

## THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

### Lesson 5: David, Bathsheba, And Nathan

Dear Parents,

Hello! We just wrapped up another lesson in our teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible through our study called The Thread: Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible. This week was the fifth of 13 lessons of studying the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation. This lesson was entitled “David, Bathsheba, and Nathan.” It was a sobering reminder to all of us of how sin can trap anyone. Even a person strong in his or her faith can make sinful choices. And these choices carry major consequences that affect not only the sinner but also those around him or her.

**Lesson Overview:** David is one of the most well-known characters in the Bible. Almost everyone has heard the story of David and Goliath or knows a little bit about who David was. Early in David’s life, it was obvious that God had a plan for him. Although God’s hand was clearly on David, it didn’t mean that David was beyond making some huge mistakes. The lesson of David and Bathsheba shows us just how easy it is for people of great faith to get tangled up in sin and suffer serious consequences. But the Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus has not left us to suffer the greatest consequence of our sin: eternity separated from Him.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** See that even David, a godly ruler, is capable of really messing things up when left to act out of his sinful nature. Grab onto the truth that sin affects all humans, but Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross is the only means by which the devastating impact of our sin is removed.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned:** Evaluate their relationship with sin in light of their relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** 2 Samuel 11-12:14; Romans 3:23-24

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- So, sin affects even the strongest followers of Jesus. What was the most shocking part of David’s series of sins to you? (Share your perspective too.)
- How did David’s sin hurt people far beyond just himself? (This is real life. You and your teen probably know someone who has been deeply hurt by adultery.)
- What is one biblical life lesson you can learn from each of the three people in this reality story—David, Bathsheba, and Nathan? (Some examples: Stay off the roof! Run from temptation! Don’t be afraid to confront a friend who is committing a sin. Be thankful for friends who are willing to confront you when you are making sinful decisions.)

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.