



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

David Repents

Take Home Point:

Confess sin and bring your broken heart to God.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What did you do with marshmallows today? *(Kids played a warm-up game where they tried to hide the marshmallow in their mouths. In large group a marshmallow man was constructed that got "smooshed." This symbolized the brokenness resulting from David's sin.)* How did the marshmallow cross help the smooshed man? *(The perfect marshmallows were exchanged for the smooshed ones, just as Jesus' perfect life and death on the cross was exchanged for our sinfulness and brokenness.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: For a wild time, play a family game of hide and seek. Talk about how hard it is to stay hidden without being found. Then let each person share a time he did something wrong that he tried to hide. What happened? The way to come out of hiding with God is to confess our sins. That's what David learned after he sinned.

READ THE BIBLE: Read 2 Samuel 12 from a story Bible or an easy to understand translation about how the prophet Nathan confronts David and he repents.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 51:17, *"The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. O God, you do not despise a broken and sorrowful heart."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did David do to Uriah to cover up his sin of taking Bathsheba to be his wife? *(2 Samuel 11:14-15. David had Uriah killed in battle.)* Did David think he got away without anyone knowing about his sin? *(Yes.)* Who knew about David's sin? *(God.)* What was the name of God's prophet who talked to David? *(2 Samuel 12:1. Nathan.)* Nathan told a story about two men. Which one of these men was David like? *(2 Samuel 12:5-7. The rich man who stole the sheep.)* How was David like this man? *(He had many wives and wanted Uriah's only wife.)* When David finally had his sin uncovered, was he sorry for what he did? *(2 Samuel 12:13. Yes, very much.)*

Making excuses for our bad behavior is often the same as trying to cover up our sin and not face it. What are some common excuses that you say or hear others in your family say? What should we say instead?

Some people may think there are things they do that are so bad they can never tell God about them. Jesus took our sin and our punishment when he died on the cross. Jesus' perfection was then given to us. He took our punishment and brokenness. God says that he does not want us to hide our sin, but we should give it to him by repenting. After all, he knows about our sins anyway. *(Read the key verse.)*

PRAYER POWER: Pray that sin would not be hidden but confessed. Thank God for his forgiveness because of Jesus, and ask him for the power to change and to be more like Jesus.

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Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

For a family treat bake a dessert such as cake or brownies in a heart-shaped cake pan. When you serve it, present it broken down the middle. This reminds us of the verse, "O God, you do not despise a broken and sorrowful heart."