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 "King David Gets More Oil for His Head"  
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**Lesson 9: GOD FORGIVES DAVID**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11-12; Psalm 141:5; Psalm 51)**



The Bible says that in the springtime, David sent the whole Israelite army out to fight some of the enemies that were still around. But David didn't go. He stayed home.

One evening David walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw one of his neighbors, a woman taking a bath. Back then, pots were put on the roof to collect water. So, there wasn't much privacy for a bath. David shouldn't have even been home. So, David saw his neighbor bathing because he wasn't supposed to be there.



David was about to learn a hard lesson – when you aren't where you are supposed to be and doing what you're supposed to do – it leads to trouble. David had the woman brought to him. Her name was Bathsheba.



Now David had many wives and God was fine with that for David. But what David was about to do was very wrong and is putting him in trouble with God.



David found out that Bathsheba was already married to his neighbor Uriah. Uriah was David's neighbor and a very loyal soldier in God's army. He was one of David's mighty men.

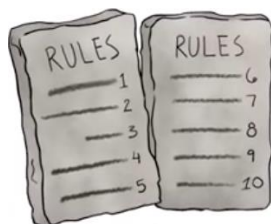
One of God's 10 Commandments was "Don't take your neighbor's wife." David knew this rule and he knew that Bathsheba was already married. But he invited her to his palace anyway. After meeting Bathsheba, David liked her so much that he took her as if she was his own wife.





David knew it was wrong to steal another man's wife. But he thought he could be sneaky and that Uriah wouldn't find out about it. Uriah was off at war with the rest of the army. But as time went on, it became clear that Uriah was going to find out what happened.

So, David tried to hide his sin and cover it up. But when covering it up wasn't working, David ordered his army Commander to put Uriah into the middle of a fierce battle so that he would be killed.



Remember that one of God's other 10 commandments was "Don't murder." Even though David didn't actually kill Uriah himself, he did murder Uriah by putting him where he would likely be killed by the enemy.

Once Uriah was killed, David kept Bathsheba for himself to be one of his wives. Bathsheba had a baby.



God loved David so much that He was going to discipline David. God wanted to help David get back on track. So, God sent His prophet Nathan to talk to David.

Nathan told a story – there was a very rich man who had lots of sheep. But his neighbor was poor and had only one little lamb that was precious to him. One day a visitor came to the rich man's house and was hungry. So, he killed poor man's lamb and cooked it for the visitor. When David heard the story, he was angry. He said, "I will punish that man!"



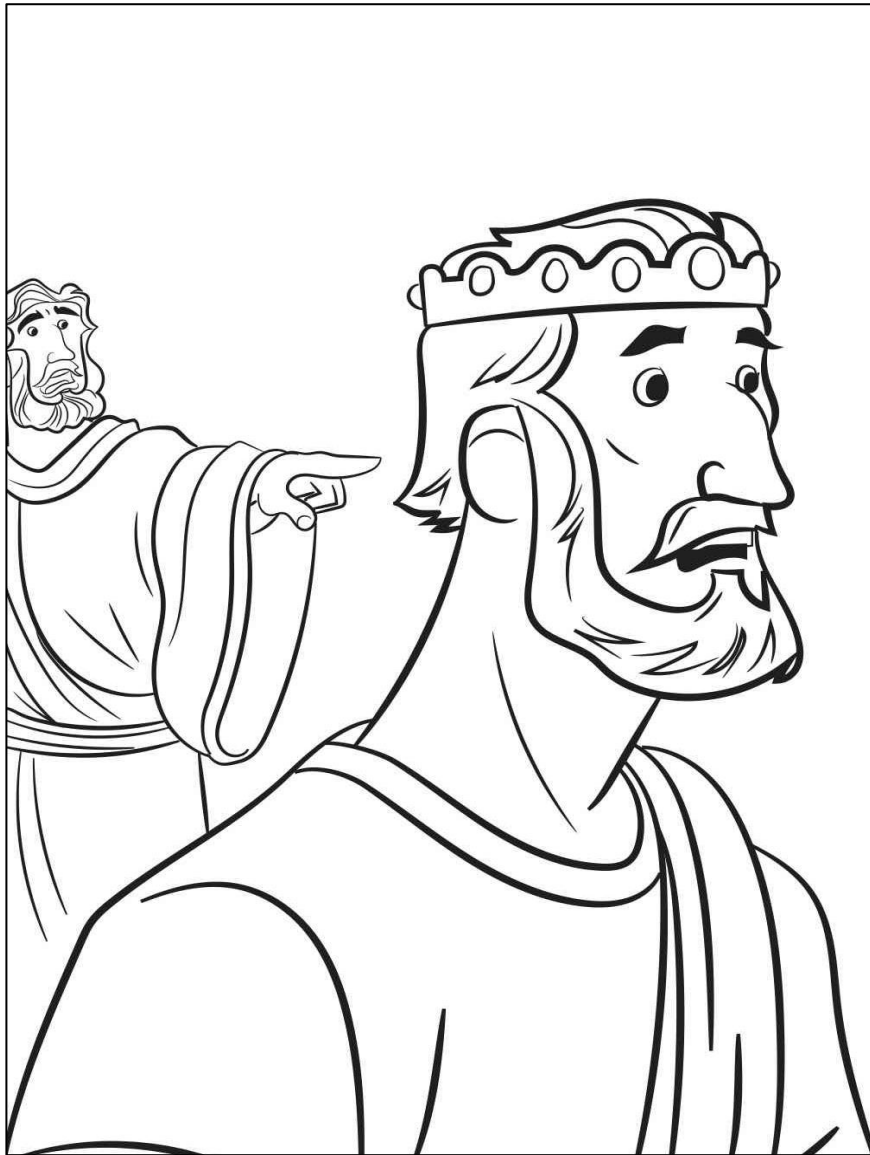
Nathan said, "David, you are that man! You took Uriah's wife. There will be sad consequences for you and our family! Your baby will die. It will live with God in heaven."

David said, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan's strong scolding was really God loving David so much that He helped him to come back to God. David even wrote a song about it asking God for mercy. He asked, "Make my heart clean."



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Color the Picture of **NATHAN** and **KING DAVID**



Who is in the picture?

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### UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



#### THINK ABOUT THIS:

- How did King David respond when he was shown his sin?

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- Have you ever tried to hide your wrong-doing? How did you feel?

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- After Nathan came to King David, he wrote Psalm 51. Read the Psalm from your Bible.

- What does Psalm 51 teach you?  
How does God react when we confess our sins and are sorry?

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Heart with sin

- Draw a picture of the heart God wants to give you.

How does Psalm 51 describe this heart?

**All sin has a consequence, a price. Praise God that He sent His Son Jesus to die to pay the price for our sins!**