

# STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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It's James writing this week. I hope that you have had a good week?

We are carrying on learning about the 10 Commandments.

What number of the 10 Commandments are we up to this week? It is number...



Now, sometimes in the Bible there are difficult words and verses, that are hard to understand. And the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment is one of these. So, we are going to learn it as:

**"Be faithful and kind to each other".**

**Based on Exodus chapter 20 verse 14**

We learn this week how God is concerned about who we spend our lives with and how we treat each other. Are you always kind to everyone?

Today' story is about King David.

One spring evening, King David was walking on the palace roof. Would you be able to walk on the roof of your house? No!



But in Bible times all their houses were different - they would have had flat roofs and used as an outside room.

As he walked, he saw a beautiful woman called Bathsheba.

Bathsheba was married to one of David's soldiers called Urah.

But David fell in love with Bathsheba and asked her to come and stay at his palace as if she was married to him and not Urah.



But that was not being very kind was it? Bathsheba was already married to Urah.

And if Bathsheba's husband, Urah, found out, he would be very angry.

Who else would have been angry? That's right God, would. David should have known that God would be angry too.

But David came up with a plan! He thought that if he could get rid of Urah, then there would not be a problem.

Can you remember what Urah's job was?

He was one of King David's soldiers in his army. So, King David spoke to the commander of his army and told him that the next time that they go into battle, that Urah should be at the front leading everyone - this meant that he would be killed.

The commander of the army did as he was told and sadly Urah was killed.

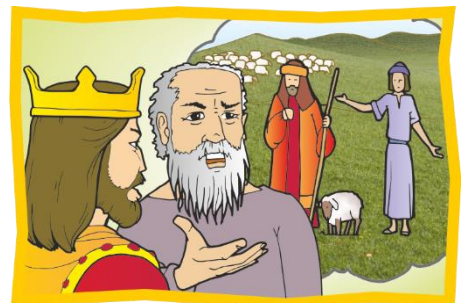


We read in the Bible that God was not pleased with David. He had not been a very nice person.

David needed to realise what he had done was wrong. So, God sent a special messenger called Nathan to tell David he had done wrong.

Nathan told David story, he said:

"There were two men in a town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food and drank and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.



One day a visitor came to see the rich man. But instead of the rich man killing of this own sheep to prepare a meal for the visitor, he used the little lamb that the poor man had."

Did the rich man do the right thing? No, he didn't, and David thought the same too.

David was angry with what he had heard. But Nathan, then pointed out something to him!

Nathan told him that he was exactly like the rich man! God had given him so much - he was king and ruler of the land; he had been kept safe in battles and had lots of good things to enjoy.

But David had not been thankful for this and was just greedy and had wanted more.

David listened carefully to Nathan and knew he had done wrong.

David was truly sorry for what he had done.

Nathan told David that God had forgiven him, but many sad things would happen to him because he had done wrong.

God was angry with David for not obeying his 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment about how adults should love, care and be faithful to each other.

Nathan showed David that he had done wrong, and David learnt a good lesson.

God loves and cares for us and the people that look after us. And we should do the same for other people.

*Dear Lord Jesus*

*Thank you that you love us and are so kind to us in giving us everything that we need.  
Help us to Lord to be kind to everyone around us. And the times when we are unkind to other people, help us to remember to go and say sorry.*

*Amen*