

## Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

### Beginner Lesson One Hundred Thirty-eight: David Repents

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings  
Bible Reading & Discussion: II Samuel 12:9, 13-20b; Psalm 51:1-11; I John 1:9; II Samuel 12:20c  
Bible Memory & Craft: The Armor of God  
Learning Objectives: (1) David sinned against the Lord when he had Uriah murdered. (2) As a consequence of David's sin, the Lord said David's child would die. (3) When the child was sick, David wept, fasted, prayed, and lay on the ground. (4) After the child died, David washed himself, dressed, worshipped, and ate. (5) David wrote Psalm 51, in which he repented of his sin and asked for God's mercy. (6) The Lord forgives those who confess their sins. (7) To stand against the schemes of the devil, the believer is told to put on the armor of God – which is to put on Christ – with prayer.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.  
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.  
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed  
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate  
Instructions: Lead songs about the Bible & the Kings, including visuals and motions as appropriate. For free songs sung to familiar hymn tunes, use the following link.  
<http://gardenofpraise.com/biblsong.htm>
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use  
15 minutes Strategies: Action Reading  
Scripture: II Samuel 12:9, 13-20b; Psalm 51:1-11; I John 1:9; II Samuel 12:20c  
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Whenever students hear the word sin or any derivative of sin, students bow their heads as though praying. Leader should pause to allow students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Clues  
10 minutes Strategy: Clothes Clues  
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Clothes clues are written on small pieces of paper, folded, and placed into a container. A clue is pulled out and read aloud. Only those that fit the clue can share. Examples: wearing black shoes, wearing red, wearing NO hair accessory...  
Questions:
- David broke the sixth commandment when he had Uriah murdered. As a consequence of David's sin, the Lord said the child would blank. (Die)
  - How long was the child sick before it died? (Seven days)
  - What did David do while the child was sick? (Prayed, fasted, wept, lay on the ground)
  - What did David do after the child died? (Washed, dressed, worshipped, and ate)
  - David was a musician. He wrote many songs that were also prayers to the Lord. David wrote Psalm 51. He said to the Lord, "Against you, you only, have I blank..." (Sinned)
  - David asked the Lord to, "Create in me a blank heart, O God," (Clean)
  - I John says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to blank us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (Forgive)
- Transitional Thought: David wrote Psalm 51 in which he repented of his sin, asked for God's mercy, and asked God to give him a clean heart. Believers that confess their sins will be forgiven. To stand against sin, believers are told to put on the armor of God – which is to put on Christ – with prayer.

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**Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, for the forgiveness of sins, and for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Bible Memory** Materials: Bean bags  
Strategies: Bean Bag Toss  
Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Begin to quote the armor of God passage then toss the bean bag to someone to say the next word. Repeat the process through the passage(s).

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God praying at all times in the Spirit...” Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18a*

**Bible Craft** Materials: Copies of Roman armor, colored pencils, labels, glue, sample project  
As time allows Activity: Color-coded Armor of God  
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student a picture of the Roman armor. Have students color each part of the armor a different color and glue on a label according to the Scripture. Example: Color the belt yellow and label it “Belt of Truth.” Color the breastplate red and label it “Breastplate or Righteousness.” Etc.

Discuss with students the fact that putting on the armor of God is putting on Christ.  
*Belt of truth* – Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6)  
*Breastplate of righteousness* – Jesus Christ is a believer’s righteousness. (I Corinthians 1:30)  
*Shoes of readiness given by the gospel of peace* – This gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)  
*Shield of faith* – A believer’s faith is in Jesus Christ. (Hebrew 12:2)  
*Helmet of salvation* – Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12)  
*Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God* – Jesus Christ is the living Word of God. (John 1:14)

**Closing** Have students assist with clean-up.  
Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.  
Close in prayer & dismiss.

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### Ephesians 6 "The Armor of God"

Verse 10: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

Verse 11: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Verse 14a: "Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,"

Verse 14b: "and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"

Verse 15: "and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace."

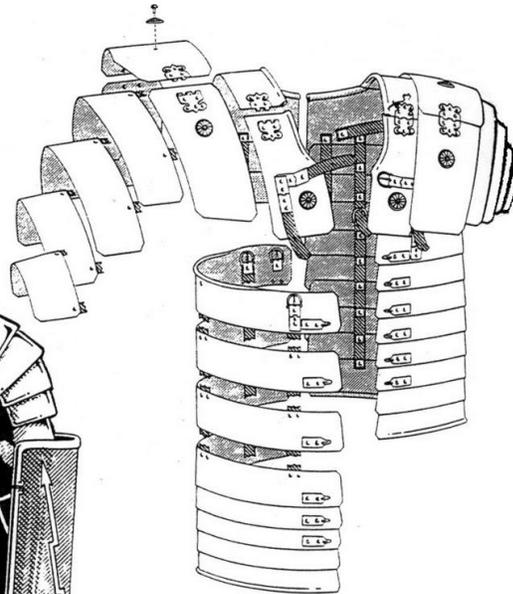
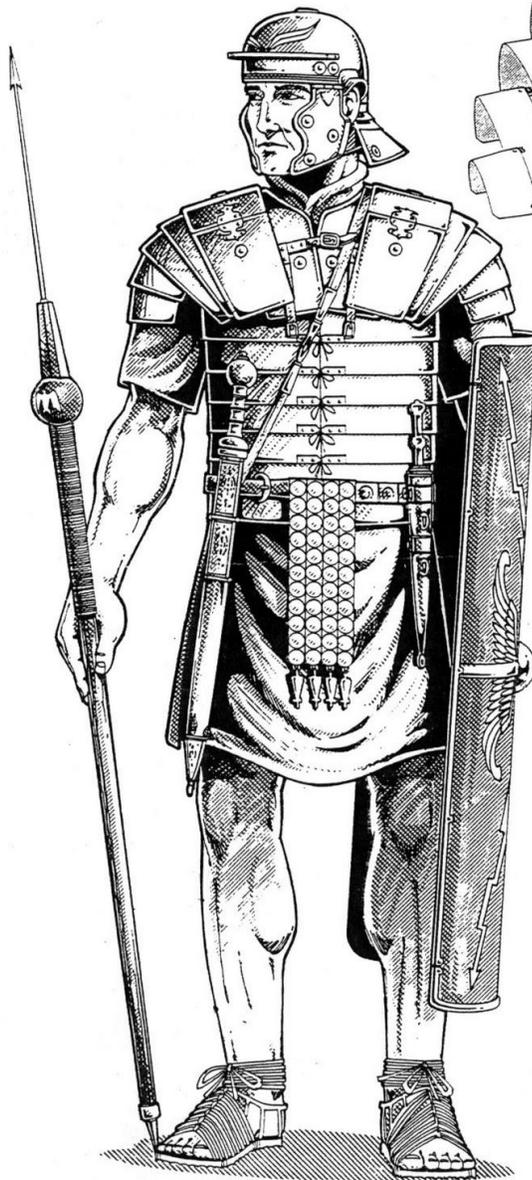
Verse 16: "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;"

Verse 17a: "and take the helmet of salvation,"

Verse 17b: "and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God,"

Verse 18a: "praying at all times in the Spirit..."

**Roman Legionnaire**  
c. 50-250 A.D.



**Exploded View of  
Roman Legionnaire's  
Laminated Armour**

"Lorica Segmentata" cuirass with hinged laminated steel pieces riveted to leather straps and laced together in the front & back. Weight: 9kg (20lbs).