

THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2026-2027)

Lesson #1-7
2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9

LAST WEEK

At the end of Joshua's life, the Israelites remembered God's saving actions and Joshua called on the people to renew their relationship with God (Joshua 24:1-15).

THIS WEEK

King David committed serious sins against Bathsheba, Uriah, and God. After Nathan confronts him with his sin, he seeks forgiveness (2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9).

STORY SUMMARY

Nathan and King David

King David loved God, but he also committed serious crimes against Bathsheba and her husband Uriah. He tried to hide his sins, but God sent the prophet Nathan to confront David about what he had done. Nathan tells the king a parable about a stolen lamb. When David hears it, he furiously condemns the rich man in the story. Nathan then tells David that he is the rich man and that God knows what he did. After Nathan leaves, David prays and composes a psalm asking for God's forgiveness and grace.

PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is when we build relationships within the Body of Christ. We can also build fellowship in our families, reminding each other of God's love and forgiveness. Share a time of confession. After each confession, tell each other, "God forgives you."

THE POINT

We can always seek forgiveness.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Repentance

Just like King David, we also often need God's forgiveness. When we make choices that turn us away from God, we damage our relationship with God and often hurt others. We need to repent. Repentance is not just about feeling sorry for what we have done or failed to do. It means that we admit to God that what we have done is wrong and turn back to God with our minds, hearts, and actions. God's love and forgiveness are infinite and can restore our relationship with God. Praying to God for forgiveness and strength to fix the damage our actions and inaction cause is one way we can be restored to a happier life full of joy in God's love.

NEXT WEEK

Solomon asks God for wisdom to rule the people of Israel justly, and God grants Solomon's request (1 Kings 3:4-9 [10-15] 16-28).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson's Scripture reading with your family.

- ✞ Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- ✞ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✞ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9 God sends Nathan to confront King David's sin. Share a time that you did something wrong and how that made you feel.
Monday—Read 2 Samuel 12:10-25 There is fallout from David's sin. Talk about a time when it seemed like God spoke to you through the advice or kindness of a friend or loved one.
Tuesday—Read Psalm 51:10-19 David prays for redemption and transformation. Using Psalm 51 as a guide, write your own song or poem of confession together.
Wednesday—Read 2 Samuel 23:8-17 David had a number of mighty warriors. How can you "fight" for justice with love and peace?
Thursday—Read 1 Kings 1:5-37 There is intrigue in old David's palace. Search the Internet to learn about how kingships are passed on today.
Friday—Read 1 Kings 1:38-53 Solomon is anointed as the future king. Parade around your home, blowing imaginary trumpets and shouting, "Long live King Solomon!"
Saturday—Read 1 Kings 2:1-12 David gives advice to Solomon. What advice would you give to a king?

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