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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 11 • Session 4

## DAVID SINNED AND WAS FORGIVEN

2 Samuel 11-12

**WHAT IS GRACE? GRACE IS WHEN GOD GIVES US SOMETHING GOOD EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT DESERVE IT.**

King David sent out Israel's army. David stayed in Jerusalem. One evening, David looked out from his palace and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah, one of the best warriors in David's army. David sent his messengers to get Bathsheba, and she came to David's house. Later, Bathsheba told David that she was going to have a baby; the baby was David's.

David knew he had sinned, so David made a plan. First, David called Uriah home from the battle. But Uriah didn't think it was fair for him to relax at home while the other men were at war. Uriah slept on David's doorstep and refused to visit his wife.

David made a new plan. He instructed the leader of the army to send Uriah into the hardest part of the battle so he would be killed. This time, David's plan worked. David took Bathsheba into his house to be his wife, and she had a baby boy.

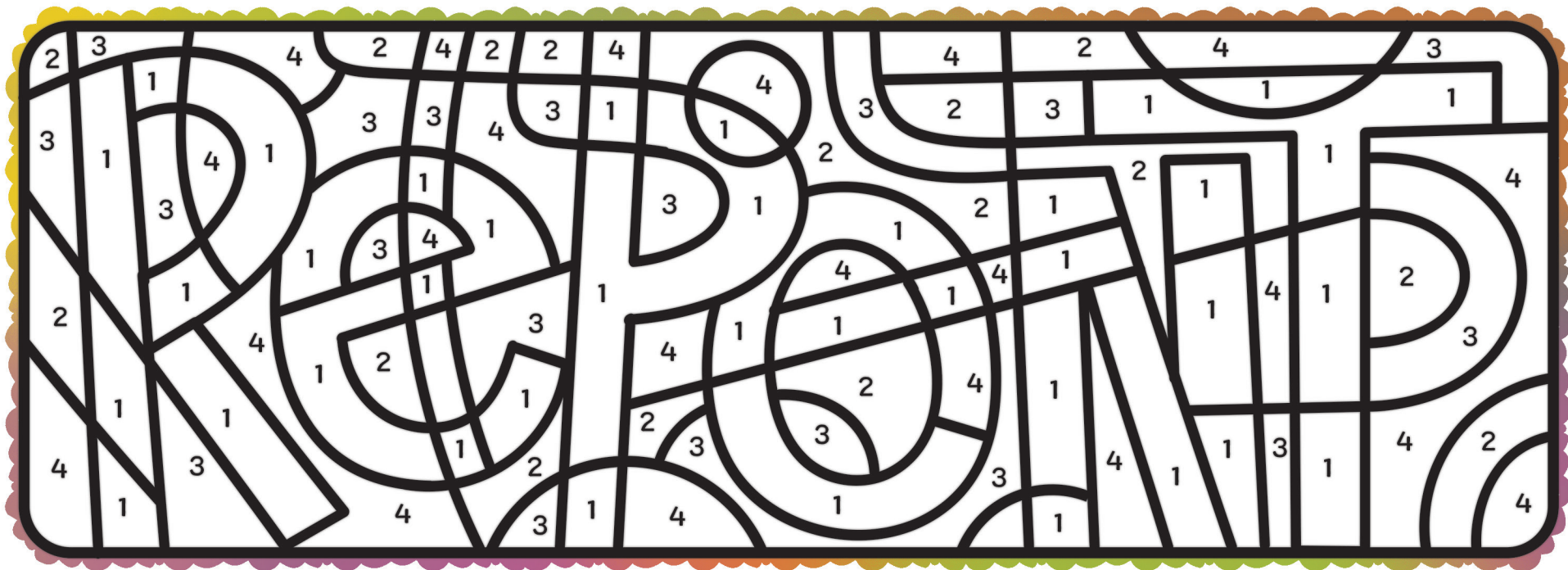
God sent Nathan the prophet to talk to David. Nathan told David a story: A traveler came to a rich man who had many animals. The rich man did not offer his own animal. Instead, he took a poor man's lamb—the only lamb he had—and gave it to the traveler to eat.

This story made David feel angry. "You are the man!" Nathan said. God had given David a position of great power, and David took what wasn't his. David realized he had sinned against God.

**Christ Connection:** When David repented of his sin, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.

**Color Clues** | Use the key to fill in the spaces and discover a hidden word.

1 black    2 purple    3 yellow    4 orange



**Quiz Time** | Mark each statement as true or false.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1) David went out with Israel's army to fight.             | <input type="checkbox"/> 9) David put Bathsheba's husband in the hardest part of the battle so he would be killed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2) David saw Bathsheba from his palace.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 10) David took Bathsheba into his home as his wife.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Bathsheba was the wife of one of David's best warriors. | <input type="checkbox"/> 11) God ignored David's sin.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4) David sent Bathsheba to visit Uriah.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 12) God sent Nathan to make David happy.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Bathsheba and David sinned.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 13) After hearing Nathan's story, David was sorry for his sin.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6) David tried to cover up his sin.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 14) God punished David for his sin.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7) Uriah did not come home from battle to visit his wife.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 15) Sin doesn't always have a price.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8) David's plan to cover up his sin worked.                |  |