***2 Samuel 12***

***“The Consequences of Sin”***

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 12:1-31

**Memory Verse:** *“Don’t be deceived, God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, that shall he*

 *reap.”* Galatians 6:7

**Lesson Focus:** The consequences of sin

**Activities and Crafts:** Coloring Page, Work Sheet

Craft for 1st and 2nd Grade: “One-Two-Three” Salvation Book

**Introduction:** Ask the kids; “is it fair that when you get in trouble – that there is a punishment for what you did?” When we get in trouble or “sin” there is always a consequence or punishment for our sin. Play a quick game of musical hot potato. Tell the kids it is not always fair to get stuck with the “potato”. But God is fair and just in letting us face the consequences of our sins. But He is also gracious in forgiving our sins through Jesus Christ.

**Bible Study:**

 **2 Samuel 12:1-9; *“Sin exposed”***

 √ Who sent Nathan to David?

 √ Who is Nathan?

 √ What does Nathan tell David? (A story)

 √ What is the story?

 There are two men in this story. One is rich and has many lambs. One is

poor and only has one pet lamb. A visitor comes to town and the rich man wants to prepare a meal for this traveler – but instead of picking a lamb from his vast herd he kills the poor man’s lamb for the visitor’s supper.

 √ How does David respond to this story? (2 Samuel 12:5-6)

1. David is angry
2. David says that this rich man should die
3. David says that the rich man should restore fourfold what he has taken

David see’s the wrong in this story and it makes him furious. He sees that this man has sinned against another. He sees that this man has taken advantage of someone who has nothing. David has a self-righteous anger – but David does not see that the story is about him. David does not see his own sin yet. But his own sin makes him declare a harsh sentence on this rich man.

 √ What does Nathan say to David in 2 Samuel 12:7? (you are the man)

 (The old saying is true; “When you point your finger at someone else –

how many are pointing back at you.” David was quick to point the finger at the rich man but was not seeing his own sin in his life. )

 √ What do you think that David was thinking at that pronouncement? Was he

 caught in his own sin?

 √ How do you feel when you get “caught” in sin?

 √ How do you react?

 Now Nathan let’s David know that God is speaking through Nathan. “Thus says

 the Lord God of Israel.”

God says to David – “look what I have done for you.”

1. I anointed you King over Israel
2. I saved you from the hand of Saul
3. I gave you Saul’s house and wives
4. I would have given you much more

God asks David why:

1. Why have you done evil and ignored my commandments?
2. Why have you killed Uriah
3. Why have you taken his wife

**2 Samuel 12:10-12; *“Consequence of Sin”***

1. Sword will not depart from David’s house. (in other words – there will be fighting among David’s family.
2. His wives will be taken by others
3. 2 Samuel 12:14 – the child will not live
4. Caused the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme

**2 Samuel 12:13; *“Repentance from Sin”***

√ What did David confess? (He had sinned against God)

 √ What did God tell David through Nathan? (Your sin has been forgiven

 – you shall not die.)

 √ Was this fair?

 David lives because God was gracious to him. God gave him grace when

 he deserved punishment.

 Does God do the same for us? Explain

David accepts the punishment from God. David does not try to argue with God or defend himself. He knows he is guilty and he confesses his sin. Do you remember Psalm 51? Who did David say that he sinned against? (God) Here in 2 Samuel 12:13 – David just says one sentence; “I have sinned against the Lord.” But Psalm 51 is the pouring out of David’s heart and the brokenness of his heart over his sin.

 **2 Samuel 12:15-23**

1. Lord makes the child sick
2. David pleads with God to heal him
3. David fasted and would not eat food

David spends his nights and days on the floor praying and pleading with God for the innocent child who is bearing the consequences of his sin.

1. On the 7th day the child died and the servants where afraid to tell David
2. David heard them whispering and knew that the child was dead.
3. David got up and washed and worshiped. Then he ate.
4. The servants are confused by David’s reaction.
5. David explains that while the child was alive he prayed for God to be gracious on the child. But God choose a different path and David knows that he will be in heaven with him someday.

**2 Samuel 12:24**

David comforts Bathsheba and they have another son, Solomon.

 √ What did the Lord think of Solomon? (He loved him)

**Conclusion:**

What can we learn from this story?

1. Sin deserves punishment – God has forgiven us through the death of His Son. But when we continue to sin, we will have to pay the consequences of our sin so that our behavior changes. God desires holiness. He longs for us to be like His Son
2. Don’t make excuses for your sin. David accepted that he had sinned. He did not start telling God why it happened and that it was not his fault. He just admitted to his sin and he was broken because of his sin. (Psalm 51). We are not broken by our sin. We have all kinds of excuses – but God says sin is sin and it should break our hearts.
3. God knows our hearts. Proverbs 21:2 says, “*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.” And our memory verse; “Don’t be deceived, God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, that shall he reap.” Galatians 6:7.* Sometimes when we sin we think that we got away with something. But God always knows. He will not be “mocked” or made to be “silly” God will bring about consequences in our lives.
4. God disciplines us in His Love. David may have thought for a while that he had covered up his sin. Our sins are never “covered up.” We cannot sweep them under a rug (like the dirt when we are cleaning our room.) God wants to get us on the right path. He will not leave us alone when we are His child.

“*My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For who the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.”* Proverbs 3:11-12 God delights in you! He wants the best for you. A father who loves his child will not let the child keep doing the wrong thing. That would not be love that would be indifference.