUNT COTTON BALL SHEEP

Use a permanent marker to write the number 1, and draw a dot in the middle of a piece of paper. Repeat for other numbers on separate sheets of paper (one number per paper). Invite the toddlers to use cotton balls to cover the dots and count the cotton balls. Retell the Bible story as toddlers count. Monitor safety, making sure no child puts any item in his mouth.

SAY “ We learned that Nathan told King David a story about a rich man who had a lot of sheep. The rich man took a poor man’s only sheep. Was King David sorry for what he did? Yes, he told God he was sorry, and God forgave David. ”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”:

“LORD, there is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
LORD, You are great!”

SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘LORD, no one is like You. You are great.’ God is great because He sent Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins. ”

3 PLAY A MATCHING GAME

Print and cut apart two sets of the “Kind and Unkind Cards” printable. Mix the cards and place them facedown on the table. Invite toddlers to take turns flipping over two cards to see if they match. If they match, allow the toddlers to keep the cards. If they do not match, replace the cards and replay. Continue until toddlers have matched all the cards. Discuss the actions on the cards as they are flipped, and decide if they are right or wrong.

SAY “ King David made a bad plan and did something that was wrong. David told God he was sorry. Did God forgive him? Yes! God forgave David. ”

4 DECORATE A BIBLE BOOKMARK

Gather Key Passage Phrase Cards (one per toddler) and washable markers or crayons. Invite toddlers to decorate the bookmarks. Read the key passage phrase aloud as toddlers decorate.

SAY “ God forgave David for his sin. When we trust Jesus and are sorry for our sins, God will forgive us too! There is no one as great as Him! ”

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.