

KINGDOM

“David’s Sin”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- The story of God making a covenant with David
- The story of David’s sin.
- Psalm 23
- Solomon’s Wisdom in Proverbs

Series Theme Verse: “Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” – Psalm 23:6

Lesson Objective: For students to understand the story of David’s sin and the need to seek forgiveness when we sin, not to cover it up.

Lesson Passage: 2 Samuel 11

Materials Needed: Bibles, Series Theme Verse on poster

Lesson Plan: (This is definitely a sensitive subject, but the statistics show that students are being exposed to these conversations extremely early in life. One recent study quoted by Focus on the Family said children are being exposed to pornography as young as 8 years old. One just has to watch tv to know what kids see, even in “the clean comedies.” All this to say, be sensitive when talking about this story, but realize that we need to teach God’s truth and that what David did was wrong. One of the best approaches to the passage is to remind students that God’s plan is for a husband to be faithful to his wife and a wife to be faithful to her husband. The picture of being faithful is seen in God’s relationship to Israel, or Christ’s to the Church. You can also talk about how David stole Uriah’s wife.)

One article says we teach the story for three reasons:

1. Because otherwise your kids grow up thinking David was a perfect man. All they hear is David loved God, David killed Goliath, and they put him up on a pedestal, and don’t see his feet of clay.
2. Because your kids need to see that God always offers forgiveness, even for a horrible crime. David planned murder of someone who had been loyal to him and served him for years.
3. Because David’s sin here had consequences that went far beyond David, and some of these consequences were good. Jesus is Solomon’s great great.... grandsire.

Talking Points: 2 Samuel 11:1-5

- Where should David have been as the King of Israel? (With his troops in war)
- Where was David? (In Jerusalem)

- When he saw Bathsheba taking a bath, what should David have done? (Turned away, gone inside, don't keep looking)
- Instead, he found out she was married to Uriah and David sent his servants to have her come to the palace
- After sleeping with David, Bathsheba found out that she was pregnant with David's child. This was wrong, because she had a husband named Uriah, and a wife should be faithful to her husband, and David should never sleep with Bathsheba because she was not his wife. God's plan is for a man to only sleep with his wife, and a woman to only sleep with her husband. By going against God's plan, more troubles would follow.

Talking Points: 2 Samuel 11:14-17

- David did not want to admit that he was wrong for having a child with Uriah's wife, so what did he do? (A letter was sent with Uriah to General Joab)
- What did the letter say? (Put Uriah at the fiercest fighting place in the war. Then have all the other soldiers leave Uriah alone to fight the enemy)
- What do you think would happen then? (Uriah would be killed)
- What happened to Uriah? (He was killed in the battle)
- Do you think God was happy with David for stealing another man's wife and having that man killed? (No, in fact, 2 Samuel 11:27 says, "The Lord was displeased with what David had done")

The Story Retold:

- To lighten things up a little, you can play "David, Bathsheba, Lion"
- Have students stand back to back.
- When you count to three, kids jump and face each other, choosing to be either David (Swirling a slingshot), Bathsheba (Brushes her hair), or a lion (snarls with paws in the air).
- Each character defeats another character, if the kids choose the same character, they are both out.
- David defeats the lion by swinging his sling shot to knock out the lion.
- The lion defeats Bathsheba by scaring Bathsheba away.
- Bathsheba beats David.

The Story and Me:

- Have the Series theme verse written on a poster or white board.
- Have the students read the verse together.
- Explain to students that God wants us to follow God, even though it might seem difficult. When we mess up and sin, we need to turn to God and ask forgiveness. Do you think today's story would have been different if David would have turned to God when he was tempted to sin?
- Give students an example of how you seek God's guidance which leads to a better life.
- Let students sit in a circle and say the verse one word at a time around the circle.
- Do this several times, helping them learn the verse.