David was angry at the rich man’s selfishness. He cried, “The man who has done this shall surely die.”

“You are the man!” brave Nathan told David. What David had done was much worse than what the rich man did in the story.

God showed David how wicked he had been. And David was sorry for his sin. He told God: “Against You have I sinned and done this evil.”

And God forgave David’s sin. But Bathsheba’s baby was very sick, and died soon after birth.

David was king of Judah, in southern Israel. But the rest of Israel took Ishbosheth, Son of Saul, as king.

Civil war raged for seven years. But David grew stronger and stronger.

God forgave David for his terrible sin. Then Bathsheba had another child, Solomon, who was to become a great king after David. But King David had many other children, some of whom brought him great sorrow.

“God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death.

God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty. Jesus came alive and went back to Heaven! Now God can forgive our sins.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God: Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever. Help me live for You as Your child. Amen. John 3:16

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Then all the tribes of Israel came to David and anointed him king over Israel. At long last, David was king over all the nation.

Next, King David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem. The Ark of God contained copies of the ten commandments and other laws given to Moses by God. The Ark reminded the Israelites of God’s holiness and their need to obey Him.

Finally King Ishbosheth was killed by two of his own soldiers.

It bothered David that he had a nice house to live in while the ark of God remained in a tent. David decided to build a temple.

That night, God sent a message to David: "My servant David, the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your child as king after you. He shall build a house for My name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

As long as David trusted God and obeyed Him, God helped David to prosper. But one day, a terrible shadow fell on David’s life. He sent his army out to fight, while he stayed in Jerusalem.

One night, he couldn’t sleep. So he walked on his roof-top and looked out over the city.

So David did an even more wicked thing. He sent Uriah back to the battlefield with a letter. The letter told the general to make sure Uriah died in battle. When Uriah was killed, David took Bathsheba to be his wife.

Instead of confessing to God, David tried to cover his sin. That never works! He called Uriah home from the battle field, hoping that Uriah would think the coming baby was his. But Uriah would not live at home while his fellow soldiers were at war. Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house.

So David sent His servant, Nathan, to show David his sin. Nathan told David a story about a rich man and a very poor man. The rich man had hundreds of sheep. But the poor man had only one little lamb, which he treasured like a daughter.

When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man did not kill one of his sheep to feed him. Instead, he took and killed the poor man’s lamb.

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