



## Week 7



### Day 1: Choices Have Consequences

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 11:1–5

**Devotional:**

David was a good king who loved God, but in this moment, he made a series of wrong choices.

First, he stayed home when he should have been out leading his army. That might not seem like a big deal, but it put him in the wrong place at the wrong time. Then, when he saw something he shouldn't have focused on, he didn't turn away. Instead, he kept looking and chose to act on it. One choice led to another...

and then another. This is important to understand: our choices matter. Even small ones can lead us closer to God or farther away from Him.

*Every choice has a consequence. A consequence is what happens because of a choice. Some consequences are good, and some are painful. God isn't trying to take away our fun, but He is helping protect our hearts. When He tells us what is right or what is wrong, it's because He loves us and knows what's best.*

A heart after God learns to pause and ask: *"Is this a choice that leads me closer to God, or farther away?"*

**Discussion:**

1. What is one small choice that could lead to a bigger problem if you keep going in that direction?
2. What is one way you can stop and make a better choice when you feel tempted?

**Prayer:**

God, help me make wise choices. When I'm tempted to do something wrong, remind me to stop and choose what is right. Amen.



Welcome to our week 7 devo for Pet Squad! All month long we are taking a look at the life of David to see what it looks like to have a heart after God's heart! This week, we are learning A Heart After God is Repentant through the story of David and Bathsheba. The story is intense, but we are *paw-sitive* you will learn so much!

### Day 2: Covering Up Makes It Worse

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 11:6–10a,  
14–17

**Devotional:**

After David made a wrong choice, he had a chance to take responsibility. Instead, he tried to cover it up. He made a plan to hide what he had done. When that didn't work, he made an even worse plan that hurt someone else. What started as one wrong choice turned into a bigger and BIGGER problem. That's what happens when we try to hide our mistakes. Sometimes we do the same thing: we blame someone else, we lie or only tell part of the truth, or we just cross our fingers and hope no one notices what we've done. But covering up sin is like trying to clean up a spill by spreading it around, it just makes a bigger mess. Taking responsibility might feel scary in the moment, maybe you get worried about the consequences you will face, but it's *always* the better path. God gives us chances to be honest, to admit when we're wrong, and to make things right. A heart after God doesn't try to hide, it chooses honesty.

**Discussion:**

1. Why is it sometimes hard to admit when we've done something wrong?
2. What do you think could have happened if David had told the truth right away?

**Prayer:**

God, help me be honest when I mess up. Give me courage to take responsibility instead of trying to hide or shift blame. Amen.

## Day 3: God Sends Help to Turn Us Back

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 12:1–10

### Devotional:

God loved David too much to let him stay stuck in sin. He sent Nathan, a prophet and trusted advisor to King David, to speak to him.

Nathan didn't just point a finger, he told a story that helped David see what he had done. At first, David didn't realize the story was about him. But then Nathan said, "You are that man!"

That moment probably felt shocking and uncomfortable, but it was actually a moment of mercy. God chose not to leave David alone in his sin. He stepped in and called him back. God does the same thing for us. He may use: a parent, teacher, leader, friend, or even a feeling in our heart (Holy Spirit conviction). Sometimes it's not easy to hear correction. It can make us feel embarrassed or defensive. But correction is one way God shows His love. He's helping us turn around *before* things get worse or our heart turns away from God. A heart after God listens and softens when corrected, instead of getting hard or angry.

### Discussion:

1. How do you usually feel when someone corrects you?
2. Why is correction actually a good thing, even if it feels hard?

### Prayer:

God, thank You for loving me enough to correct me, even through other people. Help me listen and have a soft heart when someone helps me see what is right. Amen.

## Day 4: A Repentant Heart Turns Back to God

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 12:13

### Devotional:

When David realized what he had done, he didn't argue or make excuses. He said, "I have sinned against the Lord." That is what repentance looks like! It isn't just saying "sorry" quickly and moving on. It means admitting we were wrong, feeling it in our hearts, and turning away from sin and back to God. The amazing part: God forgave David. Even after all those wrong choices, God showed mercy. God doesn't want us to hide in guilt or shame. When we come to Him with honest hearts, He forgives us and gives us a fresh start. He gives us courage to seek forgiveness from those we hurt as well. A heart after God isn't perfect, it's repentant. That means every time we mess up, we own our mistakes, seek forgiveness, and turn back to Him again!

### Activity: Turn Around

Have your child stand up with you. Say: "Pretend this way (point one direction) is your way, doing things wrong." Maybe even come up with a scenario like stealing and lying about it. Have them take a few steps in that direction. Then say: "Now repentance means we don't keep going the wrong way, we turn back to God." Have them physically turn around and walk the other direction.

### Prayer:

God, I am sorry for the times I do wrong. Thank You for forgiving me and loving me. Help me turn back to You every time. Amen.

## Memory Verse

**"The Lord does not look at the things people look at.  
People look at the outside of a person.  
But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."**

**1 Samuel 16:7b**

