

the rich man decided to prepare some food for him, but instead of using one of his own sheep, he killed the poor man's lamb'

David was angry when he heard the story and said that the rich man should pay for the lamb four times over. Then Nathan said "You are that man!" God anointed you king, protected you from Saul and gave you many wives and yet you took Uriah's wife and had him killed.

David was very sorry and admitted that he'd sinned. God forgave David but told him that his son would die. Sure enough, the baby became ill and died seven days later. David comforted Bathsheba and a while later they had another son who they called Solomon.

Learning Points (Discoverers 1&2)

- David remembered his good friend Jonathan.
- David found out about Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, who was crippled. He provided for him and welcomed him into his home.

Learning Points (Discoverers 3)

- David looked at Bathsheba when he knew he shouldn't.
- David committed adultery with Bathsheba.
- David covered up his sin by having Bathsheba's husband, Uriah killed.
- God showed David his sin using a parable.
- David was truly sorry.

Discoverers 1

Bible Bit.

This is a very simple story with a clear message that this age group will be able to understand.

Suggested Activities.

Play games that give the children the opportunity to be kind; remind them of this as they play.

Discoverers 2

Bible Bit.

Use the flannel graph to tell the story. Help the children to think of ways that they can show kindness, especially to those who are suffering.

Suggested Activities.

Using DWK48:1, the children can make the 'Cups of Kindness'.

Discoverers 3

Bible Bit.

Have some pictures of things that the children would very much like to have, e.g. electronic games, pets, trendy clothes, motor boats, swimming pool, money, tasty looking food etc. Explain about lust and that lusting after something is seeing something that looks good and wishing it was yours. Point out that even people who seem to have everything, such as David still suffer the temptation to lust after more.

Suggested Activities.

Using the instructions DWK 48:2, make the 'Hands off if it belongs to somebody else!' pictures.

Talk time.

- Is it ever right to steal what's not yours? What about Robin Hood?
- Some people say; 'there's no harm in looking'. Is this true?

Prayer and worship.