

**K-5th Grade**  
**David Sinned and was Restored**  
*Discussion Questions*

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

**STORY POINT:** David repented and God forgave him.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 145:13

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

**K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to Psalm 51. Point that today's Bible story came from the Book of 2 Samuel, but in response to his sin, David wrote a psalm. We can find his words in Psalm 51. Explain that David wrote nearly half of the psalms in the Bible.

**Say** • When the Israelites went to war, David stayed in Jerusalem. [Point to Jerusalem (H5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map.] After David sinned and took Bathsheba as his wife, God sent the prophet Nathan to confront David. Nathan told David a story about a rich man who stole the lamb that belonged to a poor man. The story was meant to show David that he had used his position of power to take what wasn't his. David knew he had sinned. David repented and God forgave him.

Read aloud Psalm 51:2-3.

**Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:**

In Psalm 51, what did David ask God to do? Suggest kids find Psalm 51 in their Bibles. Help them identify David's requests: "be gracious," "blot out my rebellion," "wash away my guilt," "cleanse me," "purify me," "create a clean heart," and so forth. Emphasize that God is willing to do all of these things when we repent of our sin and turn to Him! (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 John 1:9.)

Do you ever try to hide your sin? Why? Lead kids to discuss reasons we try to hide our sin from others or from God. Guide them to recognize that we try to avoid shame, consequences, or embarrassment. We may be able to hide our sin from other people, but God sees our sin. He knows our hearts, and He sent His Son to be our Rescuer. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Acts 3:19.)

Why can God forgive us? Assure kids that though we may face consequences for our sin, those who trust in Jesus will never be separated from God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our sin. Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Though our bodies may die, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 2:14-15.)

**Journal and prayer**

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself? Whom can I tell about this story?