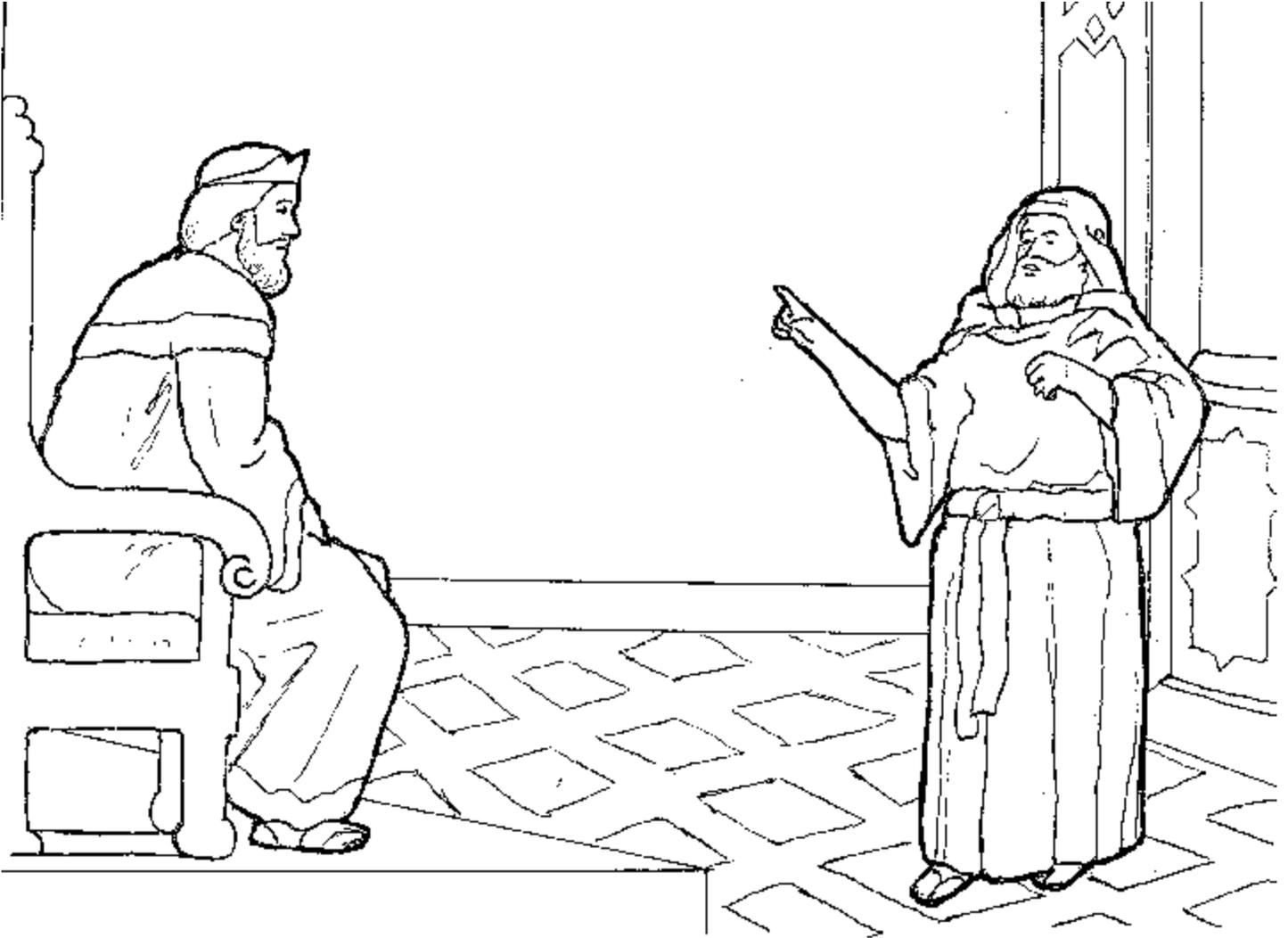


David & Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11:1 - 12:25



Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"



The Story

David was the king of Israel. David's army was fighting the people of Ammon. David normally went with his army, but this time he stayed home. One night David was walking on the roof of his palace when he saw a beautiful woman taking a bath on her roof. David wanted to know more about the woman, so he asked about her. He found out that her name was Bathsheba and her husband was Uriah, a commander in David's army.

Bathsheba came to the palace when David asked her to come. While she was there, David and Bathsheba acted like husband and wife. It was a sin for them to do this because David and Bathsheba were not husband and wife. A while later, Bathsheba sent word to David that she was going to have his child.

David did not tell Uriah he had sinned with Uriah's wife. David tried to make a lie about Uriah, but he could not make the lie work.

David wanted Uriah killed in the battle. So he made an order to have Uriah in the front of the battle. He was killed at war.

When David received the news that Uriah was dead and Bathsheba had mourned for her husband, David took her as his wife and she had their son. But the Lord was not happy with David.

The Lord sent His prophet, Nathan, to talk to David. Nathan told David a parable or story about two men. One was rich and had a lot of sheep and cattle. The other man was poor and had only one ewe lamb whom he loved as one of his daughters. When the rich man had a traveler at his house, instead of killing one of his animals to eat, he took the

poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it.

When David heard this, he became very angry and said that the rich man should die. Nathan then told David that he was the rich man in the story.

Nathan told David the Lord was angry with him because he had given David many blessings, yet David took Uriah's wife and murdered Uriah. Nathan went on to tell David that from then on there would always be trouble and hardship in David's family. David said he was sorry for his sin, and Nathan told him that the Lord had taken away his sin and he would not die. However, David's son would die.

After this, David and Bathsheba's son became sick. David went without food and prayed for his son to live. On the seventh day the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, but David heard them whispering and they told him the child was dead. David got up, washed and went to worship in the house of the Lord. David's servants wanted to know why David was not still sad about the child. David told them his sadness would not bring the child back, and he said he would see the child again in heaven, which shows David's faith in the Lord.

David comforted Bathsheba, and soon the Lord blessed them with another child. They named him Solomon, and the Lord loved him.

Nathan led David to repent of his sin.

Activity One - Answer these questions.

1. _____ Who is the king of Israel? A. repented
2. _____ Who did David see while walking on his roof? B. Solomon
3. _____ What did David do to Uriah? C. killed
4. _____ Who told David a story that showed his sin? D. David
5. _____ What did David do after he heard he sinned? E. died
6. _____ What happened to David's sick son? F. Bathsheba
7. _____ Who was David's next son? G. Nathan

God leads His children to repentance through His Word.

Activity Two - Fill in the blanks using S O S.

1. In God's Word, the Law _____hows _____ur _____ins.
2. In God's Word, the Gospel _____hows _____ur _____avior.

Passages

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

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

Hymn - TLH 416, v. 1

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!

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us Your Law to show us our sins. Thank You for giving us the Gospel to show us our Savior, Jesus. Thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sins to take them away so that we will be in heaven with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.