

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<<

DAVID SINNED AND WAS FORGIVEN

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Thank God for the forgiveness He made available through Jesus. Think of Jesus' sacrifice and the peace it brings to those who trust in Him. How can we share the hope found in Jesus with others? Why is it important for us to tell others about Jesus' sacrifice?
- **Evenings:** Ask God to guard you from sin and the consequences that come with sin. Ask Him to give you a delight in His Word so that it can help you not sin against Him. How does reading God's Word help you grow closer to Him? How can staying near to God help you avoid the temptation of sin?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

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.*

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

Dear Families,

Every year, an average of 64,100 wildfires erupt in the United States. These wildfires destroy nearly 7 million acres of land. The worst part of all is that human carelessness is the main cause for these devastating fires. Many of them start with just a spark and burn for months!

The thought of one spark leading to a devastating wildfire reminds us of what happened in King David's life. David sinned against God by watching Bathsheba from his palace. This was the spark of sin that fanned into a wildfire of sin. David's disobedience continued as he took another man's wife, had the man killed in battle, and tried to cover up his sins with lies.

David tried to hide his sin from God, but nothing is hidden from Him. David's son died because of his father's sin. Like the devastation caused by wildfires, David's sin had major consequences in his life.

Sin continues to wreak havoc in our lives too. We face consequences here and now when we disobey, but the greatest consequence is that sin separates us from God. It causes us to miss out on the relationship with God that we were created to have. But there is good news! The good news of Jesus is that He came to take our sin and all its consequences on Himself. He died in our place, and then resurrected to offer eternal life to all who trust in Him.

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.**

Pray: *God, You are great, and nothing is hidden from You. Even when our sin deserves to be punished, You loved the world enough to send Jesus. Help us to confess our sin and seek the forgiveness You offer to us through Jesus.*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES «««

For Fun: Reenact Nathan's story of the rich man, the poor man, and the sheep. Use a favorite candy to represent the sheep and two family members to represent the rich man and the poor man. Discuss how the story represents David and his sin.

To Serve: Gather toiletry items and non-perishable snacks that can be donated to meet the needs of people at a homeless shelter or individuals you might encounter as a family. Remind kids that God has provided for our greatest need by sending Jesus to save us from our sin.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

-Ephesians 1:7-8