

David's Sin

Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

Have you ever planned to sin? One time King David planned to sin. How would God deal with this powerful king. His loved and chosen servant?

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

- A. David sent Joab and his army to battle while he remained in Jerusalem. (11:1)
- B. Walking on the palace roof one evening, David saw a beautiful woman bathing, whom he learned was Bathsheba, the wife of his soldier, Uriah. (11:2-3)
- C. David committed adultery with Bathsheba, and she later sent him word that she was pregnant with his child. (11:4-5)
- D. David encouraged Uriah to go spend time with Bathsheba, but he refused. (11:6-13)
- E. David ordered Joab to place Uriah at the battlefield where he would be killed. (11:14-15)
- F. Joab obeyed David's orders, then sent word to David that Uriah was dead. (11:16-25)
- G. Bathsheba mourned her husband's death, then she married David and had a son. (11:26-27)
- H. God sent Nathan the prophet to David, and he told David a parable; David was outraged at the guilty man in the story. (12:1-6)
- I. Nathan confronted David, and David confessed his sin. (12:7-13)

III. CLIMAX

But having failed to choose God's right way, David now had to face the consequences of his sin. (12:10-14)

IV. CONCLUSION


- A. David's son grew ill and, in spite of David's prayers, the child died. (12:15-18)
- B. Accepting the consequences of his sin, David worshiped God. (12:19-23)

Challenge (saved child): Choose God's right way. [Prov. 14:12]
Gospel and Invitation (unsaved child): Believe on the Lord Jesus for everlasting life. [John 1:12]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.



Lesson Overview	
Scripture	2 Samuel 11:1—12:23
Memory Verse	Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death."
Teaching Objective	The saved child will choose God's right way, realizing there are consequences to sin.
Main Teaching	Choose God's right way.
Teaching Statement	Choose God's right way!
Emphasis for Unsaved	Believe on the Lord Jesus and have everlasting life.
Visual Aids	Flashcards 3-1—6, map

Schedule		60-min
Before Club	Complete attendance record as children arrive, listen to each child recite previous verse	—
Opening	Welcome "Good News to All the World" Review rules, "David's Crown" attendance incentive	4
Prayer	Prayer requests and praise reports from the children	3
Memory Verse	(Review previous verses) Proverbs 14:12 Repetition: Turn Around	8
Song	"Just Turn Around" (visualized song)	2
Bible Lesson/ Invitation	(Review previous lesson) David's Sin	20
Review	Review game and/or growth activity	0
Gospel Activity	"Ticket to Heaven," p. 23 	4
Missions	Song: "Children All Around the World" Story: <i>Mountain Pathways</i> , part 3 "Flight to the Field" missions chart, emphasis, prayer	10
Song	"Nothing But the Blood"	2
Wonder Time	"God Wants to Spend Time with Just You" (visualized song) or "Get It Read" p. 52, quiet time teaching and <i>Wonder Devotional Book</i> review, awards	6
Closing	Announcements, prayer, verse/teaching tokens, <i>Wonderzone</i> bookmarks, <i>Truth Chasers Club</i> starter lessons	1

Extended Class Time: Use additional sidebar activities.

Teaching the Memory Verse

Preschool Memory Verse

Teach John 3:16 throughout the series. See p. 7 for teaching instructions.



The memory verses in this series are taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If you are using another version, you may need to adapt the explanations slightly.

Preschool Repetition

“Popcorn”

Have preschoolers follow your lead, “popping up” and saying the next part of the verse when you do, sitting down and being silent when you do. Repeat several times.



Show an object Ryan (or kids in your class) might be tempted to steal.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Introduction: (*Hold up paper on which you have written, “DO NOT ENTER.”*) Who has seen a sign that says this at the side of the road? (*Allow children to raise their hands.*) Why is the sign there? (*Let children share answers.*) The sign is a warning that there may be danger ahead so you should not go that way. The Bible warns us to avoid going our sinful way because there is danger in doing that.

Presentation: (*Read the verse from your Bible—or have an older child do so—then have the children read with you from the verse visual.*)

Explanation: “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man*”—A certain path or way of life may seem good or right to some people, but it is really sin. “*but the end thereof are the ways of death*”—Because that way (which seems right) is sin, it leads to death or separation from God.

Application: *Saved:* If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, you need to be careful of the way you live and the choices you make. The things you do may seem right to you or others but are they really God’s ways? If you choose ways that are not God’s ways, there will be consequences.

Unsaved: If you have never believed on Jesus as your Savior, God’s way is for you to have everlasting life. You need to believe on Jesus as your Savior from sin.

Repetition: Turn Around

(*Ask for volunteers line up in front of the class, each child holding the words of part of the memory verse. Repeat the verse together using the visuals several times. Then have one child at a time turn his back to the class as they continue to repeat the verse. Continue until all have their backs to the class.*)

Gospel Activity

Ticket to Heaven

(*Photocopy and cut out sample ticket or use a real one. Hold up so children can see.*)

If I want to get into a movie, an amusement park or a sporting event, what do I need? (*Allow response.*) That’s right, I need a ticket. Without the ticket, I can’t get in. Heaven is the same way. There’s a “ticket” I need in order to get in, but it’s different than this one. Listen to this verse from the Bible and see if you can guess what you need to get into Heaven. (*Read John 3:36. Let children share answers.*) This verse says you need the Son—that’s Jesus! The only way to have your sins forgiven so you can get into Heaven is to believe in Jesus.

Lesson

INTRODUCTION

Do you ever plan to sin? Ryan did. His family had lots of money, and he had most everything he wanted. One day he saw something his friend had that he didn’t and Ryan made plans to steal it. After he stole it, he made up a lie to hide what he had done. But Ryan was a Christian. How does God feel when His children plan to sin, then try to get away with it? (*Allow children to briefly share.*) One time King David planned to sin. How would God deal with this powerful king, His loved and chosen servant?

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Slide 3-1

The rainy season was finally over, and it was springtime in Israel. Kings and their armies were once again on the move against their enemies. King David, who had reigned in Israel for nearly 20 years, decided to invade the city of Rabbah. It was the capital of Israel's enemy the Ammonites, whose land bordered Israel on the east. They had been a constant threat to God's people. Usually kings led their armies into battle. But for some reason, David decided not to go this time. He sent his commander, Joab, to lead the army in his place while he remained at his palace in Jerusalem.

Slide 3-2

One evening David couldn't sleep. Perhaps he thought about the battle and wondered how his army was doing. Maybe he felt a little guilty that he didn't go with them. Feeling restless, David got up and walked out onto the flat roof. He took a deep breath of the warm night air. From up there he could see quite a bit of the city below in the dim light of early evening.

As he looked at the houses and courtyards below the palace, he saw a woman in one of them. She was very beautiful, and she was taking a bath. David knew he should look away, but he didn't. He called one of his servants and asked who the woman was.

"Her name is Bathsheba," the servant replied. "She is the wife of your soldier Uriah."

David was married also, and he knew God has some very serious things to say about marriage. God says that a married person is to be faithful to the one he marries. A married person is not to commit adultery—make love to someone other than his own wife. But even though David knew God's laws, he sent a servant to bring Bathsheba to the palace. David did a very foolish and dangerous thing—he planned to sin.

Slide 3-3

Have you ever planned to sin? Perhaps, like Ryan in the beginning of our lesson, you made plans to steal something. Or maybe you deliberately disobeyed your parents or the rules at school. Some Christian boys and girls even break God's rules about keeping their bodies pure. They plan ways to be alone with their boyfriends or girlfriends so that they can make love even though they're not married.

If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you need to choose God's right way, instead of choosing to sin. In the Bible, God says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Knowing God's right way then choosing to sin is a serious offense to God. His Son, the Lord Jesus, died for your sin. He paid for it with His own blood. When you choose to sin, it's like saying to God, "I don't care that Jesus died for my sin; I'll do what I want."

You might think you can cover up your sin or keep it a secret. But you can never hide your sin from God. Eventually you'll have to face the consequences or results of your sin. You might have to pay back what you've stolen or face being grounded or expelled from school. If you choose not to keep your body pure and make love before you're married, you may have a baby you're unable to care for, or you may get sick from a deadly disease. Planning to sin is a very foolish and dangerous thing to do.

Slide 3-4

David was planning to sin. Even though he knew that he and Bathsheba each belonged to someone else, he had her brought to his palace. Bathsheba and David spent the night together like a husband and wife. Then she returned to her home.

Not long after that night, David received a message from Bathsheba. She was very distressed to tell him that she was going to have a baby. What would the people say? Everyone knew that her husband was away at the battle. They would know she had committed adultery, and if a man and woman committed adultery, Israel's law said both should be put to death! Bathsheba must have been very afraid.

Rabbah (RAB-uh)

Ammonites (AM-mun-ites)

At the center of large homes in Bible times was a courtyard. It was open to the sky but not visible to passersby.

Bathsheba (bath-SHE-buh)

Uriah (you-RYE-uh)

Teacher's Note

This lesson deals honestly with issues of adultery and sexual purity. You will need to decide, according to the age of the children you teach, what type of examples to share in the applications. Sexual purity is an important issue that today's child needs to be taught. Ask God to give you wisdom to know how much to say and how to say it.



Teaching Card and Statement

Show card and have children shout "Choose God's right way!" (See GNC resource pack.) This teaching statement—a shortened version of the teaching emphasis for the saved child—will be easy for kids to repeat. Tell the kids that anytime you call out "Word Up!" they are to shout the phrase back. Call it out during transition times, times when kids are restless or anytime!

Read James 4:17 from the Word of God.

David knew this was a serious situation, but he was a powerful king. He thought he could use his power to cover up his sin. He immediately sent for Bathsheba's husband, Uriah.

David thought that if Uriah could go home and spend time with his wife, people would think that her baby was Uriah's.

Slide 3-5

When Uriah arrived at the palace, David asked him about the battle. Uriah told David how things were going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and rest." David even sent some food with Uriah to take home.

As Uriah left, David probably thought his problem was over. But the next day he found out that Uriah did not go home. He had stayed at the palace, sleeping among the servants! David asked Uriah, "Why didn't you go home last night?"

Uriah answered, "My commander and my fellow soldiers are camped out in the battlefield. How could I enjoy sitting down to eat and being with my wife when I am thinking about them? I will not go home."

Uriah's words must have made David very uncomfortable. This faithful soldier was willing to give up even being with his wife for the sake of his fellow soldiers, yet David had not even gone to battle with his men.

Determined that Uriah would go home, David ordered him to stay another day. He made sure that Uriah had some wine to drink, hoping that his mind would get clouded so he'd forget about the other soldiers and go home to his wife. But again, Uriah stayed at the palace.

David was totally frustrated. He needed another solution to his problem. David wrote a note to his commander, Joab. In the note he instructed Joab to place Uriah in the front lines of the battle, then pull his other soldiers back so Uriah would be killed by the enemy. David sealed the letter with his royal seal and gave the letter to Uriah, asking him to deliver it personally to Joab. David's sins were really piling up—first adultery, then lies to cover it up and now he was about to have Uriah murdered!

Joab received the letter delivered faithfully by an unsuspecting Uriah. As David's commander, Joab obeyed the king's orders, putting Uriah in the front lines of the battle. Uriah was killed by the enemy.

When word came that Uriah had died in battle, Bathsheba went into a period of mourning for her dead husband, publicly showing her sadness. After the days of mourning were over, David sent for Bathsheba and married her.

Though it was against God's law, the king had many wives. The people probably weren't surprised or shocked when he married Bathsheba. Everything settled down again. David and Bathsheba breathed a sigh of relief. They awaited the birth of their baby, thinking that everything would be all right.

But the Bible says the thing that David had done displeased the Lord. David and Bathsheba might have convinced themselves that they had gotten away with their sin. But God wasn't fooled and He had not forgotten their sin.

Slide 3-6

Several months went by, then finally a baby boy was born to Bathsheba. David loved his new son, but he could not be completely happy inside knowing what he'd done.

Slide 3-7

One day God sent His prophet, Nathan, to see David. Nathan told David this story: "Two men lived near each other. One was rich and the other poor. The rich man had flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. But the poor man had nothing except one little lamb. The lamb had grown up with his children. It ate and drank with the family. It was a loved pet. Then a traveler came to the rich man's house. The rich man, knowing he would have to provide a meal for his visitor, went over to the poor man's house, took the pet lamb and killed it to feed his guests."

David was furious! "That man deserves to die!" he declared.

Slide 3-8

Nathan looked at King David and told him plainly, "You are the man."

David's face grew pale. Nathan went on, "David, God says to you: 'I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from Saul. You have many wives. I have given you the whole nation. Why have you made light of My commandment in doing this wrong? You killed Uriah. You stole his wife.'"

Pretend to write David's message on a scroll, then roll it up and pass it to a helper.

Read 2 Samuel 11:27b from your Bible.

Have two children role play the conversation between Nathan and David. Print the words on index cards and let them practice them ahead of time.

God's words spoken by Nathan cut deeply into David's heart.

"God will punish you, David," Nathan said. "You will suffer for this wickedness. You will have much trouble in your family because of it."

God was reminding David that sin always causes trouble. That is why God wanted David to choose His right way instead of choosing to sin.

Slide 3-9

If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you need to choose God's right way. If you choose to go against God's rules, you'll be sinning, and you'll have to face the consequences of your choice. Let's say our memory verse together. (*Repeat Proverbs 14:12.*) Sin always brings shame and sadness, not only to the one who sinned but often to his family and friends as well. Sin is against God and it comes between you and Him, hurting your friendship with Him. Your sin brings sadness to the heart of God.

If you know you have chosen sin instead of God's right way, you need to confess that sin to God. That means to agree with God that you have sinned, and that your sin has come between you and Him. Then you need to ask God to give you the strength to choose His right way. It's not always easy to stand against temptation. To be tempted is not a sin, but when you allow temptation to stay in your mind, that's when it becomes sin. When a temptation to sin comes into your mind, **stop!** Then **think** about what God says about that sin. Think about the troubles you will have if you give in. Remember that no sin is hidden from God. Think about how your sin will hurt Him. Then **ask** God for the strength to choose His right way instead.

God wanted David to choose His right way instead of choosing to sin. He reminded David that sin always brings trouble.

Slide 3-10

David cried out in great sorrow, "I have sinned against the Lord!" In deep sadness, he confessed his sin to God, and God forgave him.

"The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die," Nathan told David.

CLIMAX

But having failed to choose God's right way, David now had to face the consequences of his sin.

CONCLUSION

"The child that has been born to you will die," Nathan told David.

Shortly after Nathan's visit, the baby grew ill. Even though David prayed for his recovery, his little son died a week later. David's heart broke with sorrow, but he knew that he and Bathsheba had brought this terrible situation on themselves.

David went to the house of the Lord and worshiped Him. He had learned—the hard way—that sin brings consequences, and it is always better to choose God's right way.

CHALLENGE

Slide 3-11

If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you need to choose God's right way. Don't allow the strong temptations of the enemy to draw you into sin. Remember our memory verse. (*Repeat Proverbs 14:12 together.*) When you are tempted, think about what God's Word says about that sin. Think about the trouble you will have to face, and how your sin will hurt others, too. Remember that your sin is not hidden from God. Think about how your sin will hurt Him. Ask God for the strength to choose His right way instead. If you have already given in to temptation, confess your sin to God, accept His forgiveness and ask Him to help you choose His right way next time.

Remember that when you face temptation, you need to **stop**, **think** about what you're doing, and **ask** God to help you choose His right way.



Teaching Card and Statement
Show card and have children shout
"Choose God's right way!"

Discuss the consequences of sin.

Teach the children motions to help them remember these steps:

Stop! Hold your hand out in front of you.

Think! Point to your head.

Ask! Fold your hands and bow your head as if praying.

Quote 1 John 1:9.



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GOSPEL AND INVITATION



This narrative does not allow for a clear place to teach the message of salvation within the story line itself. For this reason, the message is taught here, going directly into the invitation. Be sure to reinforce the message of salvation elsewhere in the class hour (see schedule, p. 22).

Preschool Invitation

Sing “Nothing But the Blood” and present the invitation using John 3:16 and “believe in” terminology. Ask those who would like to believe in Jesus to stay with you at the story rug.

Preschool Song

Sing “Good News.”

Review Game

“Choose the Right Way”

Prepare two envelopes, one labeled “The Right Way” and the other labeled “The Wrong Way.” Print numbers on slips of paper—positive numbers for “The Right Way” envelope and negative numbers for “The Wrong Way” envelope. (See GNC resource pack.) Divide the class into teams and ask questions, alternating between the teams. When a child answers correctly, hold both envelopes behind your back, call the child to the front to choose a hand then let him draw a number from the envelope in that hand. Positive numbers are added to the team’s score; negative numbers are subtracted. The team with the most points at the end wins.

Maybe you understand that you have sinned against God and would like for God to change you. Did you know that you were born with the desire to sin? God’s Word says, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer. 17:9). You were created by a holy—perfect—God. He loves you and wants to have a special relationship with you. But your sin separates you from Him. All the bad things you do are reminders of your sinful heart. Jesus, God the Son, came to earth and lived a perfect life. Even though He didn’t deserve to be punished, He suffered and died willingly on the cross for your sin. His blood took care of the payment God required. The Bible says, “In whom we have redemption through his [Jesus’] blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:14). Jesus was buried, then came alive the third day. He is alive forever. Only He can forgive your sin.

God’s Word says, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life” (John 3:36). That means if you will believe with all your heart that the Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin, He will give you life forever in Heaven with Him. Will you believe on the Lord Jesus? Please close your eyes and bow your heads. If you would like to believe on the Lord Jesus and have His everlasting life, will you show me by standing quietly? (*Pause and acknowledge responses.*) Those who are standing may meet me (*designate time and location*) so I can show you from the Bible how you can have everlasting life.

Review Questions

1. Why was it unusual for David to be at his palace in the springtime? (*David’s army had gone to war, and usually he would have been with them.*)
2. How did David first notice Bathsheba? (*He was walking on his rooftop one evening when he saw her bathing on her roof below.*)
3. Why was it a sin for David and Bathsheba to spend the night together? (*They weren’t married to each other. It was breaking God’s law.*)
4. How did David try to cover up his sin? (*He encouraged Uriah to go to Bathsheba so people would think the baby was Uriah’s.*)
5. Why is it impossible to hide your sin from God? (*God knows and sees everything; He’s everywhere.*)
6. What does it mean when we say that sin has consequences? (*Sin always brings trouble.*)
7. How did Nathan confront David about his sin? (*He told a story about a man stealing another’s lamb, then showed David that he was the guilty man.*)
8. What consequences did David suffer for his sin? (*David’s family would have problems throughout his life; his newborn son died.*)
9. What can you do when you are tempted to sin? (*Think about what God says about that sin and how it will offend God; consider the consequences and ask God to give you strength to choose His right way.*)
10. How can you become God’s child and be forgiven of your sin? (*By believing on the Lord Jesus as your Savior.*)

Preschool Review Questions

1. How did David sin? (*He took another man's wife then made sure the man would be killed in battle.*)
2. What happened because David sinned? (*His baby died and he had trouble in his family from then on.*)
3. What did David do when he realized he had sinned? (*Admitted his sin to God and God forgave him.*)
4. How can you be forgiven of your sin? (*Admit your sin to God and believe on Jesus as your Savior.*)

Growth Activities

Discussion: Listen and Obey

Ask the children to tell how these Bible characters obeyed God: Jesus (Luke 22:42; Phil. 2:8); Abraham (Gen. 22:1-18); Noah (Gen. 6:22). Ask how Christians today can know what God wants them to do. Add to their ideas by discussing how God speaks to us through the Bible, Holy Spirit, friends, parents and situations. If time permits, role play a situation a child may face and demonstrate how God might use each of these ways.

Mother May I?

Discuss why God wants us to obey parents (Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1-3; Prov. 6:21-22). Then play a variation of "Mother May I." The children form a line across the room from the teacher, or "Mother." Mother gives each child in turn a command, such as "John, take three baby steps." Before the child obeys the command, he must ask, "Mother may I?" Mother responds, "Yes you may." If the child forgets to ask, he must return to the starting line. Try to word your commands so that the children have an equal opportunity to progress toward the finish line where Mother is. First child to reach the finish line is the winner.

Preschool Review Game

"Right Way, Wrong Way"
Make two arrows, one labeled "God's Right Way," the other labeled "Wrong Way." Hold one in each hand behind your back. When a child answers a question, he may choose one of your hands. If he chooses "God's Right Way," everyone cheers and claps.