



UNIT 11 | SESSION 4

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51

CHRIST CONNECTION: When David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

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

STORY POINT: David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

LEADER Bible Study

David was a king after God's own heart, but he was also a sinner. As we study 2 Samuel 11–12, we learn how David fell into temptation and sinned against God and others. Yet, we also witness the incredible mercy offered to those who repent of their sin. Out of David's brokenness, we see what it looks like to have a broken and contrite heart, and we gain a glimpse of the redemption offered to us through faith in Christ.

What transformations do we see in David's life? How do these passages lead us to walk in restoration rather than in sin?

In our previous session, we read that David was established as king over Israel. Yet from the start of 2 Samuel 11, we see how David's temptation to follow his heart led to sin. As other kings and soldiers went to war, David idly passed his time in Jerusalem. Rather than lead his men in battle, David allowed the lust of his eyes to rule him. Through one choice at a time, David plummeted into covetousness, adultery, lying, and murder.

Only after being confronted by the prophet Nathan did David repent of his sin, leading him to pen the words of Psalm 51. In this psalm, David declared God's righteousness in contrast to his own unrighteousness. He begged God to cleanse him of his sin. He asked for a new heart and spirit to be able to teach sinners the way of repentance.

This psalm models repentance to us, showing us what it looks like to turn from sin and to receive the mercy only God provides. David's hope was in the God of His salvation who promised a future descendant to rule with justice and righteousness. Unlike David, Christ lived a perfect, sinless life and died for sin so that our hearts may be made clean.

Through our confession of sin and profession of faith in Christ, we are saved, forgiven, and cleansed of our unrighteousness. Lead boys and girls to see the weight of the sins that separate us from God and the gift of grace that reunites us with the Father who sent His Son to redeem us. Pray for kids to see their need for the Savior and to cling to the hope only He provides.



PREPARE

THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach; plan the session



WELCOME

10–15 MINUTES

Greet preschoolers and open the session



LEARN

25–30 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers the story of the gospel



LOVE

Lead preschoolers to love the God of the gospel

30–40 MINUTES



LIVE

Lead preschoolers to live the mission of the gospel



BONUS

60–65 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers for an additional hour



PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

Keep a supply of the following items available during all teaching sessions: Allergy Alert, Bibles, washable markers, crayons, scissors (adult use), blunt-tipped scissors, construction paper, copy paper, glue sticks, glue, tape, baby dolls, blocks, play dough, and a beanbag.



WELCOME

Find the key passage phrase

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster
- ☐ shallow bin
- ☐ shredded paper



LEARN

Tell the Bible story

- ☐ "David Sinned and Was Restored" video (optional)

Review the Bible story

- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster

Learn and practice the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker



LOVE

Use binoculars

- ☐ nature pictures
- ☐ painter's tape
- ☐ toy binoculars

Play a matching game

- ☐ "Opposites" printable, 2



LIVE

Missions activity

- ☐ "I Have a Mission" missions video

Snack and transition

- ☐ hand sanitizer (optional)
- ☐ "Follow Directions" activity page, 1 per child
- ☐ Big Picture Cards for Families



BONUS

Match flowers

- ☐ "Matching Flowers" printable

Say the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker

Play a listening game

- ☐ noise maker

Collect sheep

- ☐ cotton balls
- ☐ tongs, 1 per preschooler



WELCOME Preschoolers

Provide as many learning activities as possible from the Love and Live sections to give preschoolers choices to learn. Incorporate the Bible story, the Christ Connection, and key passage phrase in your conversations as the preschoolers engage in learning activities throughout the session.

Use the following activity to greet children as they enter the classroom. Talk about the big picture question and answer. After each child completes the welcome activity, encourage him to participate in the activities provided from the Love and Live sections of the leader guide.

FIND THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Fill a shallow bin with shredded paper. Write the key passage phrase on two large sheets of paper, each a different color, leaving spaces between the words. Cut apart the words on one piece of paper and hide them in the shredded paper. Place the other paper in front of the bin. Display the Big Picture Question Poster nearby. Welcome the children and invite them to dig in the shredded paper. Assist children as they match the words found to the bin. Read the key passage phrase together and review the big picture question and answer.

SAY “It is great to see you today! You found all the hidden words in the bin to match our key passage phrase. It says, ‘LORD, there is no one like you. You are great. Jeremiah 10:6.’ In our Bible story, David made bad choices that hurt other people. **David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.** David wrote a song and asked God to forgive him. David knew he should obey God because there is no one like God. Our big picture question asks, **Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.**”





LEARN the Bible Story

1 TALK ABOUT DISOBEYING

Ask the preschoolers to think of times they have disobeyed their parents, teachers, or babysitters. Allow them to share times they have disobeyed. Guide them to realize that often there are problems when we disobey. Remind them of God's desire for us to obey our parents. Ask what we should do when we have disobeyed God or the adults who take care of us.

SAY “ You shared times when you disobeyed. When we disobey the adults that take care of us, we disobey God. God told us in the Bible to obey our parents. We obey our teachers and babysitters because our parents ask them to take care of us. In our Bible story today, King David disobeyed God. He saw a woman named Bathsheba and asked her to come to his palace even though he knew she was married. Then he sent her husband into a dangerous part of the battle and he was killed. **David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.** Listen carefully to our Bible story. ”

2 TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51. Tell the Bible story using the following summary. You may choose to review the Bible story by showing the video.

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

SAY “ King David was in charge of the army. But instead of going with them to fight, David stayed home. One evening, David saw a woman named Bathsheba. Even though Bathsheba was married to Uriah, David wanted Bathsheba to come to his palace.

David made a very bad plan. He sent Uriah to the front of the battle, where it was very dangerous. Sadly, Uriah got hurt and he died.

After Uriah died, David married Bathsheba and they had a baby. But what David did was wrong, and God knew it.

God sent a man named Nathan to talk to David. Nathan told David a story about a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had a lot of sheep, and the poor man had just one. When the rich man needed a lamb to cook, he took it from the poor man.

The story made David angry. Then Nathan said, “You are like the rich man in the story. You did something wrong.”

David felt very sorry and repented for what he had done. He wrote a song to God and told God he was sorry, and God forgave him. ”

Christ Connection: When David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

3 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Look at the Bible Story Picture Poster together. Discuss what David is doing in the picture. Ask why David is praying. Comment that when we do something wrong we need to say we are sorry and choose to do better the next time. Suggest that we also need to ask God to forgive us, like King David did.

SAY “David chose to disobey. He knew he made a wrong choice. **David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.** He even wrote a song to God to tell God that He was sorry. God forgave David and He will forgive us if we ask for forgiveness and turn away from our sin, too. God loves us!”

4 SING A SONG

Sing the song to the familiar tune of “Mulberry Bush”:

LORD, there is no one like you.
You are great.
You are great.
LORD, there is no one like you.
Jeremiah 10:6

5 LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Jeremiah 10:6. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say the key passage phrase as if you are very sad because you have done something wrong. Comment that after we ask God to forgive us, we can be happy again. Say the verse again as if you are forgiven and happy.

SAY “King David knew that he should not ask Bathsheba to come to his palace. He knew that he was wrong to send Uriah to a dangerous place in the battle. His own sin made him sad. King **David sinned and asked God for forgiveness.** He was happy when God forgave him.”

6 PRAY

Pray, thanking God that He loves us even when we sin. Thank Him for forgiving us when we do wrong things.

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





LOVE

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God because of what we learned

1 DECIDE GOOD OR BAD CHOICES



Draw a large check mark on a green sheet of construction paper and a large X on a red sheet of construction paper. Tape the papers on opposite sides of the room. Name different situations and encourage the children to move to the check mark for good choices and the X for bad choices.

SAY Sometimes David made bad choices! Bringing Bathsheba to his house and sending Uriah into battle where he was hurt were bad choices. Other times, David made right choices. Let's think about the things we do. **DAVID SINNED AND ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS.** We know that when David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins.

2 USE BINOCULARS

Print and secure nature pictures with painter's tape around the classroom. Tape pictures within sight of preschoolers. Provide binoculars and encourage the children to look at the nature pictures around the room. Talk about the things in nature that you see.

SAY We use our eyes to see things. The binoculars help us see far away things even better. David secretly looked at Bathsheba who was not his wife. David knew he had sinned, and he told God that he was sorry. He wrote a song to tell God he was sorry. Did you know that David wrote many songs? His songs are in the Bible book of Psalms. Some of David's songs talked about the world that God created. David knew that God was the creator. Remember our big picture question and answer? Let's say it together. **Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.** We thank God when we see the beautiful world God created.

3 PLAY A MATCHING GAME

Print two copies of the "Opposites" printable on heavyweight paper. Cut the pictures apart, mix them up, and turn them face down. Guide the children to turn over two cards and see if they match. After all the pairs are matched, play again finding opposites.

SAY Great job matching alike cards and opposite cards. When we sin, we do the opposite of what God wants for us. When we obey God, we do what he likes. **DAVID SINNED AND ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS.** I am glad we can ask God for forgiveness when we sin.

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





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

1 FIND THE DIFFERENCE

Instruct the preschoolers to close their eyes as you change one thing about your appearance (take off a bracelet, tie up your hair, take off a shoe, and so forth). Invite the preschoolers to open their eyes and guess what you changed. Play as many rounds as time allows.

SAY “ You did a great job playing our game! Was it hard to spot the differences sometimes? [Allow responses.] We do not see everything, but God does. He knows everything about us and everything we do. He sees our sin, even when we think no one else did. God sent Jesus because we all needed to be saved from our sin. When we repent, or turn from our sins, God forgives us. ”

2 MISSIONS ACTIVITY

Remind preschoolers that the good news about Jesus is too good to keep to ourselves! God wants us to tell others about Jesus. A follower of Jesus who is sent to tell others about Jesus is called a missionary. Comment that missionary Bennett Ekandem came to America from his home country of Nigeria, because God wanted him to work with kids from other countries who need help with their homework and tell them about Jesus. Show the “I Have a Mission” missions video. Pray for Bennett, his wife, and the helpers in the ministry as they tell the children who have moved to Clarkston from other countries about Jesus.

SAY “ Missionary Bennett Ekandem began an after-school ministry in Clarkston, Georgia. He knew the kids needed help with their homework after school because their parents cannot speak or read English to help them. ”

3 SNACK AND TRANSITION

Post an Allergy Alert. Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story. When children finish their snack, lead them to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ Connection.

SAY “ When David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins. ”

Remember to communicate helpful information to the bonus teaching hour leaders. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something their child did well during the session. Distribute Big Picture Cards for Families. Encourage parents to engage with the family discussion starters and family activities during the week.



BONUS Teaching Hour Group Time

1 MODEL REPENTANCE

Choose a preschooler to stand up and begin walking in one direction. Instruct them to turn around and go in the opposite direction when you say the word “repent.” Continue calling on children to stand until every child is participating. We all are going towards sin until we choose to repent, or turn around, and go the other way. In today’s Bible story, David needed to repent of his wrong choices. **DAVID SINNED AND ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS.**

2 TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51. Use the summarized points below to talk about the Bible story:

DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED

- Instead of leading his army, King David stayed home. He saw a woman named Bathsheba and wanted her to be his wife.
- David made a bad plan to send a soldier named Uriah to a dangerous part of the battle. Uriah got hurt and died. Then David married Bathsheba.
- The prophet Nathan told David he did the wrong thing. David was sorry and repented of his sin. He told God he was sorry, and God forgave him.

3 SING A SONG

Sing the song to the familiar tune of “Mulberry Bush”:

LORD, there is no one like you.
You are great.
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Jeremiah 10:6

4 SAY THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Jeremiah 10:6. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Invite one child to be King David and lead the children to march around the room as they repeat the key passage phrase. Choose new King David leaders and repeat the key passage phrase several times.

5 PRAY

Pray, thanking God that He forgives us when we sin. Ask God to help us make good choices.



BONUS Teaching Hour Activities

6 CARE FOR A BABY DOLL



Before the session, gather one or more dolls and any doll care items you have in your room. Encourage the children to take turns rocking and pretending to feed the doll. Retell the Bible story, emphasizing that King David and Bathsheba had a baby.

SAY “What does a new baby need? A baby needs someone to take care of him. He needs someone to feed him, dress him, change his diapers, and rock him. After King David brought Bathsheba to the palace, they had a baby. They took care of their baby and loved it. King **DAVID SINNED AND ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS**. God forgave King David.”

7 PLAY A LISTENING GAME

Assist children to form a large circle in the floor and sit. Place items in the center of the circle. Call on one child at a time to complete simple tasks using the items. Once the child has completed the task, instruct them to return to their spot in the circle. Tasks include: Holding a baby doll, shaking a noise maker, sitting in the chair, tossing the beanbag into a basket, and so forth.

SAY “David did not follow God’s directions. When Nathan told David the story of the rich man with many sheep and the poor man with only one sheep, David knew he had sinned! He told God that he was sorry. When David was sorry and repented, God forgave him. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and trust in Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from our sins.”

8 COLLECT SHEEP

Place cotton balls on the floor around the classroom. Show preschoolers how to pick up the cotton balls with the tongs. For preschoolers having difficulty using tongs, suggest they pinch and pick up the cotton balls with their index finger and thumb. Consider placing a bowl on a table for children to place the collected cotton balls. Once all of the cotton balls have been collected, lead preschoolers to scatter the cotton balls around the room and repeat the activity.

SAY “These cotton balls remind me of a lamb. In our Bible story today, Nathan told a story about a rich man who took the only lamb a poor man had. David was like the rich man. God had made David king and had given him what he needed, but David took what was not his. **DAVID SINNED AND ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS**.”

Release preschoolers to parents according to your church’s security procedure. Tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.