



# DAVID'S LESSON

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In Sunday School lessons David, the shepherd boy who killed a lion and bravely fought the giant Goliath, was our hero. And he became a mighty King. All went well until David desired Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, one of his most trusted soldiers. Bathsheba was beautiful.

David deliberately sent Uriah into the fiercest of battles and he was killed. Bathsheba was his. Nathan, the prophet, came to David and faced him with his terrible sin by telling him the parable of the innocent lamb. A traveller came to the home of a rich man and instead of providing one of his own lambs for his guest's meal, he killed a tiny lamb belonging to a poor man instead.

David was shocked at this terrible injustice and said the rich man deserved the harshest punishment for his crime. Nathan turned to David and said, "You are the man!" On his knees David confesses his terrible sin to God.

Psalms 51 records his heartfelt confession, acknowledging his sin he prays to God for a new beginning. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."* [verses 10-12]

## Reflection:

*Read the parable of the lamb [2 Samuel 12:1-7] and David's confession in Psalm 51. How important is confession in our worship, in public and private prayer! However good we think we are we are not perfect. All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But forgiveness and a new beginning are there for each one, as we humbly kneel at the foot of the Cross.*

*Suggested Hymn for Sunday Service TIS 131 Father of heaven, Whose love profound.*