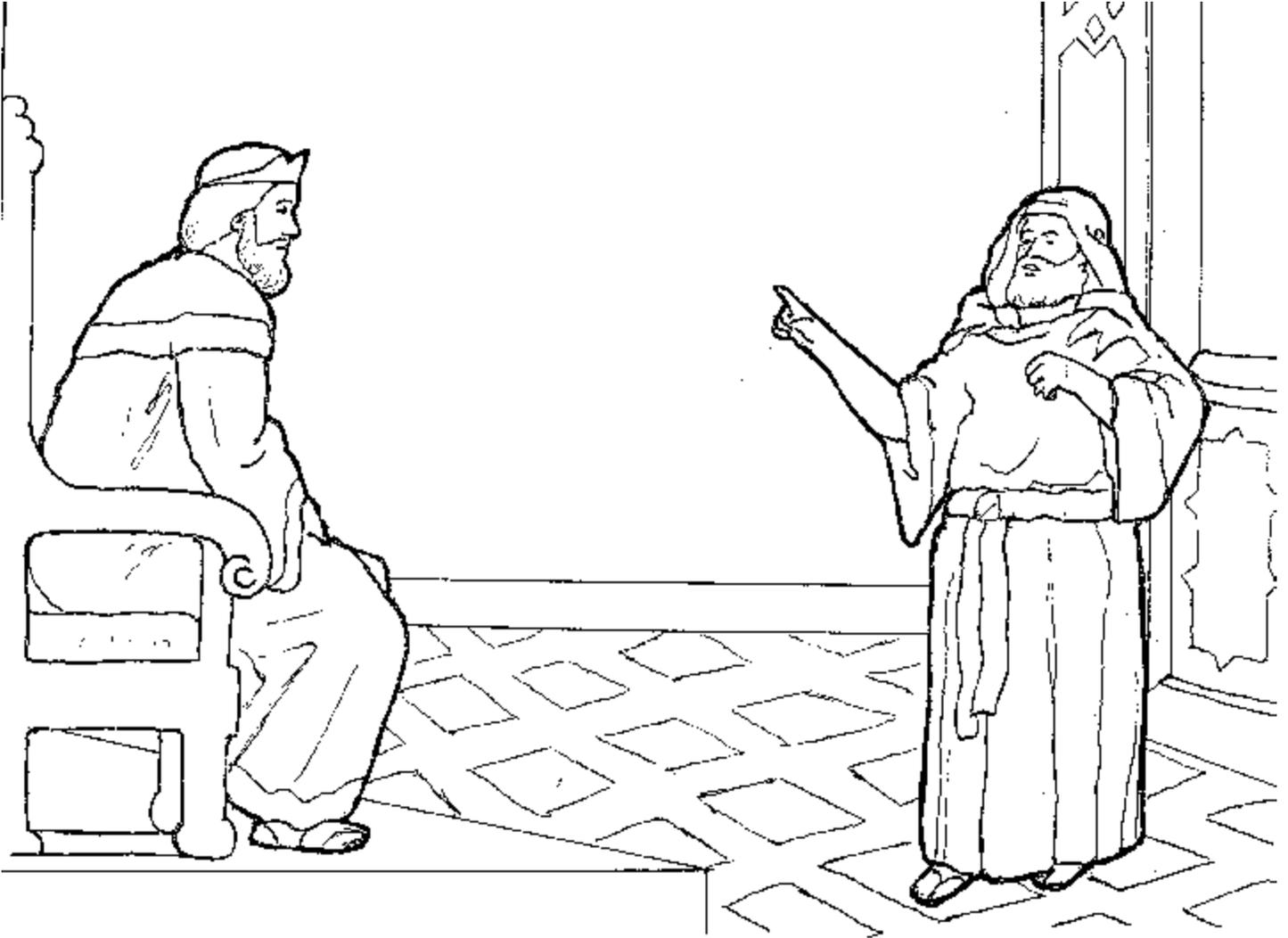


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6. \_\_\_\_\_ What happened to David's sick son? F. Bathsheba
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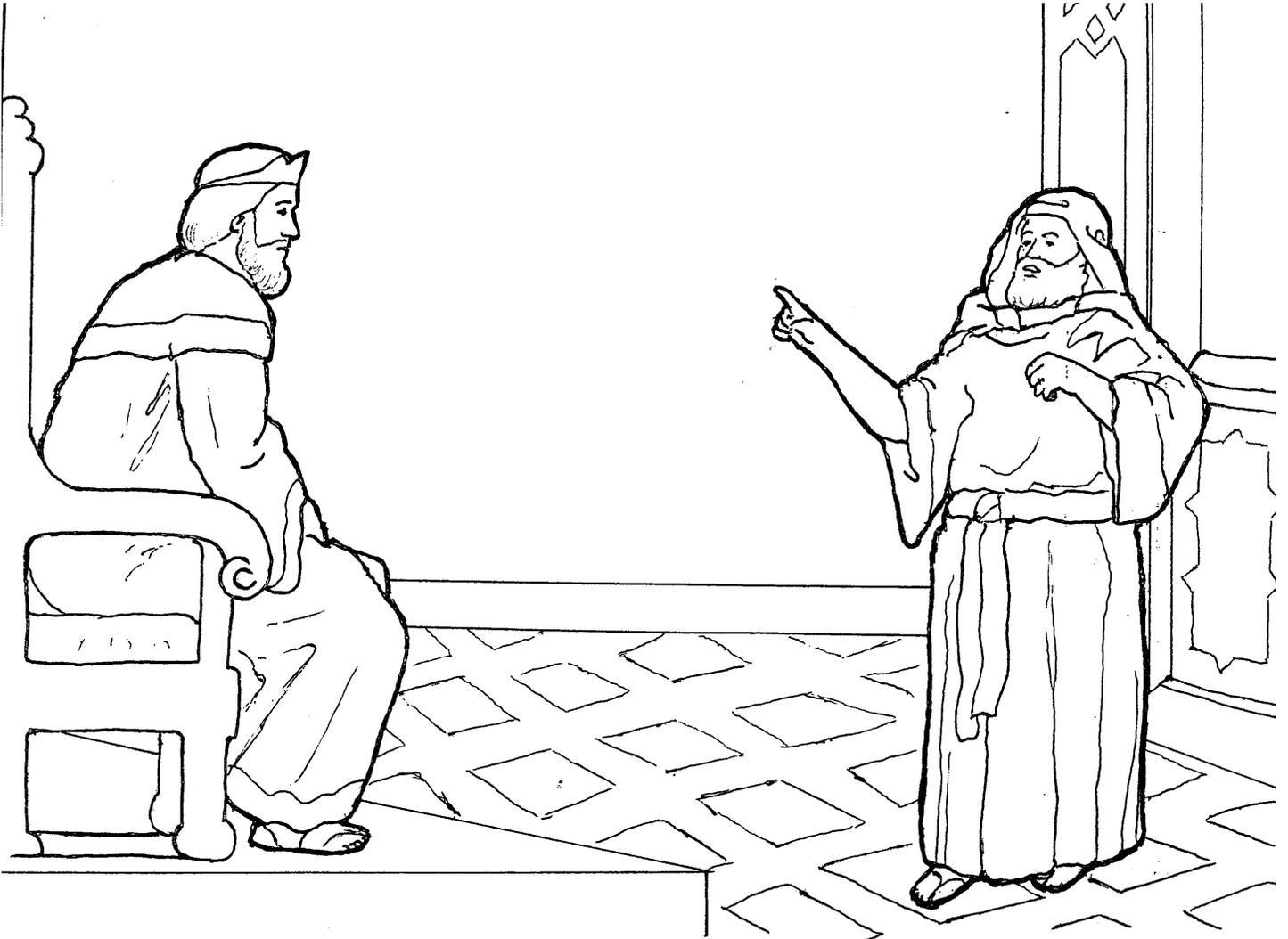
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5. \_\_\_ The Lord had mercy on David and forgave David's sins.

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- Match the name to the proper definition by drawing a line between the two columns.

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| 1. David ●     | ● A. Uriah's wife                |
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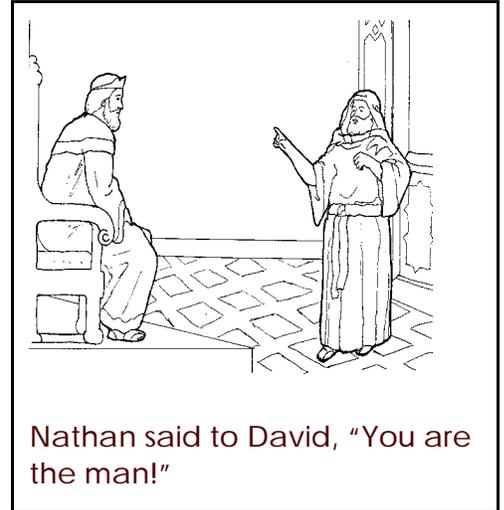
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## Your Turn - Fill in the blanks then find the answers in the WORD SEARCH.

SIN	FORGIVE	JOAB	JESUS	DAVID	REPENT
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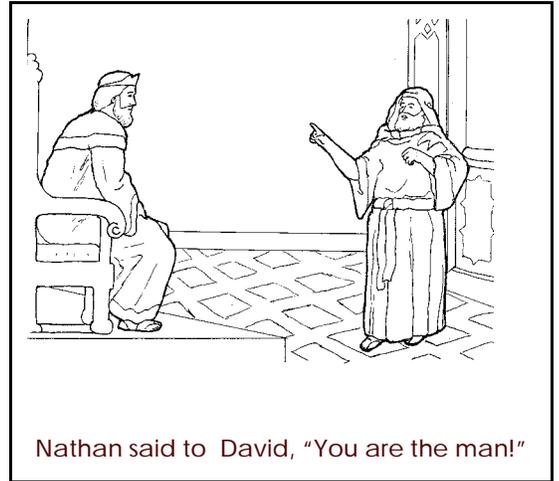
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{18} Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!"

{19} When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead." {20} So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.

{21} Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

{22} And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' {23} "But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

{24} Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him, {25} and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

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## Outer Aim - Nathan led David to repent of his sin.

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### What the Story Tells Us - Answer these questions.

1. Whom did David see while walking on his roof?
2. What was David's sin?

3. What did David do to Uriah?
4. Why was this a sin?
5. Why did God send Nathan to David?
6. What did David say after he heard the story about the rich man and the poor man?
7. What did David say after he heard he was the rich man?
8. What did Nathan tell David?
9. What happened to David's son?
10. What reason did David give for not being sad?
11. How did the Lord bless David and Bathsheba?

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**Inner Aim - God leads His children to repentance through His Word.**

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## What God's Word Tells Us - Discuss these questions.

1. Think of a time when you did something wrong and you were punished for it. Why do your parents discipline you when you do bad things?
2. How can we follow David's example when we sin?
3. Who had forgiven David's sins as well as our own? How did He forgive those sins?
4. Did we do anything to deserve the salvation Jesus won for us? Why did He do this for us?

## Your Turn - Fill in the blanks then find the answers in the WORD SEARCH.

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. _____ was the king of Israel.   | J | E | S | U | S | V | D | I |
|  | O | T | J | D | J | R | C | L |
| 2. He committed _____ with Bathsheba.  | A | D | U | L | T | E | R | Y |
|  | B | A | Q | S | U | P | N | E |
|  | A | V | V | I | A | E | S | K |
| 3. Breaking any of God's commandments is a _____.                            | K | I | B | N | M | N | O | U |
|  | S | D | Z | X | E | T | U | L |
| 4. _____ died to take away all of our sins.                                  | O | F | O | R | G | I | V | E |
| 5. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God will _____ all of our sins. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6. _____ was the commander of the army.                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7. God sent Nathan to David so that David would confess his sin and _____.   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## Passages - Read and discuss these passages.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:20 - But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,  
John 1:29 - "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance.  
And he went out."

1 John 2:1-2 - And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

## Hymn - TLH 416, v. 1-4

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in Thy commands  
'Tis a delightful road  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

## Prayer

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world, which would deceive us  
And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His foot-steps treading.  
Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior, lead, I follow Thee. TLH 409 vs. 1

**STORY**

David and Bathsheba - II Samuel 11:1-12:25

**TEACHER PRAYER**

O dearest Jesus, we daily sin much in thought, word, and deed. We so desperately need You for a Savior. You lived that perfect life which we could never live, keeping the commandments perfectly. You also suffered and died for all the sins of all mankind. Forgive our sins, O Savior, and help us to ever amend our sinful lives according to Your holy Word. Amen.

**VOCABULARY****OUTER AIM**

David's fall into sin and his repentance

**INNER AIM**

The snowball effect of sin

**BACKGROUND**

*(Rupprecht, Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 311-315)*

David was a mighty king for Israel. The Lord was with him and blessed him richly. One neighboring enemy after another was defeated and subdued by David and his army. Israel had become a great nation, richly blessed by the Lord. Not only was David concerned about the temporal welfare of his people but the spiritual as well. To this end, inspired by the Holy Spirit, David wrote many a psalm. In those beautiful psalms we find prayers, hymns, and prophecies. David, indeed, was a great king, a man of great faith; but he was not without sin. The devil led David into temptation, and he committed two terrible sins-adultery and murder.

Chapter 11 - David's Fall

vs. 1 Usually the king personally led his army into battle. On this occasion, David didn't. The Ammonites were descendants of Lot. Rabbah was their capital.

vs. 2 It was a flat roof.

vs. 3 Uriah was one of David's commanders in his army.

vs. 4 David committed adultery.

vs. 6 Uriah was called back from the battle.

vs. 8-9 David attempted to cover up his sin with Bathsheba by having Uriah return home for a few days so he could spend time with Bathsheba and Uriah might think the baby was his. The plan didn't work; Uriah didn't go home to Bathsheba.

vs. 12-13 David again attempted to cover up his sin by getting Uriah drunk and hoping he would go home to Bathsheba. This plan, too, didn't work.

vs. 15-17 David's third attempt to cover his sin was to have Uriah killed in battle.

vs. 18 Joab, David's commander-in-chief, shared in David's sin.



vs. 25 David was very cold about his sin and its seriousness. He pretended it never happened. He hoped all would view it simply as an act of war.

vs. 26-27 Bathsheba was not innocent in this case either. She was an active partner in the seduction and the adultery. David thought no one knew about his sins, but the Lord knew.

### Chapter 12 - David's Repentance

vs. 1-9 Nathan the prophet confronts David with his sin. He tells a little parable to get David's attention. David was the rich man in the parable; Uriah was the poor man.

vs. 10-12 The Lord's prophet reveals the consequences of David's grievous sins. There was to be fighting and killing and turmoil within David's house as long as he reigned as king.

vs. 13-14 David confesses his great sins, and Nathan immediately assures him of God's forgiveness. The prophet also reveals that David's son with Bathsheba would die.

vs. 23b David's faith in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting is clearly revealed.

vs. 24 The name Solomon means "peaceful."

### **STUDENT PRAYER**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we must confess our many, many sins. We so often do what we shouldn't, and we so often don't do what we should. We daily sin much in thought, word, and deed. We deserve only Your wrath and punishment. O Lord, forgive our many sins and help us live our lives unto You. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

### **PRESENTATION**

Point out that David was a great king. He did many good things for Israel. Scripture describes him as "a man after God's own heart." He was very concerned about both the temporal and spiritual welfare of his people. He was also blessed with the gift of spiritual song and prophecy. He was inspired by the holy Spirit to write and record many hymns and prayers in the Book of Psalms.

David, however, was not beyond temptation and sin. The devil succeeded in leading him into two grievous sins-adultery and murder. By God's grace, he was later brought to repentance and restored to God's family. Some of his greatest psalms reflect his experiences.

### **APPLICATIONS**

None of us is immune to temptation. If great men of faith like David succumbed, so can we. It's important that our sins, no matter how great, can be forgiven. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin."

This lesson demonstrates how one sin can lead to another. We can clearly see in this lesson the snowball effect of sin.

This lesson also reveals that "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Finally, we can see that even though our sins can be forgiven, they often carry with them certain consequences.

## **PASSAGES**

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

### Lower

Isaiah 1:18 - Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

John 1:29 - Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 3:23-24 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:20 - But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

Ephesians 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

I Timothy 2:4 - God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

I Peter 1:5 - You are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

I Peter 5:8-9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

II Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

I John 2:1-2 - If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Middle any of the above and...

Upper any of the above and...

## **HYMN CHOICES**

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” (TLH #324:1)

“Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me” (TLH #376)

“Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults” (TLH #382)

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (TLH #388)

“Blessed Are The Sons Of God” (TLH #391)

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (TLH #398)

“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways” (TLH #416)

“Rise, My Soul, To Watch And Pray” (TLH #446)