



3rd -5th

August 31-September 1, 2013

DATE

David Repents

LESSON TITLE

II Samuel 11 (Pg.351); Psalm 51 (Pg.637)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Wants Our Repentance

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Keep in mind, kids might not be perfectly engaged during small group. Do your best to engage every kid, but don't let redirecting take the place of today's repentance activities. You may be surprised at what they pick up...even if they appear to be disengaged!

check-in/out

As parents pick kids up, let them know we focused on David's repentance and Psalm 51. Tell them to ask their kids why they are taking home a star magnet with nothing written on it!

large group heads up

Today, kids are hearing the story of David's repentance. We won't go into any detail about David's sin with Bathsheba and her husband Uriah—in fact, we won't even use their names. Instead, the focus is on how David repented. If kids are curious about the full story, encourage them to ask their parents (parents can figure out where to find the story on the parent page).



instructions

Goal: to help kids understand what repentance is and how to practice it in their own lives

Tip: If kids want to know exactly *why* David repented, encourage them to ask their parents to read it with them in the Bible.

Why? Repentance can seem like a big concept, but the truth is, it's something we should be doing regularly, every time we mess up.

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. If you want, describe a time when you tried to hide something you did. (If kids begin competing to have done the "worst" thing, move the conversation onto question #3.)

DIG DEEPER

3. Why is it hard to hide something we've done wrong?
4. What does God think when we try to hide a bad choice or when we choose to make a bad choice in the first place?
5. What does it mean to repent? (**turn** from what you've been doing; saying you repent is asking God to make you new and telling him you'll stop making wrong choices)
6. Why does God want us to repent when we've done wrong? (he already knows what we've done; he has mercy and loves us even when we've messed up; he wants us to follow him)

REPENTANCE APPLICATION #1 (GENERAL)

Hand each kid a **green and a red piece of paper**. Read the scenarios below. If the person has made a choice that doesn't follow God, ask kids to hold up the RED paper. If the person made a choice to follow God, ask them to hold up the GREEN paper. If it's a RED scenario, ask kids how the person could repent!

- Sarah's mom asked her to clean her room, but she ignored her. (RED)
 - Sarah could say "I repent!" and clean her room for her mom.
- Jay made fun of his friend behind his back. (RED)
 - Jay could say, "I repent!" and say something kind about his friend instead.
- Cate made cookies for a new neighbor. (GREEN)

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- Terrell hit his little brother when he was mad. (RED)
 - Terrell could say “I repent!” and give his little brother a hug instead.
- Jaime helped her grandmother carry her groceries into her house. (GREEN)
- Sam worried about her big test and forgot to trust God. (RED)
 - Sam could say “I repent!” and ask God to help her.
- Ask kids to share their own.* (*Don't spend too much time on this one. Move on to the personal application activity. But come back to this if you have extra time at the end!*)
 - Remind them that repenting is not only acknowledging that you've done wrong, but turning from it to start doing right!

REPENTANCE APPLICATION #2 (PERSONAL)

- Give each kid a **dry erase star**.
- Pass around the **dry erase markers** (kids must share).
- Kids should write at least one wrong choice they've made in the past week that they want to repent from.
- Then hand each kid a **Kleenex** (fill a small cup with water if necessary—they can dip their Kleenex in a little water, with your help).
- Have kids say, “I repent.” Then they should wipe the star clean.
- Remind them they are forgiven and clean in God's eyes!
- They can keep their magnetic stars to remind them that they are forgiven—and can repent anytime they mess up! God will wipe them clean again.
- After kids finish, ask them what they'll do differently this week (e.g. if they talked bad about a kid at school, they can do something kind for that person, etc.).

Pray together, thanking God that he forgives us when we mess up. Ask for his help as we try to follow him this week.

*Extra time? Go through the repentance exercise again. *Or play the RED/GREEN activity again, but ask kids to come up with more of their own examples.*

COLLECT MARKERS AT THE END OF SMALL GROUP. KIDS CAN KEEP DRY ERASE STARS!

special notes

The story alluded to in today's lesson is David's adultery with Bathsheba and murdering of Uriah. But don't get into the details of *that* story. Use only the explanation from the script. The focal point is David's **repentance**.

**We'll walk kids through repentance in more detail in small groups.*

presenter tips

Spend some time praying about which personal story God may want you to share in today's lesson.

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you here today. Today, we're going to hear a story about a guy in God's family who made a BIG mistake. And then he tried to *hide* it.

INTRO: HIDING OUR BAD CHOICES IS HARD

That kind of reminds me of the part in *Brave* when a girl named Merida doesn't like the rules her mother gives her. Merida finds a funny old witch who makes a cake that is supposed to change her mother. Problem is, the cake changes her mother *into a bear!*

So after people discover there's a *bear* in the house, they get scared and the men decide to hunt it! So Merida has to try to hide what she did and get her mom/bear out of the house. Getting a large, clumsy bear out of a house full of angry hunters isn't easy. We're going to watch a clip about how Merida tries to hide what she did to her mom. As we watch, think about how you would feel if *you* were Merida, the girl with the curly red hair.

Video Clip: *Brave* (43:11-46:45)

Wow, how would you feel if you were Merida? (Let kids say: guilty, stressed, worried, bad, etc.) Yeah, I'd feel like that too. Because once Merida made *one* bad choice, she had to sneak around. She had to bring other people in and try to get *them* to keep her secret. And things didn't go back to normal at the end of the clip—in fact, things got a whole lot worse before the end of the movie!



script continued

HIDING OUR BAD CHOICES...LEADS TO MORE BAD CHOICES

That's just a movie, but it's like that for us, too. Think in your head for a minute: have you guys ever done something that you wish you could just erase or get rid of...or hide? Don't tell anybody; just think in your head. *(If you have one, insert a kid-friendly personal story of hiding a bad choice, like this: One of my rules growing up was no throwing balls in the house. My mom collected crystal vases for flowers, and she didn't want us to break any of them. So you can probably guess where this story is going... Yep, one day when she wasn't home, I threw a tennis ball at my brother...and accidentally broke her favorite vase. Well, I thought my mom would be less mad if I said I tripped. So I didn't admit that I had been throwing a ball in the house. I just said I stubbed my toe and stumbled into the vase. Now I not only disobeyed the "no throwing in the house" rule, but I also lied.)*

That's the problem with hiding what we do wrong. We sometimes make more and more bad choices to keep it a secret. And it can be as stressful as when Merida when she tried to sneak a huge, clumsy bear out of a house full of angry hunters!

Now, sometimes we can keep secrets from other people for awhile, but who knows EVERYTHING? (Let kids say: GOD.) Yep, it's hard to understand how God can be everywhere at once and know everything, but he does. We can't keep secrets from him.

DAVID TRIED TO HIDE HIS SIN

(Show picture of David.) Well, once, there was a guy in God's family who tried to keep a BIG secret. You might have already heard of him. His name was David. He was a shepherd who fought a giant named Goliath because he knew that God would help him win. And later, he became king of Israel. But while he was king, he did something he shouldn't have...something really bad.

What David did ended up breaking up a family—and even killing a man. And he wanted to hide it. He thought he was doing a pretty good job of hiding it until a prophet named Nathan came over to his house. Nathan told David that GOD knew what he had done in secret.

DAVID CHOSE TO REPENT INSTEAD!

At that point, David had a choice: he could decide to keep hiding it from as many people as possible. Or he could turn away from his bad choice and REPENT. Now, he made the right choice...so which one do you think he chose—keep hiding or repent? (Let kids say: REPENT.)

We're going to watch a video that reads the prayer of repentance David prayed in the Bible, in Psalm 51. As we watch, I want you to see if you can figure out what it means to repent. If you don't understand some of the big words in the video, that's OK. I'll tell you what they mean when it's over. Let's watch and listen carefully to David's prayer of repentance. What kind of things did David pray in this prayer?

Video: Psalm 51 (<http://vimeo.com/search?q=psalm+51>)



script continued

So, what kind of things did David pray in that prayer? (He asked God for loving mercy instead of punishment. He asked God to forgive his sins. He asked God to make him pure and give him the joy of salvation.)

Sum it up in more kid-friendly language: Yep, David knew that God is merciful, which means God loves us even when we mess up. So even though David messed up big time, God still loved him! David told God that he knew he had made a bad choice...that he had sinned. That's what "transgression" and "iniquity" means: sins or wrong choices. David asked God to wash away all the wrong things he had done and make him pure. He repented!

WE CAN REPENT TOO

And guess what, when we choose to turn away from our sin, God forgives us, and it's as if the sin is washed away and gone! We can stop keeping secrets, stop making wrong choices, and ask God to make us clean. And he always will!

WORSHIP

Let's sing and thank God for his mercy, for loving us enough to send a rescuer, so that we can be made pure.

Song: *Because Of Your Love*

PRAY

Ask somebody to come thank God for sending the rescuer.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Per kid:

- Star dry erase magnet: IN-62/7288
- Red & green quarter-sheets of paper

Per small group

- Several dry erase markers
- Several Kleenexes

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pp. 351 and 637)

a/v needs

1. Video: Brave Clip (43:11-46:45)
2. Image: David (jpeg in curriculum folder)
3. Video: Psalm 51
(<http://vimeo.com/search?q=psalm+51>)
4. Song: Because of Your Love

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about repentance.
How can we repent?

parent page

While younger kids learned the story of David and Goliath, third through fifth graders learned about the time David had to repent. We didn't go into detail about *why* David repented. Instead, we focused on *how* he repented—and what it means to repent. Ask your kid about it. If you want to read about David's story, you can find it in 2 Samuel 11. Or, if you want to talk more about repentance, you can find David's prayer of repentance in Psalm 51.