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# Part II: David's Sin, Repentance and Punishment *(Chapters 11-20)*

## Application Guide: 2 Samuel 11

### ☐ 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. What is the difference between a regular lie and a white lie? Do you think one is worse than another? Why/why not?

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- b. Do you find that you get into more trouble when you are bored or when you have a lot to do? Why do you think that is? Describe a situation where this happened to you?

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### ☐ 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

**The Situation:** Here David not only gets himself into trouble by making a bad decision but by lying about it and trying to cover it up too. We don't know why David didn't go out to war with his troops this time but it was obviously a bad decision. We don't know why Bathsheba was taking a bath on the roof either but it was obviously a bad decision too. If either one had chosen to do something different at that time this trouble probably could have been avoided.

Have you ever stumbled into a bad situation that turned out to be a great temptation for you? What happened?

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Have you ever heard of someone trying drugs or alcohol just once and getting hooked? What happened?

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Have you ever had people pressure you to try drugs or alcohol? How did you deal with it?

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What can you do to try and avoid these temptations?

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Have you ever found that one lie leads to another and another like it did for David? Explain.

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**3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

- a. In our culture today people don't walk around on their roof-tops or take baths there either. A similar type of situation for us today might be unintentionally finding pornography on the internet. Talk to an adult you trust and ask them to help you set up some of safeguards to help you avoid stumbling into this type of situation.
- b. Brainstorm with your friends and think of ways that you can make it easier to say no to temptations to try drugs and alcohol.
- c. Brainstorm with your friends and think of ways that you can make it easier to say no to all sexual temptations.
- d. It has been said that, "idle hands are the Devil's workshop." Discuss ways you can get involved in more activities so that you can keep your hands from "being idle" and getting into trouble.

**4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray and ask Jesus to help you focus more on Him so that temptation will be less tempting.
- b. Pray and ask Jesus to help you set up a regular prayer routine that will help you learn to "pray without ceasing."

**5. Outreach Idea**

**Choose one or more:**

- a. Talk to the deacons and elders at your church and ask if there are any church projects you could help with in your free time.
- b. Talk to a teacher or the principal at your school and ask if there are any volunteer opportunities at your school.
- c. Talk to someone at your city's parks and recreation department and ask if there are any community service projects you could help with