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DAVID AND BATHSHEBA

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<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>David was anointed as God's chosen king - but would he ever actually become king? Saul was on the throne, while David was on the run for his life. David trusted God's promise and refused to kill Saul when he had the chance, not once, but twice! God had promised that David would become king - and he did. He promised that one of David's descendants would be king for ever (God kept that promise too - that king was Jesus). David was God's king in God's city, Jerusalem and God was symbolically with them in his special tent - the tabernacle. What could possibly go wrong?!</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p>2 Samuel 11:1-12:25 Read it here https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Samuel+11-12&version=NIV or listen here... https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/2Sam.11</p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coHKdhAZ9hU</p>  <p><i>David had it all...but was in danger of losing his soul... Check out this great song by Tobymac. The words are relevant to all of us who have an easy life!</i></p>
<p>Watch...</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYRsV8NOWY A 1 minute summary of the story!</p> 
<p>Think...</p>	<p><i>Hopefully we have never done anything as bad as David...but...David should have been at war with his men. He had no one around him to tell him to stop!</i></p> <p><i>David was tempted to do something he knew he shouldn't do - he ignored his conscience and did it anyway...</i></p>

	<p><i>What temptations do you face? Who do you have around you to help you do the right thing? Do you listen to them? If you don't have anyone like that in your life - find some!!</i></p> <p><i>Once Bathsheba got pregnant David was in danger of being found out. His solution was to do something dreadful - get Bathsheba's husband killed!</i></p> <p><i>Why is it sometimes easier to make things worse than admit your mistake?</i></p> <p><i>David thought he could cover up his mistakes. But God knew what he had done and sent Nathan to confront him. Why do you think Nathan used this story to confront David?</i></p> <p><i>David finally realised what he had done. He turned back to God and he was forgiven (yes - even for something that bad!) but there were consequences. God always forgives but we often have to live with the consequences of our actions. Through Jesus we know that we can be forgiven whenever we turn back to God and say sorry. We should be doing that a lot!</i></p> <p><i>If ever God's people needed a reminder that they needed more than a human king this was it. Even David, God's chosen king needed a saviour to forgive him for falling short. No human leader is enough. We all need Jesus! Only he lived the perfect life. Only he dies so that we can know complete forgiveness.</i></p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<div data-bbox="412 1142 712 1362"> </div> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXPEctYqQC0 sovereign Grace – create in me</p> <div data-bbox="412 1388 639 1608"> </div> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px-eU1QjQiU Shane and Shane -Wisdom in the secret place</p> <p><i>Both of these songs are based on Psalm 51 that David wrote after Nathan spoke to him - when he realised how much he had failed God.</i></p>
<p>Pray...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Use the words of Psalm 51 to talk to God. We all fall short of God and do things that he hates. We know that he loves us and loves to forgive us when we turn to him.</i> https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+51&version=NIV