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2 Samuel [11:1-5, 26-27]; 12:1-9

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God, we stand convicted by our sin and we cannot deny it. Show us your mercy and the path back to wholeness with you, our neighbors, and ourselves, for the sake of him who gave his life for us. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight?" (2 Samuel 12:7-9a)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

King David thinks of himself as a good person. So what if he slips up now and then: an illicit affair here, an unjust murder there? No one will know, right? No one but God, that is.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Where do you see power struggles within your community? In these struggles, who gets hurt? Who gains the most? How might God shape how power is distributed within your community?

When have you committed a sin that you were unable to see? How did you come to realize your sin? What did you do next?

For the littles: When was the last time you were punished for something? Did you deserve it? God knows when we sin. God also forgives our sin. Always!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. May God see your sin and forgive it. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week. Write a letter forgiving someone of a sin they committed against you. You need not send it; simply write it and see how your forgiveness shapes your attitude this week.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23, *Bathsheba's Child Dies*

Tuesday, 2 Samuel 12:24-25, *Solomon Is Born*

Wednesday, 1 Kings 1:1-21, *The Struggle for Succession*

Thursday, 1 Kings 1:22-27, *The Struggle for the Succession*

Friday, 1 Kings 1:28-53, *The Accession of Solomon*

Saturday, 1 Kings 2:13-25, *Solomon Consolidates His Reign*

Next Week, 1 Kings 3:4-28, *Solomon's Wisdom*