

King David Repents



**Create in me a new heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.
Psalm 51:10**

Bible Study:



Read 2 Samuel 11 and 12, Psalm 51 and Jeremiah 17:9.

The gospel in the story:



The word “gospel” means “good news.” And the good news is that, whoever repents and puts their faith in Jesus is forgiven of their sin.

Repentance is MUCH more than saying sorry, or even feeling bad about the sin. Repentance is coming face-to-face with our own black heart, and KNOWING **only God can change it**. Fueled by the Fear of the LORD (knowing that there is nothing more horrifying than being separated from God), repentance seeks true forgiveness from God, and a desire to become more like Jesus.

Sin is the bad news, and it is a problem we ALL have. Though David was a sinner, he knew what was most important: that he needed a clean (new) heart that only God could provide.

Application:

Head: What did we learn?

Q: Who is David? A: King of Israel.

Q: Who chose David? A: God. He sent Samuel to find a “man after God’s own heart.”

Q: Did God know that David was a sinner? A: Yes. The Bible tells us that ALL have sinned.

Q: Who is Nathan? A: A prophet sent by God to bring David to repentance.

Q: How did David respond? A: He repented and proclaimed that God was his only hope

Heart : Memory verse

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 52:10

Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

When we see good things happen to others, our heart may want us to be jealous and want what they have. When that happens, we need to seek Jesus who will give us a heart that is happy for others, and content with what we have.

Home: How does this affect my household?

This culture can easily get caught up in pursuing the next shiny thing. When our fleshly heart comes out for all to see, we are fortunate to have family members who like Nathan, can lovingly point each other back toward Jesus.

Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

The more we are transparent with our neighbors about who is the TRUE source of our ability to live a transformed life, the more opportunities they have to see Jesus in action.