

DAVID'S REIGN

Trials and Triumphs



Lesson 5: David is Deceived by His Son

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours prior to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 2 Samuel 14:25-26; 15:1-37; 17:1-14, 16; 18:5, 14-15, 24-33; 19:5-14 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 38-42 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

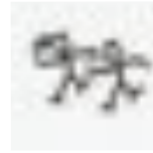
TEACHER'S TIP

Keep steady eye contact with the children. The less you look down at your bookmarks, the better! Don't READ to the children - learn the information and be able to tell it in your own words.

Story Outline Lesson 5: David is Deceived by His Son

1. **Introduction:** Tell story about deception, or share one from your past. (1 min)
LINK: The Bible tells of a prince who deceived others to get something he wanted. Would his deception work?
2. David's son Absalom was admired for his good looks and personality.
3. Absalom stole the people's support away from David by deception.
LINK: He used deception to get what he wanted. Do you use deception to get what you want?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #1
4. Absalom deceived David into letting him go to Hebron where he acted on his plan of revolt.
5. Absalom was proclaimed king by his growing forces.
6. David was forced to flee from Jerusalem with his loyal followers.
7. Grieved to hear that his advisor, Ahithophel, had joined Absalom, David sent Hushai to counter Ahithophel's advice.
8. Hushai's advice was taken over Ahithophel's, and warning was sent to David to escape and prepare for battle.
LINK: He was about to pay for his dishonesty! It is a dangerous thing for you to practice deception.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #2
9. **CLIMAX:** Absalom's deceptions finally brought him to deadly defeat, as Joab and his men killed him.
10. David grieved deeply for Absalom, but Joab urged David to put grief aside to acknowledge his men in their victory.
LINK: In spite of Absalom's sin, David still loved him and his heart was deeply grieved over him. In a much greater way, God the Father loves you and is grieved over your sin.
GOSPEL BOOKMARK
11. King David returned to Jerusalem to resume his reign.
LINK: How foolish it was for that young man to think that he could get the kingdom for himself through deception. If you have been deceiving others to get what you want, you, too, are being foolish.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #3
INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



Eph. 4:25

David Deceived by His Son: Lesson 5

LINK: He used deception to get what he wanted. Do you use deception to get what you want?

1. Deception is dishonesty. It is tricking someone into believing something that isn't true.
2. Maybe you want to go to a party at your friend's house while their parents are away. You know your parents won't let you go if there are no adults to supervise, so you lie and say your friend's parents are home.
3. Or maybe you can't get something you want from your mom so you go to your dad and tell him she said it was ok.
4. If you deceive others to get what you want, it will eventually become a habit that is hard to break.
5. Your deceptions may fool some people, **but you can never fool God!** He sees your heart and knows the truth. You are breaking His law that says you are to tell the truth.
6. Sooner or later you will have to pay for your dishonesty. **If you know Jesus as your Savior, God expects you to be honest at all times.**
7. **QUOTE Eph. 4:25** together with the children.
8. You and I are to be honest toward people and toward the Lord.

LINK: We are not to use deception to get what we want. Absalom used deception to get what he wanted.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



Eph. 4:25

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LINK: He was about to pay for his dishonesty! It is a dangerous thing for you to practice deception.

1. If you allow deceit to control your life, before long you will have to pay for your dishonesty.
2. **If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior,** God expects you to be honest at all times.
3. Remember our memory verse?
QUOTE Eph. 4:25 with the children.
4. If you are God's child, you need to know that those who aren't believers in the Lord Jesus may be watching to see if what you believe is really true.
5. If they see dishonesty in you, they may decide that Christians are no different than anyone else.
6. **But as a Christian, you should be different!**
7. Tell your parents the truth about where you want to go or what you want to do. If they say no, it will be for a good reason. God gave you parents/guardians to guide and protect you. It's important that you obey them!
8. You may have friends who deceive their parents or teachers to get their own way, but you have Jesus living in you to give you the strength to fight that temptation. **Ask God to help you be honest in everything you do and say. Others will notice!**

LINK: Remember: practicing deception is a dangerous thing. Before long, you will have to pay for your dishonesty. Absalom was about to find out how dangerous deception can be.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



Rom. 5:8

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LINK: In spite of Absalom's sin, David still loved him and his heart was deeply grieved over him. In a much greater way, God the Father loves you and is grieved over your sin.

1. Do you remember what sin is? (allow for answers). Sin is anything you think, say, or do that makes God unhappy. What are some **EXAMPLES** of sin? (allow for answers)
2. The Bible teaches that you and I were **BORN** with the want-to to sin. **ALL** have sinned, according to the Bible (Rom. 3:23a), and the **PUNISHMENT** for sin is separation from God.
3. God is **HOLY** which means that no sin can be where He is. But He **LOVES** you greatly in spite of your sin, because He **CREATED** you.
4. The Bible says (**READ Rom. 5:8**). God sent His **PERFECT SON** Jesus to earth to **DIE** on the cross for your sin.
5. He gave His perfect **BLOOD** (Heb. 9:22) so you could be forgiven.
6. After Jesus **DIED** and was **BURIED**, what happened 3 days later? He **ROSE** again so that you could believe on Him and be saved from the punishment of your sin.

LINK: God is grieved over your sin, but He loves you in spite of it. David loved his sinful son and his grief was very great.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



Eph. 4:25

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LINK: How foolish it was for that young man to think that he could get the kingdom for himself through deception. If you have been deceiving others to get what you want, you, too, are being foolish.

1. Someday you will have to pay for your dishonesty. **If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, God expect you to be honest at all times.
2. You cannot expect God to bless your life if you are breaking His laws, using deception to get your own way.
3. Will you ask God to help you put away dishonest thoughts?
4. **Remember: the Lord Jesus lives in you to give you strength** to say no to dishonesty. He'll help you obey our memory verse:
5. **QUOTE Eph. 4:25 with the children.**
6. Ask God to make you strong when you are tempted to lie and trick others to get your way. Ask Him to help you be completely honest with all people.
7. **He will make your life a testimony** (others will notice the change in you) showing them that what you believe is really true and that your word can be trusted.
8. Think of a place where it's hard for you to be honest. Maybe it's at home with your parents or at school with your teachers.

LINK: Pray about this problem and ask God to help you be honest. The strength to be honest comes from the Lord Jesus living in you as your Savior.

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Acts 16:31

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LINK: Pray about this problem and ask God to help you be honest. The strength to be honest comes from the Lord Jesus living in you as your Savior.

1. **REVIEW:** You can't ever be good enough to get rid of all your sin on your own. That's why Jesus had to come down and die on the cross to save you from your sin.
2. **READ VERSE:** Acts 16:31
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** The Bible promises that if you **BELIEVE** on Jesus, which means to trust in Him alone to save you from your sins, and to **CALL (PRAY)** and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, then you **WILL** be saved from your sin, and will no longer be separated from God!

Once you pray and ask Jesus to be your Savior, then He will help change you on the inside and help you to be more honest and loving with others. Jesus wants to help you grow to be more like Him every day, but before you can do that, you have to call on Him to be your Lord and Savior to forgive you from all your sin!
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can do that today, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.