

I AM DESPERATELY WICKED

Student Activity Sheet

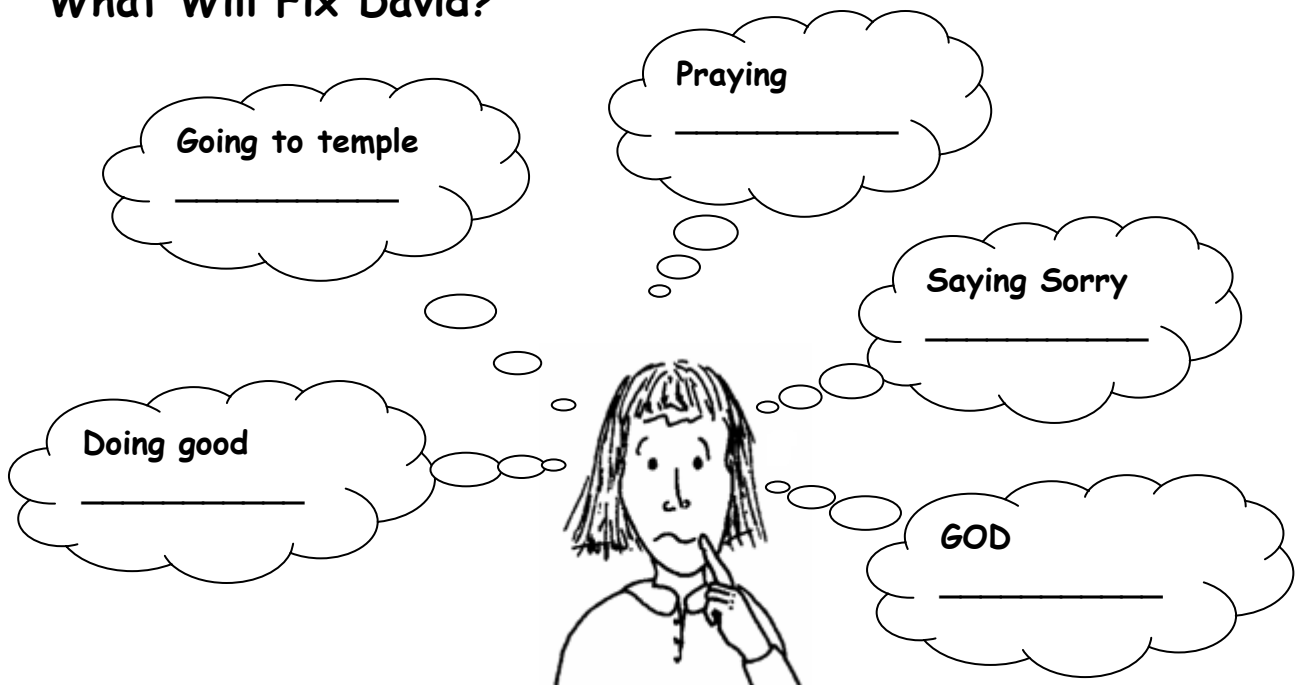
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KING DAVID	
The Good	The Bad

How can all these things be true of the same person?

Jeremiah 17:9 _____

What Will Fix David?



Memory Verse: _____

I am Desperately Wicked – Teacher’s Notes

Lesson:

- I am desperately wicked– I need complete rebirth

Verse:

The heart is deceitful is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked;
Who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9



Introduction:

- Ask for a show of hands – who here is a sinner?
- Ask for a show of hands – who here is the worst sinner there is, terribly wicked, completely evil, depraved, immoral.
- Many of us are willing to admit that we are sinful – but to say we are desperately wicked is a different thing.
- We are like this egg – who likes eggs? Who would like this egg (egg filled with food colouring)? [or fill an apple with black ink or food colouring with a syringe] It looks good, it seems as if it would probably taste good – but inside (break open) – it is rotten. Just as the song says, ‘the real me’ that lives inside is sinful and wicked. Not the one we like people to see. Not the one we want to be. But it is there all the same.

Story:

- In today’s story we are going to look at King David. One of the greatest kings that ever lived. Ask how many are familiar with him. Break into small groups with some students who are familiar with him in each group. Brainstorm as many things as you can about David. (song writer, man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), valiant soldier, faithful ruler). Fill out on worksheet.
- David was so many good things. Looking at David he was like an egg – pure and unblemished. But today’s story will show the full picture of who David was and who we are.
- It is springtime – time of battle – King David is a warrior but he stays home – relaxing. Sometimes relaxation can lead to sin – thoughts of things that are wrong.
- Walking on the terrace of the house, he sees a beautiful woman bathing – he is attracted to her. He has a choice to make. He has time to think about it BUT - he steps down into sin:
 - Takes deliberate action and enquires about her – **LUST**
 - Sends messengers to her and spends the night with her – **ADULTERY**
 - Woman gets pregnant –calls for Uriah instead - **DECEITFULNESS**
 - Sends Uriah home to his wife but he stays with the king – David makes him drunk – still he does not return home – **DECEITFULNESS, LYING**
 - Ultimate treachery – writes a letter to the commander of the army telling him to put Uriah in the most dangerous part of the battle and then desert him – **SENDS** the letter by Uriah!! - **MURDER**
- Uriah is killed – David informs the messenger that these things happen in battle and promptly marries Bathsheba once her mourning period for her husband is over. **NO REPENTANCE in David despite ALL his chances to rethink.** Fill out sins on worksheet.
- Compare columns...**how can these things be true of the same person? Is David mentally ill? Does he have a split personality?** Read Jeremiah 17:9
- **What will fix David?** Fill out on worksheet and discuss. None of these things will work because **URIAH IS DEAD.** That can’t be fixed. Only God can change David. Why? Because **ALL SIN** is against Him. We don’t think our sin is serious because

we compare ourselves with others. But compared with God's holy standard – our sin is filthy, wicked, dirty (Isaiah 1:6, 64:6, Romans 3:9-18).

- God does change David. David confesses his sins and Read II Samuel 12:13
- The lesson for us in this story is Jeremiah 17:9. We may look good. We may think we just need a few patches to 'fix us up'. But the Bible says our heart is filthy, wicked. We need a new one. Jeremiah 24:7