

Family Theme | **Repentance and Restoration** Date | **April 13, 2025**

Study Text | **2 Samuel 11:1—12:25**

Read the Word: 2 Samuel 11:1—12:25

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should confess and turn away from all sin. This pleases God and helps us avoid the consequences of sin.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: We All Struggle With Sin (2 Samuel 11:1-27)

APPLY: Plan ahead for how you will respond when temptation comes and turn away immediately when tempted.

- *Some believe David exhibited complacency in the opening verse. How might complacency cause us to let down our guard? How can we guard against complacency?*
- *How could David have dealt with this temptation in a better way?*

APPLY: Don't try to hide sin, letting one sin lead to another.

- *David tried to cover up his sin. Instead of covering it up, what should we do when we have sinned?*

APPLY: Walk in close fellowship with God, constantly on guard against temptation.

- *How do we stay on guard against temptation? (Keep a close walk with God; be aware of what tempts us and avoid putting ourselves in positions where we are likely to be tempted; turn away from temptation immediately; set boundaries to protect us from sin; etc.)*



Key Truth: Sin Must Be Dealt With (2 Samuel 12:1-9)

APPLY: Admit your sin so it can be dealt with.

- *Why are we often quicker to see the sin in others than to recognize and admit our own sin?*
- *What does it look like to face up to sin? Why is this so difficult for people to do?*

APPLY: Let Psalm 51 guide you as you confess and repent of sin.

- *What does Psalm 51 teach us about God and how we should deal with sin?*
- *How should we respond if a "Nathan" confronts us about our sin? How might this be different from how we want to respond?*



Key Truth: Even Sin That Is Forgiven Can Bring Consequences (2 Samuel 12:10-25)

APPLY: Understand that God forgives sin we confess but may allow consequences.

- *God will forgive our sin, but we often must deal with the consequences of our sin. What is the proper way to deal with those consequences? (Embrace humility; ask others for forgiveness, if necessary; seek professional help; replace former habits with good habits; etc.)*
- *Even after receiving God's forgiveness, many people still feel deep shame for their sins. How can we move past our feelings of shame and embrace forgiveness?*

APPLY: Turn away from all sin, avoiding it at all costs.

- *What should be our attitude toward sin?* (It is a deadly enemy, seeking to destroy us and all those we love.)
- *What does it look like to turn away from sin and to avoid it at all costs?* (We confess it to God; we view it as our worst enemy; we take whatever steps necessary to avoid temptation; we make ourselves accountable to a fellow believer; etc.)

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

Read *What Is Repentance?* with younger children in their devotional study guide (*Adventure Guide*) and encourage older students to read it in their *Explorer's Guide*. Discuss the importance of repentance with your child.

- What were David's two choices when it came to his sin?
- Why is repentance important and what does it give us?
- Why do we still sometimes have consequences even when we repent of our sin?

Work together to memorize the Verses of the Month: ***Ephesians 2:8–9***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Repentance is turning away from sin.

Everyday Extras:

Talk about how David thought he could hide his sin from God. Play a game of "Hide and Seek." But rather than a person hiding, choose a stuffed animal or small object and hide it while the person who is "it" is out of the room. Then, call the person back and help him or her find the object by saying if she is getting hot (closer to the object) or cold (farther away from the object). Discuss how we might be able to hide our sin from others, but we never can from God. Encourage family members to confess and repent of their sin to God and remind them of how He will restore us.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned David chose five smooth stones from a stream as his weapon against the Philistine giant. Goliath laughed when he saw David, but God helped David be brave. David told Goliath this was the LORD's battle. God helped David defeat the giant with just one of the smooth stones. I know **God Helps Me Be Brave** when I am afraid.