
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 12

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever been caught doing something you know you shouldn't have been doing? How did it make you feel?

- b. Have you ever gotten away with doing something you know you shouldn't have been doing? How did it make you feel initially? How did it make you feel later?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

The Situation: David got caught! Even though no people except Bathsheba and Joab knew about David's horrible deeds God knew and sent the prophet Nathan to bust him! And even if we think we have fooled everyone by getting away with something we shouldn't—God always knows.

How do you think Bathsheba felt about participating in an adulterous affair? Why?

How do you think Joab felt about participating in the murder of Uriah the Hittite? Why?

Do you think David apologized to Bathsheba and Joab for asking them to participate in his mistakes? Why?

What do you think it is that can sometimes make leaders feel like they are above the law? Give examples?

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

- a. Talk to your youth leaders and make a plan of action for what you should do if a leader you know and trust tries to get you to do something that you know is wrong.
- b. If a leader you know is making or has made you do something you feel uncomfortable with in the past make sure you talk to an adult you trust about the situation.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Pray and think through your life and relationships and make sure you aren't leading others to do things they shouldn't.
- b. Pray and ask for forgiveness from God and others if you feel there are times you've led others to do things they shouldn't.
- c. Pray and ask Jesus to strengthen your conscience so it will help you to be a better example and influence to those around you.