

# David and Bathsheba

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## Story

### *2 Samuel 11-12*

This story is about (1) **David**. David was the King of Israel, a long long time ago. We can read about David in the Old Testament of the Bible.

David was a good king. David loved God and David tried to do the things that God said. But David was not always good. One time David made a very big mistake.

Early in the year, the army of Israel went out to fight a battle with their enemies. Usually, King David went with the army to fight, but this time David decided to stay home. One night David went for a walk on the flat roof of the palace. On another roof, David saw a very beautiful woman having a bath. David liked the look of her!

The woman's name was (2) **Bathsheba**. Bathsheba had a husband. Bathsheba's husband was called (3) **Uriah the Hittite**. Uriah the Hittite was away fighting in David's army. David really liked Bathsheba, so David sent his servant to get Bathsheba and bring her back to the palace. (4) **David and Bathsheba** slept together. But Bathsheba was already married to Uriah the Hittite. Therefore, what David and Bathsheba did was wrong. And God was sad.

A few weeks later Bathsheba told David that she was going to have a baby. Now everyone would know that David had slept with someone else's wife. What was David going to do? (5) **So David** made a plan to cover it all up. .... But God knew.

David told the army general to send Uriah home to Bathsheba. David wanted everyone to see Bathsheba and Uriah together and they would never guess that Bathsheba and David had slept together.

But (6) **Uriah the Hittite** was a good man. He went to King David and told David all about the battles. Uriah thought it would not be fair if he went to sleep with his wife, because none of the other soldiers were able to see their wives. David even tried to trick Uriah into going to sleep with Bathsheba. David got Uriah drunk, but still Uriah would not go and sleep with his wife Bathsheba.

So finally, (7)David did another terrible thing. David wrote a letter to his army general. David told the general to put Uriah right in the middle of a big battle, so Uriah would get killed. The general did just as David asked, and (8)Uriah was killed in the battle.

When David heard the news, (9)David sent for Bathsheba and married her. Very soon (10)Bathsheba had a baby. The baby was David's. David thought no one would ever find out what he had done. But God knew what David had done. What David had done was wrong, and God was sad.

There was a man called (11)Nathan. God told Nathan to go and see King David. God wanted Nathan to tell king David that what David had done was wrong.

Nathan told David a story. "Once upon a time there were two men that lived in a town. (12)One of the men was very rich. This rich man had lots of sheep and cattle. The other (13)man was very poor. The poor man only had one little lamb.

"One day the (14)rich man had a visitor. The rich man had lots of sheep of his own, but the rich man went and stole the little lamb from the (15)poor man's house. The rich man stole the lamb, killed it and cooked it for the visitor to eat."

When (16)David heard this story, David was very angry. David told Nathan that the rich man was very bad. The rich man should be punished.

Then (17)Nathan said, "God says that you that **you** are just as bad as that rich man. David, you will be punished for the bad thing you did to Uriah. You have all of the riches of the kingdom. Uriah was poor and only had his wife that he loved. You took away his wife and you got Uriah killed. Because you did this, the baby, you and Bathsheba had together, will die."

And the baby **did** die.

And (18)David was very sorry for what he had done. David prayed to God and asked God to forgive him for the terrible things he had done. God knew that David was really very sorry for what he had done. God forgave David. Soon David and Bathsheba had another son. His name was Solomon. When Solomon grew up he became a great king of Israel.

Wow! What a story!

David really made a mess of things didn't he? He slept to with someone else's wife, and then David got the husband killed. Not good. David also thought he could hide this from other people. Maybe David did hide it from other people. David also thought he could hide this from God, .... but David could **not** hide what he had done from God.

That is why God asked Nathan to go and talk to David. Nathan explained to David that David had done wrong. David realised that he had done wrong. David asked God to forgive him, and ... God DID forgive him. Wow! God forgave all those bad things. God is amazing.

David and Bathsheba had a baby. And that baby died just as Nathan said it would. That would be very sad for David and Bathsheba. But the next baby that David and Bathsheba had, was called Solomon. Solomon became a very famous king of Israel. God was good to David and Bathsheba. God brought good out of the mess.

If we are really sorry, and if we ask God, God will forgive us for all the bad things we have done. Not necessarily big things. God wants to forgive us for small things as well. Times we are rude to others, times we hurt others, times we tell lies, are greedy - lots of things we do that make God sad. And when God forgives us, He will also help us sort out any mess.

**(An extra optional bit!**

*You could include this depending on your group. Or do modify it to meet your own needs.*

*Consequences - David and Bathsheba had to live with the consequences of what they did - the death of their baby. God will forgive us, but we will have to live with whatever the consequences are. But even here, God will help us. But even here, God will be with us to bring good. After all He IS God!)*

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Let's now talk to God and ask God to forgive us if we know we have done wrong and/or ask God to come into our lives and fill in the gaps that we feel, so we can start a new life with Jesus.

Lord Jesus, there are times when I have done bad things and I have made made you sad. I know that You know all about them. I am **really sorry** for what I have done. Please forgive me. Please show me just how much you want to forgive me. Please bring good out of the mess I sometimes make. In Jesus name. Amen.