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Date | **November 7, 2021** Family Theme | **Necessity of Repentance** Study Text | **2 Samuel 11:1 – 12:25**

Objective: Children understand the high cost of sin and turn away from all sinful practices.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 995 BC, later in David's reign as king of Israel. This account illustrates the truth that all have sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard.

Bible Basics: Review 1 John 1:9 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: 2 Samuel 11:1 – 12:25

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how we all sin, and sin brings consequences. Encourage them to acknowledge their sin to God and to turn away from it.



Key Truth: No One Is Above Falling Into Sin (2 Samuel 11:1-27)

David remained in Jerusalem while the army went to fight the Ammonites. His palace looked down on the rest of the city. One evening, he noticed a woman bathing. Instead of turning away, he indulged his unhealthy lust. He eventually sent for her and slept with her. When she later sent word that she was pregnant, David tried to hide his sin. First, he brought her husband Uriah back from battle in hopes that he would go home to his wife. But Uriah would not rejoin his family as long as his comrades in arms were separated from theirs. David's next plan took him from lust and adultery to murder. He sent a sealed message via Uriah to Joab, the commander of the army: *Put Uriah into the most deadly part of the combat, and withdraw so that he dies in battle.* With Uriah dead, David legally married Bathsheba, the grieving widow of a brave warrior. It seems inconceivable that David, the man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), could undertake such a spiral of lust, adultery, and murder — yet he did. We must not let down our guard regarding temptation.



Key Truth: Our Sin Must Be Dealt With (2 Samuel 12:1-9)

Despite David's efforts to cover his sin, he could not hide it from God. God sent Nathan, the prophet, to confront David. Nathan got his point across with a brief parable. It described an obvious injustice: a rich man with many sheep took by force the one lamb a poor man possessed in order to entertain a traveler. Nathan declared that David had done what that rich man did in the parable. This was a despicable act from a privileged recipient of God's blessings. It was time for David to take his sinful misconduct as seriously as God did.



Key Truth: Repentance and Confession Result in Forgiveness, but Do Not Negate All of Sin's Consequences (2 Samuel 12:10-25)

The punishment would fit the crime: David had ripped apart Uriah's family by the sword — the sword would rip apart his own family. He had violated Uriah's wife. David's own son would violate his wives. David had sinned in secret, but these acts would be open to all the people. To his credit, David did not rebel; he

acknowledged his sin. God forgave, and let him live. Yet David's sin would have consequences. The ill-conceived son would die. God showed grace to Bathsheba, too. She bore David other children, one of whom they named Solomon. Sin carries consequences. David wrecked his family. Several died. Yet God was gracious and continued to work through David and his son Solomon. The principle holds true today as well. We are not exempt from the consequences of our sin. Neither are we excluded, however, from God's grace and promises.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What is repentance?
- Why is repentance necessary when we have sinned?
- Why is it true that no one is above falling into sin?
- What can we do to help us be on guard against temptation?
- What could we do to avoid being tempted in the first place?
- What can we do to keep from giving in to temptation when it strikes?
- How will you avoid putting yourself in a position in which you would likely be tempted this week?
- How will you plan this week to overcome a temptation that you often deal with?
- **For Elementary:** How can learning about the wrong choices that David — a man after God's own heart — made remind us to constantly be on guard against Satan's temptations?
- **For Elementary:** Why is repentance necessary when we have sinned?

Everyday Extras

Ask your children to undo something. Start with a reasonable request: Would you please untie this knot? Would you please restack these magazines? But move to more difficult situations: Would you please un-burn this toast? Would you please un-spill this juice? We cannot fix some problems; what is done is done. We can be sorry for the situation, and we can try not to let it happen again. Here's the good news about God. When we trust Him and turn away from our sins, He will forgive us — every time, no matter what (1 John 1:9).

This week, when someone needs to repent, ask that family member to do more than saying "I'm sorry." Ask that person to give or give up something to show their repentance. Here are some ideas: give up half your dessert, give up screen time, give time reading to someone else, give a music recital. Help your children express their repentance in memorable ways.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned a parable Jesus told His followers about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but lost one. He left the 99 to search for the one. When the shepherd found it, he celebrated with his neighbors. We are like the sheep, and Jesus is our Shepherd. Jesus celebrates when we are found because **We Are Special to God.**

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Date | **November 14, 2021** Family Theme | **The Curse of Sin** Study Text | **Romans 1:16-32**

Objective: Help children understand they can be saved if they believe the good news about Jesus. However, those who reject the good news of the gospel suffer the wrath of God in a downward spiral of sin. Encourage them to believe in Christ and to tell others about Him.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around AD 57 when Nero was emperor of the Roman empire. Paul and others were taking the gospel to the Gentiles as Jesus had commanded them to do.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is sin? Answer:** Sin is a violation of the law of God (1 John 3:4). D6 EveryDay teaches kids that sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way.

Read the Word: Romans 1:16-32

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand how dangerous it is to reject God and His Word. Rejecting His revealed truth leads to a downward spiral of increasing sin.



Key Truth: Believing the Gospel Brings Salvation (Romans 1:16-17)

One of the great themes Paul wrote about in Romans was the gospel. He was not ashamed of it. He openly proclaimed the gospel because it was God's power for salvation. The gospel was meant for the entire world. It is the only hope for all people of all religions and nations. The gospel reveals the righteousness of God. This righteousness is by faith from beginning to end. We humans have a sin problem. Yet God has provided the solution through the gospel and only the gospel: the good news that we can partake of God's righteousness through faith, because of what Christ did for us.



Key Truth: People Who Reject God's Revealed Truth Make Themselves Subject to His Wrath (Romans 1:18-23)

While the gospel reveals the righteousness of God, there are things people can know about God without it. God's wrath against ungodliness and unrighteousness is revealed from Heaven. People know certain things about God, but they suppress that truth! God has clearly revealed, in the natural world and in the human mind, some of His invisible attributes, notably His eternal power and divine nature. This leaves people who reject God without excuse. They knew about God but did not honor Him. This ungrateful, self-sufficient attitude affected both their minds and their hearts. Their thinking became futile or pointless, and their hearts became even darker as they rejected the light they had received so far. This has left God with no recourse but justified wrath. The rebellious bring destruction, stubbornly insisting they can do as they want in a universe that God designed otherwise.



Key Truth: Rejecting God's Revealed Truth Leads to a Downward Spiral of Sin (Romans 1:24-32)

In these verses, Paul stated three times that God gave them up or gave them over. This refers to those who turned away from Him. Their hearts filled with lust, they naturally ended up dishonoring their own bodies. They exchanged God's truth for a lie. They deliberately worshiped the creature instead of the Creator, and God gave them up to do what they insisted on doing and to suffer the natural consequences of doing so. Having perverted their religion, people went further and perverted their own relationships, redefining the human sexual relationship. God gave them up to unnatural and dishonorable passions. Homosexual activity receives no approval in Scripture. On the contrary, its prevalence in a society likely indicates a society that God has given over to its rebellion. Verse 28 begins a list of depraved acts that touches us all at one point or another. We dare not treat the idolatry and homosexual behavior as warranting special condemnation while downplaying the seriousness of our sins.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why would we say that every person has a sin problem?
- What does it mean that the gospel is the power of God for salvation?
- Why is the gospel the only solution to our sin problem?
- In what way is it our choice whether or not to be subject to God's wrath?
- What does it mean to be abandoned to our sinful nature?
- What are some of the consequences of being abandoned to our sinful nature?
- In what ways is our culture like what Paul described in Romans 1:16-32?
- **For Elementary:** Why would we say that every person has a sin problem?
- **For Elementary:** Why do we all need God's grace?

Everyday Extras

Play together with slime, whether store-bought or made from an online recipe. Have your kids hold it in their hands and watch it roll around. As they are doing this, talk to them about how sin cannot be controlled in our own power and how it gets into every part of our lives, just like the slime. The only way to overcome sin is through salvation in Christ.

You can make this lesson memorable by pouring chocolate syrup in your child's hand. Pour about a tablespoon into your child's open palm and ask him to hold it for a couple of minutes. The syrup will ooze between his fingers and into the crevices of his palm and begin to feel very sticky. Compare this to sin and the way it affects us. Hand your child a napkin to see if it will clean up the syrup. While it might help some, the only solution is to wash it off. Remind your children that Jesus can wash away our sins when we repent.

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned about another parable where a woman lost one of her ten coins. She searched for the lost coin until she found it, and she told her friends and neighbors. They knew the coins were special to her and they rejoiced with her. **We Are Special to God** and the angels in Heaven rejoice when we choose to follow Him.

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Date | **November 21, 2021** Family Theme | **The Only Cure for Sin**
Study Text | **John 14:6; Romans 3:10-26; Galatians 2:16**

Objective: Children understand God offers forgiveness and salvation to every person, but only through faith in His Son Jesus. They trust Christ and share the good news with others.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson affirms a truth found all through the Scriptures. God planned before creation to send His Son to pay the penalty for our sins. He offers salvation to every person through faith in His Son Jesus. There is no other way to be saved.

Bible Basics: Memorize John 14:6 and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: John 14:6; Romans 3:10-26; Galatians 2:16

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that they have sinned against God and can only be saved by trusting in what Christ did for us on the cross.



Key Truth: Jesus Declared He Is the Only Way to God (John 14:6)

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, Jesus is the One who claimed to be the only way to God. It wasn't arrogant or self-righteous Christians who made the claim. Christians simply repeat what Jesus Himself said. Jesus did not claim to be a way, a truth, and a life. No, He said, He is *the Way, the truth, and the life* and no one comes to the Father except through Him. But Jesus was not excluding anyone here. He was inviting everyone to believe in Him and experience salvation. He wishes that all would believe and that none would perish (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus told His followers to offer salvation to everyone (Matthew 28:18-20).



Key Truth: Every Person Has Sinned and Must Trust in Christ Alone for Salvation (Romans 3:10-26)

Jesus said that if people do not believe He is who He said He is, they will die in their sins (John 8:24). Sin is the human predicament that leads to eternal separation from God. And we can't save ourselves through good works. We must trust in what Jesus did for us. Paul echoed Jesus' diagnosis in the book of Romans. In chapter 3, he used various Old Testament passages to make the point that no person is righteous, not even one. No one really seeks after God on his or her own. Every human has turned away from God, and no one is truly good. Every person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory and perfect standard. Sin results in spiritual death (Romans 6:23a). Thankfully, we can receive eternal life in Christ (Romans 6:23b). All we have to do is confess and believe.



Key Truth: We Are Made Right With God Through Faith In Christ, Not by Good Works (Galatians 2:16)

Galatians 2:16 tells us that no person can be justified by keeping God's Law and doing good works. Instead, we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. We believe in Christ Jesus and are justified by faith in Him, not by the works of the Law. Ephesians 2:8-9 says that salvation is a gift from God, not by our works. We simply need

to personally trust Christ to save us. Since God is holy and we are sinful, we are under wrath and judgment, incapable of erasing our own debt. Justification is the term we use to describe Christ's work to pay our debt and declare us innocent in God's eyes. Since Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, if we trust in Him for salvation God no longer sees us as sinners. Instead He sees the righteousness of Christ in us. Jesus bore our sin so we could have His righteousness and stand forgiven before God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Besides faith in Christ, what are some other ways people believe will make them right with God?
- Why do Christians claim Jesus is the only way to God and to Heaven? What is the source of this claim?
- Why is Christianity actually very inclusive?
- Why does every person need Jesus?
- How would you explain to a neighbor how we can be made right with God?
- How would you explain to a neighbor why Jesus is the only one who can save us and make us right with God?
- With whom this week could you share Jesus' claim to be the only way to the Father?
- **For Elementary:** What do you think Zacchaeus thought when Jesus stopped to talk to him?
- **For Elementary:** What changes were seen in Zacchaeus after he met with Jesus?
- **For Elementary:** What changes have people seen in you because of your relationship with Jesus?

Everyday Extras

We all are lost in sin, and there is no amount of law-following that will provide salvation. Salvation is only guaranteed through what Christ has done on the cross. Sit down with your child, a glass plate, coin, candle, glass cup, and colored water. Place the coin (which represents humans) on one side of the plate, then pour water (which represents our sin) on the plate until the coin is covered. Light the candle, which represents Jesus, and put it in the middle of the plate. Place the glass cup over the lit candle, and the water should start moving into the inverted cup. Jesus' death on the cross removed our sins just like the candle removed the water from the penny!

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned about a young son who left home and foolishly wasted all his money. He wasn't able to buy food and so he got a job feeding pigs. He was sorry for what he had done and decided to return home to ask for forgiveness and a job as his father's servant. **We Are Special to God** and He forgives us when we ask.

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Date | **November 28, 2021** Family Theme | **Justified by Faith** Study Text | **Romans 5:1-21**

Objective: Children understand that those who are justified by faith in Christ can live for Him with joy and hope because they are at peace with God.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Paul wrote this letter to Christians in Rome around AD 57. He wrote from Corinth during his third missionary journey taking the gospel to Gentiles who needed to hear.

Bible Basics: Review the names and order of books nine through fourteen of the Old Testament (1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles) this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Romans 5:1-21

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that our sins made us enemies of God. However, we can have peace with God by trusting in what Christ did for us on the cross.



Key Truth: Those Justified by Faith in Christ Have Peace With God (Romans 5:1-11)

We are justified by faith, not by works or righteous acts. This justification produces results. First, it brings us peace with God, through Christ. There is no further reason for contention between God and believers. There is nothing left to separate us. Justification also brings us into grace. God's favor is on the believer. We rejoice in the hope of God's glory, and we can also rejoice even in our suffering. The suffering Paul had in mind comes from opposition and even mistreatment by those who do not believe. Suffering builds character, which produces hope. We were not worthy of this. Indeed, we were still in rebellion against God. Yet Jesus died for us, proving God's great love for us. Justification, our initial not-guilty verdict, was not the end, but rather the beginning of reconciliation. Our relationship with God has changed because of the not-guilty verdict. We are now free to live as God's friends, reconciled to Him.



Key Truth: Jesus Brings Grace and Abundant Life to Those Who Trust in Him (Romans 5:2, 12-21)

In this next section, Paul compared and contrasted the results of Adam's sin and Jesus' righteousness. We are all sinners because we inherit the sin nature through Adam. A sinful nature has been passed on to all people born from Adam, and sin has always brought death. But what about those people who lived after Adam, but before Moses gave the people God's Law? How could God hold that against them? For Paul, it was clear that people sinned in the years between Adam and Moses — they all died because of sin, even if they did not know all the stipulations of the Law. Everyone had the moral law of God written on their hearts and knew right from wrong (Romans 2:14-15). The point of Paul's argument in these verses is that the problem and consequence of sin flowed from one person — Adam — to all people. In contrast, the remedy of sin also flows from one person — Jesus Christ — to all people. Adam's sin brought death to all who came from him afterward. But the actions of Jesus have brought abundant life for all who come from Him afterward. Inheriting death through Adam pales in comparison to inheriting abundant grace and righteousness for

living through Jesus Christ. Did the Law actually create more sin (increase the trespass)? No, it increased the trespass by making it more evident to us. The sin was there already; the law put the spotlight on it. Yet even in those years, God was gracious, dealing with people in view of what Jesus would accomplish.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What does it mean that believers in Christ are justified in God's eyes?
- Why is it not possible to be justified by our good works?
- What does it mean that justification brings us peace with God?
- Why are people under the wrath of God if they have not been justified in God's eyes?
- How should we respond to the fact that we have peace with God and are no longer under His wrath?
- What does it mean that we have access to God's grace through justification by faith?
- How could you demonstrate your gratitude to God this week for the grace He has poured out in your life?
- **For Elementary:** What is grace?
- **For Elementary:** What are some gifts that come with God's grace?
- **For Elementary:** How could you demonstrate your gratitude to God this week for the grace He has poured out in your life?

Everyday Extras

Filthy rags! Secretly gather up the worst of the cleaning rags at your house and put them in the bottom of a brown paper bag. Then ask your children to help you collect some "good deeds" that would get you into Heaven (went to church, gave money to missionaries, was kind to neighbor, etc.). Write them down on slips of paper and place them in the bag. Pretend that you began showing God what was in your bag to see what He thought of it. Instead of pulling out the paper, pull out the cleaning rags, one at a time. That's what God says our good deeds are: just filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). The only way we can get to Heaven is by faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned when the father saw his son returning home, he ran to meet him. He forgave his son and celebrated his return. But the older brother did not understand that both he and his brother were special to his father. **We Are Special to God**, and He forgives us and celebrates our return when we come back to Him..