

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 10

David Sins

Theme: Repentance — Seeking God’s forgiveness

Memory Verses

“David said to Solomon, ‘Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways ... according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.’”

1 Kings 2:2-3

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 2 Samuel 11:1-9
- 2 2 Samuel 11:14-27
- 3 2 Samuel 12:1-15
- 4 2 Samuel 12:16-23
- 5 1 Kings 15:5; Psalm 51:1-17

King David of Israel was a good man and a great leader. God had chosen David to be Israel’s king because David had a heart after God’s own heart. David knew the Lord and tried to do the Lord’s will. But even good men and great leaders sometimes make mistakes and sin.

2 Samuel 11:1-9

Walking on the roof of the king’s palace one evening, what did David see?

True or False? David took another man’s wife and acted as if she was his wife.

Once David sinned, what did he do at first?

- admitted it
- tried to cover it up
- said it wasn’t really sin



David did, and, as we have learned from his successes, we can also learn from his failures.

David and Bathsheba

One year, David sent Joab, the commander of his army, to war, but David remained behind in Jerusalem. David was strolling on his roof at

the end of the day, when he noticed a beautiful woman taking a bath. Instead of turning away and going back inside, David looked at the woman and wanted her for himself.

David found out that the woman was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, a soldier in Israel's army. David brought Uriah's wife to his house and treated her as if she was his wife. In doing this, David sinned. David called Uriah from the battlefield to try covering up his sin. When this did not work, David arranged for Uriah to be killed. David then took Bathsheba as his wife and she had a baby son, "but the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Samuel 11:27).



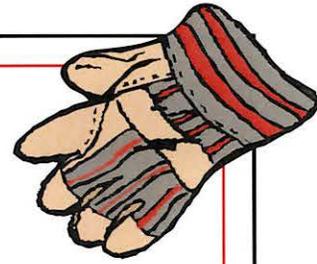
2 Samuel 11:14-27

Whom did David kill in trying to cover up his sin?

Since Uriah was dead, was God pleased that David took Bathsheba as his wife?

Yes

No



2 Samuel 12:1-15

In Nathan's story, what did the rich man take from the poor man?

- his only ewe lamb
- a rare kind of calf
- all his money

Which character in Nathan's story represented David?

- the poor man
- the rich man
- the prophet

David and Nathan

God sent Nathan, the prophet to speak to David. Nathan told David a story to help David see his sin. David got the point of the story and became angry. Nathan then said to David, "You are the man." He was trying to get David to see that the man in the story was David himself.

David admitted his sin, saying plainly, "I have sinned against the Lord."



Lord.” Nathan told David that God would forgive him, but this would not make all the consequences of sin go away. Nathan told David that Bathsheba’s child would die.

2 Samuel 12:16-23

How did David act while his newborn baby was sick?

Why did David get up and eat food after the baby died?

David and God

David prayed to the Lord to spare the child’s life, but he trusted the Lord to do what was right and best. Even when David’s child died, he worshiped God, confident that God was

doing what was right and best.

David wrote many songs which we know as psalms. Psalm 51 is a song in which David confessed his sins to the Lord. He knew his sin was against God, and he asked God to be gracious and forgive him.

1 Kings 15:5; Psalm 51:1-17

What one exception is noted about David’s life?

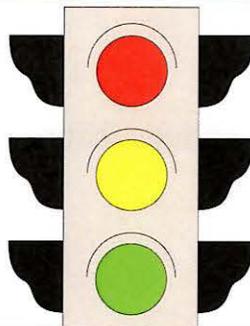
- he was blind
- killing Uriah
- having too many children

David said his sin was against _____.

David asked God to _____ his sin.



When I’ve done something wrong, I immediately repent because I feel so badly for disappointing God.

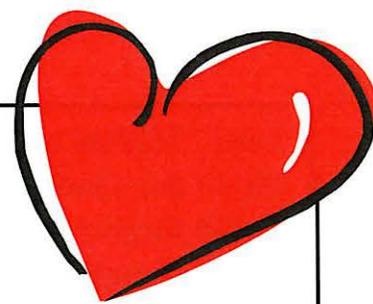


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

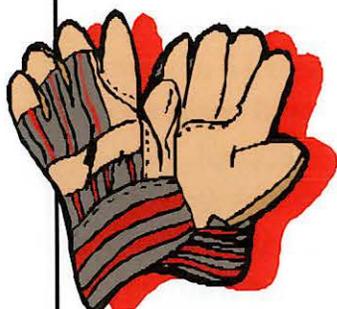
Yellow — sometimes

Green — always



Think About It ...

Think about one of your friends that you respect for being an honest, humble Christian — maybe an older person. Now imagine he or she steals from a friend and then pays to have his friend killed! What do you think of him now? Do you still love him? Will you trust him again? How do you feel and act when he repents? Write down your answers below.



Working Hard on Bible Facts

Which books of the Old Testament are about kings ruling Israel and focus especially on the temple?

Write the first letter of the sons of Jacob. Be ready to say the names in class.

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Write here the names of the two nations that make up the Divided Kingdom. Be able to find them on a map in class.