

## The Old Testament

# Lesson 30 - King David's Sin

### Aims

- \* To learn what sin and temptation mean
- \* to learn about keeping a pure mind

### Materials

- \* Bible Story - 2 Samuel: 11:1-12:13
- \* Visual aids - a picture from the story; word cards for sin, temptation and a pure mind
- \* Worksheets
- \* Bookmark pattern, card, coloured pencils, scissors, clear adhesive plastic, hole punch
- \* Cotton thread for 'Entangled in Sin' -

### Key words.

- \* Sin - to go against God's laws
- \* Temptation - to want to do something you know is wrong
- \* A pure mind - a mind filled with good, clean thoughts

### Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Story - David and Bathsheba
3. Questions about the Story
4. Sin and Keeping a Pure Mind
5. Activities - worksheets, make a bookmark, entangled in sin, resist the devil
6. Review the aims
7. Prayer

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## 1) Introduction

Today we will learn about three things - sin, temptation and a pure mind.

- Doing wrong is called a sin. It is something that goes against God's rules. When we follow God's rules we feel happy inside our hearts. When we disobey God's rules, we feel bad inside.
- Temptation is a feeling we have to do something we know is wrong, like stealing. We might not actually steal, but we strongly feel like doing it.
- A pure mind is a mind filled with good, clean thoughts

Today's story is about a sin that David did when he was the king of Israel.

## 2) Story - David and Bathsheba

David was a great leader, loved by all his people and he trusted God. But he made one big mistake. He fell in love with a married woman, called Bathsheba and had her husband killed in battle, so he could marry her. God told him he had done a terrible thing. He cried and prayed to God and was

very sorry for what he did. God told him he would remain king, “but the task of building my temple, I will give to your son, Solomon.” When David was old he told Solomon how to be a good king, “Trust in God and follow His commands. Then God will keep His promise to us.”

### 3) Questions about the story

- What was good about David? - He *trusted God, won many battles and was loved by his people*
- What was David tempted by? - *the beauty of Bathsheba*
- What was David’s sin? - *He fell in love with a woman who was already married. He made sure her husband was killed in battle, so he could marry her . He disobeyed God’s rule, ‘Do not commit adultery’, which means you should not take someone else’s wife*
- What should he have done? - *Put Bathsheba out of his mind, walked away, obeyed God’s rule*
- What story did Nathan tell David? - *a rich man killed a poor man’s lamb to feed a traveller*
- Who was like the rich man? - *David*
- What did David do? - *He felt guilty, cried, prayed and told God he was very sorry*
- What did God tell David? - *He would remain king, but wouldn’t build the temple. Solomon would*
- What did David tell Solomon about being a good king? - *Trust in God and follow His commands.*

### 4) Sin and Keeping a Pure Mind

- \* Sometimes we are tempted to do something wrong. We get bad thoughts. Are there some wrong things you are tempted to do sometimes? We might want to take a piece of cake that belongs to someone else. Or you get angry with someone and feel like punching them.
- \* What can you do to stop your bad thoughts? We need to fill our minds with good thoughts. Bible stories teach us what God likes and what his rules are. When we follow God’s the rules, God protects us so we can keep our mind filled with good, clean thoughts. We call this keeping a pure mind.
- \* We should also listen to our conscience. This is a little voice in your head that tells you what is right and wrong. God put it there to help us to do the right thing. When we listen to our conscience, God helps us, so we don’t give in to temptation.
- \* What else can we do to stop bad thoughts? Cut off the thought, put other thoughts in your mind, walk away; say a prayer; think what will happen after you do the wrong thing.
- \* Following your parents rules also helps. What rules do you have at home that help you to be good and keep a pure mind?

### 5) Activities

#### \* Worksheets

- a) David and Bathsheba - Colour a picture
- b) Nathan talks to David - Circle 16 things that are different in the second picture.

\* Make a bookmark- Make this bookmark of Davids words to remember the godly advice David gave to Solomon to be a successful king.

1. Copy the bookmark pattern on card.
2. Colour and cut out the bookmark.
3. Cover the bookmark, front and back, with clear adhesive plastic to protect it.
4. Punch a hole in the top of the bookmark and tie ribbon or wool through it.

\* ‘Entangled in Sin’

Ask someone to stand with his or her hands forward. Place a strand of thread loosely around both of the child's wrists and tie it. Explain that this one thread, which by itself is not much of an entanglement, represents an unclean thought. Then have the child break the thread by pulling his or her hands sharply outward (make sure you have thread that the child can break). When an unclean thought appears in our mind, we should stop it immediately, just as the child snapped the thread. Wrap the child's wrists with several strands of thread, and now have him or her try to break the threads (wrap enough strands to make it impossible). Explain that if we allow unclean thoughts and desires to grow in our minds, we may become entangled in sin and find it difficult to escape.

\* ‘Resist the Devil’ Game

All players "the soldiers" form one circle - facing the center. One player is chosen to be the ENEMY and is given a beanbag.

The ENEMY walks or runs around the outside of the circle (behind the other players) and drops the beanbag behind one of them. This player now quickly goes to the center of the circle with the beanbag while the ENEMY tries to run around the circle and into the center through the space left open by the player who is now standing in the center of the circle. While the ENEMY is running around the circle, the player in the middle tosses the beanbag to another player that is in the circle. After intercepting the beanbag, this player can now run through the center of the circle to fill in the gap left by the first player - and the 1st player fills in the gap of the one that caught the beanbag. (The two players are switching places that they originally held in the circle.) If both of the gaps are filled in by the players by the time the ENEMY gets to the first gap, the Enemy is deemed unable to enter into the circle. THE ENEMY WILL BE DEFEATED! If the ENEMY does make it through the gap - he receives another attempt or may choose another player to take his place as the ENEMY. Play continues as long as time allows.

**6) Review the lesson aims**

- \* To learn what sin and temptation mean
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**7) Prayer**

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# David and Bathsheba

2 SAMUEL: 1-6, 11-19; 1 KINGS: 1



After Saul's death, David became King of Israel. He was a great leader, loved by all his people and he was faithful to God. He won many battles against his enemies and captured the city of Jerusalem. Here he brought the special box of God's laws. He wanted to build a temple where he could put the box, but God would not let him, because he made one big mistake.

One evening as David walked on the roof of his house, he saw a beautiful woman taking a bath. Her name was Bathsheba and he fell in love with her. He should have put Bathsheba out of his mind when he heard she was married, but he didn't. Instead he wanted to marry her. David made sure that her husband, Uriah, was killed in a battle. After sometime he did marry Bathsheba.

He knew what he did was wrong and tried to hide it, but he couldn't hide it from God. One day Nathan, the prophet, was sent by God to visit David. Then he told him a story.

"There was a rich man with many sheep and a poor man with only one little lamb. This little lamb was so special to the poor man that he treated it like his own child. This rich man did an awful thing. One day a traveller came by and the rich man killed the poor man's little lamb to feed the visitor."

When David heard what he had done, he angrily said, "As the Lord lives, the man who did this should die!"

Then Nathan told him, "You are that man, because you took someone else's wife"

David was shocked. He felt guilty and cried and told God he was sorry for what he had done.

Then Nathan gave him a message from God. "I made you king of Israel, protected you from Saul and gave you the city of Jerusalem. And if that had not been too little, I also would have given you much more." Yet David had broken God's law and had done evil in his sight. Not only had he killed Uriah with the sword, he had taken his wife for himself.

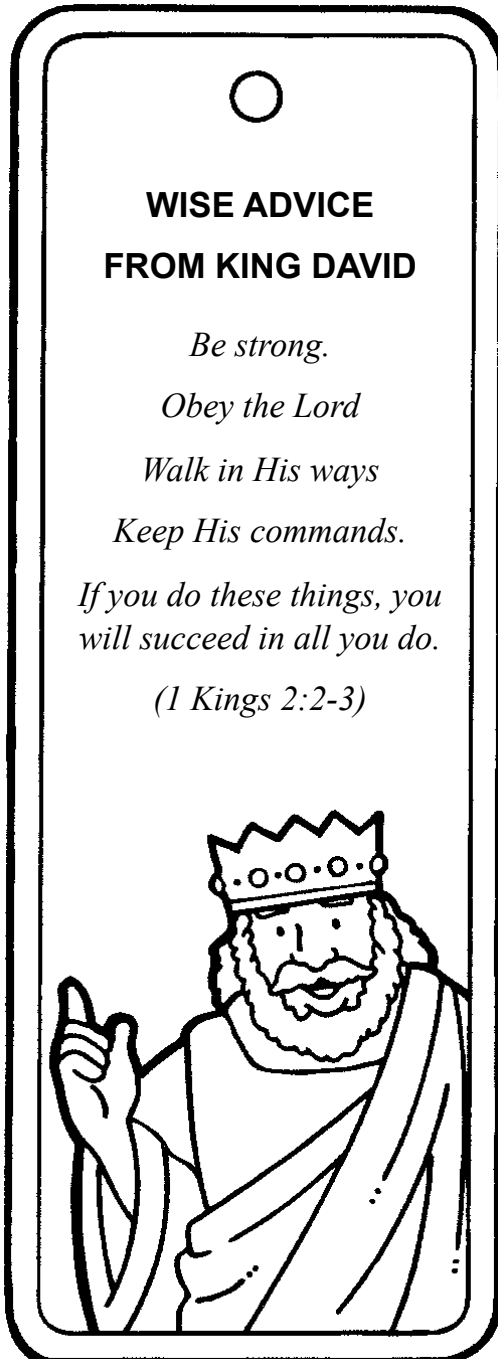
"You will remain King," God said to David, "but the task of building my temple, I will give to your son, Solomon."

Alone and upset, King David began to draw up plans for the temple and wrote many songs, called psalms, expressing his love for God and trust in Him. He continued to be a good king. When he was an old man David spoke to his son Solomon about how to be a good king.

"Be a strong king. Trust in God and follow His commands. Then God will keep His promise that my descendants will rule this nation."



# David's Words Bookmark



## Materials

- bookmark pattern
- scissors
- card
- clear adhesive plastic
- colored pencils
- hole punch
- narrow ribbon or wool

## Directions

1. Copy the bookmark pattern on card.
2. Color and cut out the bookmark.
3. Cover the bookmark, front and back, with clear adhesive plastic to protect it.
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# David and Bathsheba

Colour the picture





# Nathan Talks to David

2 SAMUEL 11:1-12:13

David caused himself many problems. He went against God's word. Nathan told David a story that was really about David.

Circle 16 things that are different in the second picture.

