

Lesson 94: God Forgives David  
[2 Samuel 12:1-7](#); [Psalm 51:1-12](#)

**Youtube Link:** [https://youtu.be/Z\\_yZ4\\_4S9rY](https://youtu.be/Z_yZ4_4S9rY)

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/WkJJHQrmQcE>

**Worship Theme:** God accepts our repentance.

**Memory Verse:** "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. O Be Careful Little Eyes <https://youtu.be/leoAGL9usF0>
2. Alive <https://youtu.be/NGQXTg3Uogg>
3. Lord I Confess to You <https://youtu.be/cNotlSrjHI0>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Up Down Pound"

Khmer Game



### Introduction:

How many of you have ever said bad words to others? How many of you have had bad words said to you? Are saying bad words good or bad? Do you think it is a sin? Yes, it's a sin. What are some other sins? Stealing, cursing others, lying, hating others, killing, and other sins are not God's will. We need to confess our sins to God and repent. Repent means to say sorry to God and to turn away from sins. Today, we will learn about King David who sinned against God and his repentance. Do you think God will forgive him?

### Bible Story:

One day King David received a visit from the prophet Nathan. Remember, a prophet is like God's announcer. God gives the prophet a message he wants others to hear. Nathan began God's message by telling a story.

He told about a rich man who had everything, including a large number of sheep and cattle. He also told about a poor man, who had nothing but one little sheep. The poor man loved this sheep and treated it as a pet. One day, a traveler visited the rich man's mansion. The rich man needed to prepare a meal for his visitor, but instead of using one of his own animals, he stole the poor man's sheep.

David didn't think it was very fair that the rich man took the poor man's sheep. In fact, he was outraged! That's when Nathan told David the real message from God. Nathan said, "David, this is just what you've done." David began to think about his sins.

David remembered that in the spring, when all the kings went off to war, he had decided to stay home. He sent his general, Joab, to war instead. Then one evening, as David walked around on the roof of his palace, he noticed a beautiful woman nearby. David sent a messenger to bring the woman to the palace.

King David treated this beautiful woman, named Bathsheba, as if she were his wife. He discovered that she was married to Uriah, a soldier fighting under Joab's command. Instead of repenting about taking someone else's wife, King David sent a message to Joab to have Uriah killed in the battle. When the news reached David that Uriah had been killed in battle, he married Uriah's wife, Bathsheba.

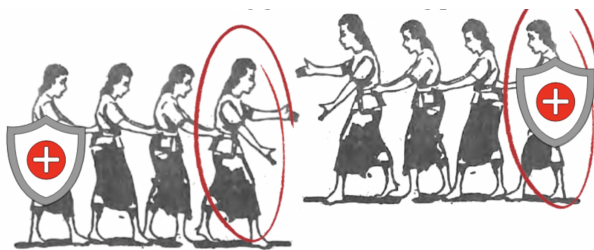
Remember Nathan's story? David realized that, just as the rich man had stolen the sheep, he had stolen someone else's wife. He felt almost sick with sorrow over what he had done. He asked God's forgiveness and wrote Psalm 51 to express his repentance.

All of us have sinned. The Bible says that all of us fall short of perfection. We all have sins we need to repent of. We can tell God about our sins. That's called confession. And we can promise God that we want to do right and that we'll do our best not to commit that sin again. That's called repentance. When we confess and repent, we can be sure that God accepts our apology. We know God forgives us because he sent Jesus to die for all of our sins!

#### Questions to discuss:

1. What did the rich man do in Prophet Nathan's story? (He stole the sheep from a poor man to prepare dinner for his guest instead of using his own animals.)
2. How was King David similar to the rich man? (He stole someone else's wife and had the husband killed in war)
3. What did King David do when he realized his sin? (He confessed and repented to God)
4. What does it mean to repent? (Making a promise that we will do our best not to commit that sin again)
5. How can we be sure that God forgives us when we repent? (He sent Jesus to die for our sins)

#### Game: "Protect the Chick"



1. Divide the children into two or more groups.
2. The first person in line is the mother hen and the rest of the children are chicks.
3. They have to hold each other like a train and the first person has to catch the last person from the other group.
4. The object of the game is to "steal" the last person like David "stole" someone's

wife.

5. After the game, explain to the children that hens try to protect their chicks. In the same way, God always protects and forgives us when we repent of sin.

#### Memory Verse:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

#### Craft: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Materials: Print the craft sheet, crayons, pens



1. Print a copy of the craft sheet for each child.
2. Write the memory verse "'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me (Psalm 51:10)" inside of the heart. If it is too hard for some children to write the entire verse, have them write "Create in me a clean heart, O God."
3. Have the students color the heart and the hands.
4. Remind the children that God always forgives us when we

repent like King David!

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Sin separates us from God, but Jesus joins us with God again through his death and resurrection. Through him we have a new life and a chance to repent and begin again! Read Psalm 51. You can almost hear the emotion in David's voice. When was the last time you felt the remorse of sin and were desperate to get rid of it? Thank Jesus for the beauty of being cleansed from sin. Without his sacrifice, we would be lost forever.

## Create in Me a Clean Heart - Craft

