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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're learning more about David and what happened after he became king. David started out great. God helped him to defeat many enemies and he did a lot of great things for the people of Israel. He was a popular and well liked guy. But, David's popularity became a problem. David began to think that he was great all on his own. He let his power go to his head and he ended up making a big mistake. This mistake hurt people. David even had someone killed to cover up his mistake. This made God angry. So, God sent a prophet Nathan to tell David that he was being a big jerk. Nathan told a story about a super rich guy going to a super poor guy and taking his only sheep to kill and eat. David was really angry when he heard what the rich guy did. Nathan said, "David, you're the rich guy in the story. You took something that didn't belong to you." David realized that he messed up. He forgot that every success he had was because of God and his greatness working through David. David told God he was sorry and God forgave him! This is true for us, too. When we mess up, God will forgive us! But, he wants us to admit when we're wrong so we can learn from it.

Big Idea

God forgives our mistakes, and he wants us to admit when we're wrong.

Key Question

How do we tell God we're sorry?

Memory Verse

Psalm 51:7 "Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a time you made a big mistake. What were the consequences for that mistake?** (Tip: Maybe you forgot to study for a big spelling test or you gossiped about someone and they found out. Our mistakes may bring consequences but we can learn from them and God forgives us when we mess up.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **By saying we're sorry and that we want his help to be better next time.** (We can talk to God like we talk to our parents or a friend. Close your eyes and tell God that you love him and that you're sorry for the mistake you made. Then, ask him to help you to make a better choice next time. And, guess what? God already forgave you even before you asked! But, we need to admit when we mess up so we can learn from it.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** How do we tell God we're sorry? Why is it important to be specific with the mistakes we make? **4-5th** What does it mean to you to know that God forgives you when you mess up?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Psalm 103:8-12. What does this passage say about how God responds to our mistakes?** (Answer: God is patient and loving and doesn't stay angry. He forgives us and forgets our mistakes!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: GOD FORGIVES CROSS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Cross template (page 5). Give each kid a half sheet of construction paper. Have the kids color and decorate their cross. Then, have them glue the cross to the middle of the construction paper. Then, have them glue the Big Idea and the Memory Verse on their paper.
- As the kids work, read a part of the story from 2 Samuel 12:1-7. Remind the kids that Nathan was using this story to show David that he was the rich man in the story. He made a big mistake and took something that didn't belong to him. David realized how wrong he was and asked God to forgive him and of course God did! God forgives us, too, when we mess up.

Supplies needed: Cross template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), 1/2 sheets of construction paper (1 per kid), Crayons, Stickers, Craft Jewels, Glue

OPTION 2: JEOPARDY LESSON REVIEW

Instructions:

- Read a question to the class and see who knows the right answer. You can either have kids just raise their hands or place a few ringers at the front of the room that they can ring when they know the answer. See how many the class can get right.

Questions:

1. Who was the king? (David)
2. T or F: David was not doing well as king. (F)
3. What got David into trouble? (Let power and success go to his head, forgot about God)
4. Who did God send to talk to David? (Nathan)
5. T or F: Nathan was an angel. (F, he was a prophet)
6. What did the rich man take from a poor man? (Lamb/sheep)
7. Who was David in the story? (Rich man)
8. How did David respond to his mistake? (Said sorry)
9. Is our story from the NT or OT? (OT)
10. How did God respond to David's apology? (Forgave him)

Supplies needed: Bells/Ringers



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David lost focus on God and it caused him to make a huge mistake.

Key Points:

- David became a _____ and _____ king in Israel.
- When we don't stay _____ on God, it's easy to make a big mistake.
- David tried to hide his mistake, but _____ called him out.
- God _____ our mistakes, and he wants us to admit we're wrong.

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share a time you made a big mistake. What were the consequences for that mistake? (forgot to study for a spelling test or gossiped about a friend and they found out).*
3. *Why was David considered a good king? Who was really behind David's success?*
4. *Who came to call out David for his big mistake? How did David respond once he realized he had messed up?*
5. *Read Psalm 103:8-12. What does this passage say about how God responds to our mistakes?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

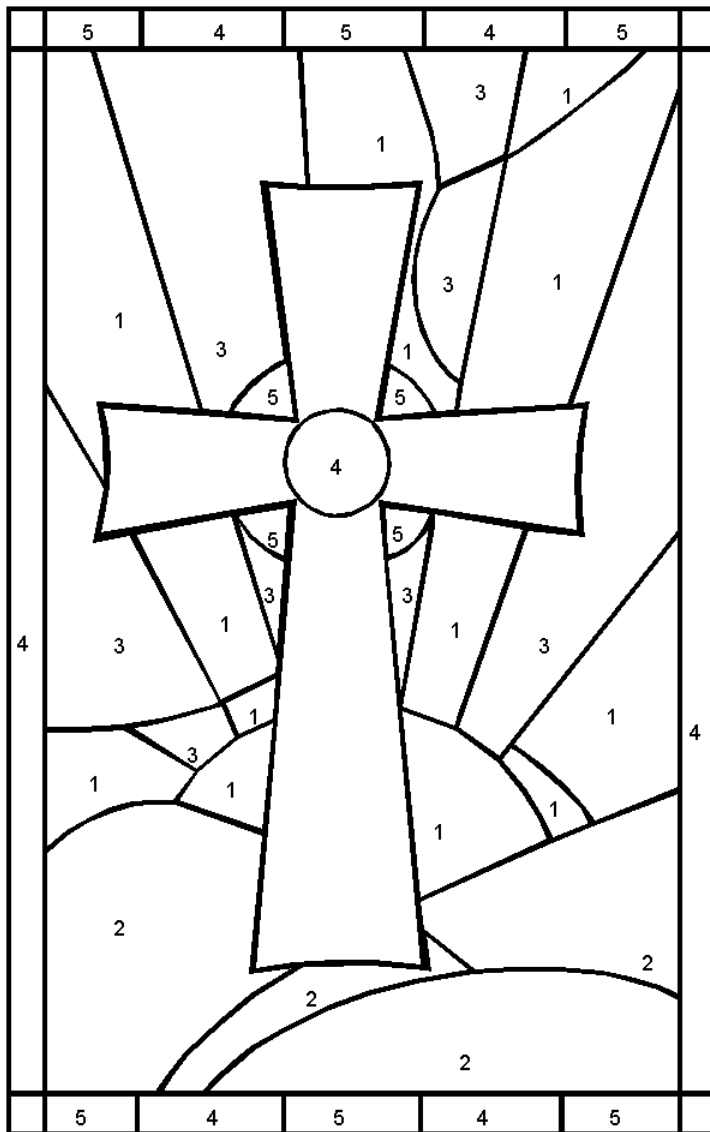
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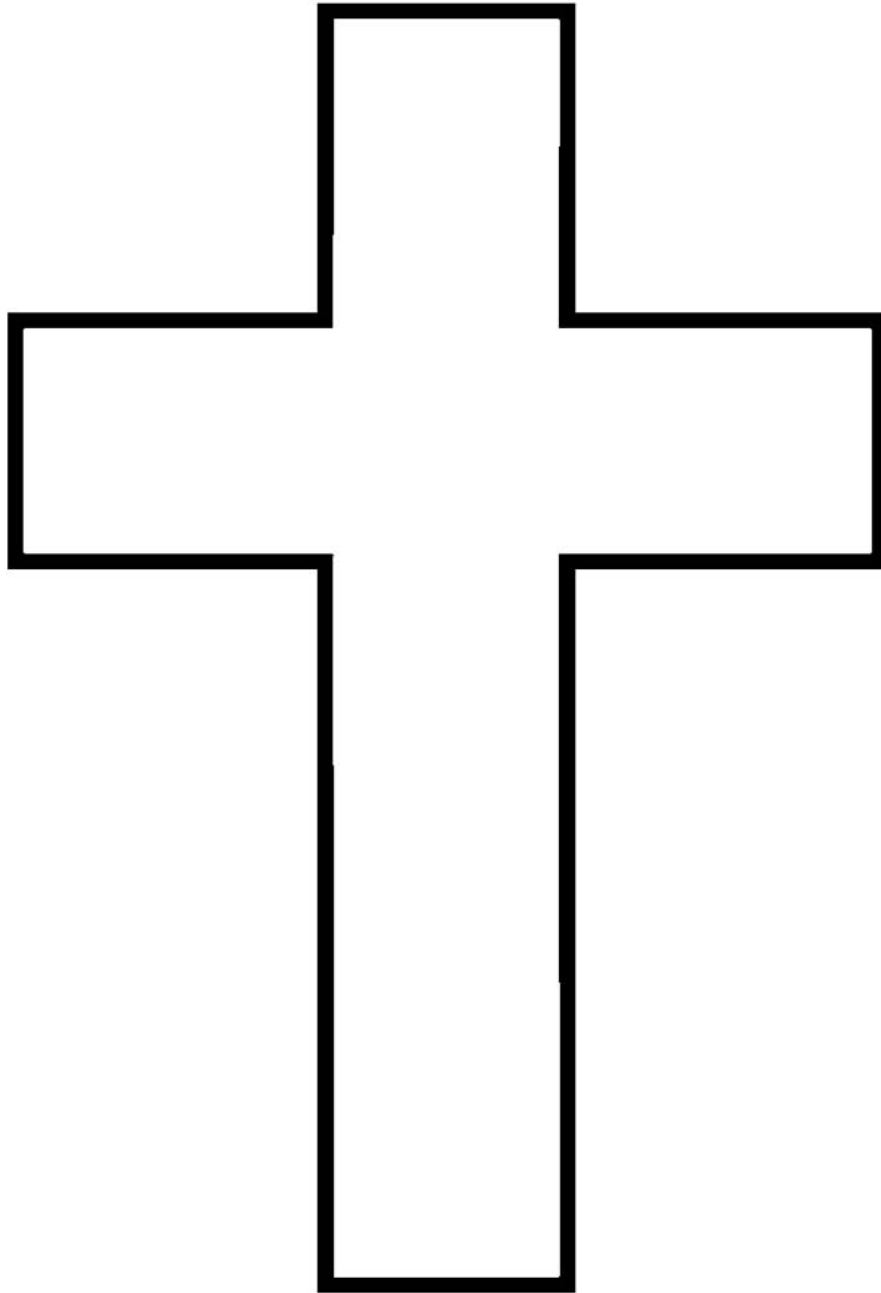
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- 1 – yellow
- 2 – green
- 3 – blue
- 4 – purple
- 5 – red



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