

Materials I Need:

Legend:

2 = Option 1, Appropriate for 2yr olds - 3yr olds

4 = Option 2, Appropriate for 4yr olds - Kindergarten



= Option 3, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade

= Option 4, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“Against you, only you, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge” (Psalm 51:4).

Aim Questions for 2yr olds - Kindergarten:



1. Did David write Psalms about confessing? (Yes)
2. Did Nathan confront David? (Yes)
3. Is sin bad? (Yes)
4. Did David confess his sin? (Yes)
5. Who made it possible for our sins to be forgiven? (Jesus)

Aim Questions for 1st - 6th Grade:



1. Who wrote the two Psalms about confessing sin? (David)
2. Who confronted David about his sin? (Nathan the Prophet)
3. What did David do when confronted about his sin? (He confessed it)
4. What does it mean to confess our sin? (Agree with God about sin, have sorrow, not want to do it again)
5. What could you do when you sin? (Confess it to God)

Hook:





Horse Sense (Discussion/Visual Activity). **4,** ,  Bring in some pictures of horses with wagons or riders. Bring in a bridle and demonstrate how it works. Talk about how horses have to be tamed. Bits are used to control their desires to go their own way. Show the different types of bits (look back in history to see how different ones have been used) and talk about how they all served the same purpose. It might be fun to invite a rancher or farmer in to talk in depth about the need for the bits and bridles. What could this possibly have to do with the Psalms we will be looking at this morning?



Sinful Man From Birth (Discussion). ,  Spend a little time reviewing Adam and Eve, and the original sin. God created man in His image. Sin entered the world in the Garden of Eden. Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned. When we sin, we must confess our sins to the Lord and He will forgive us. We will hear in the Psalms this morning how David felt when he held back his confession, and what it was like for him, and us too when we come to the Lord with a humble heart

and seek His forgiveness.

 **Meet Mr. Humble Bumble (Discussion/Coloring).** **2** What does it mean to be humble? Color the picture of Mr. Humble Bumble, **PSA03.GF1** (this will be used for the TOOK time craft) as you discuss the characteristics of humbleness. We must be humble in the presence of the Lord, and seek His forgiveness when we sin.


 **Sin makes us dirty (Activity).** At each table have small bowl of mud and white Styrofoam cups. Give each child a cotton ball and have them dip it into the mud. Then have them make the styrofoam cups dirty. Explain to them that we all have sin. Sin is when we disobey God or our parents, or our teachers. Sin makes us dirty before God. Have two or three buckets on hand filled with soapy water. Have the children wash the cups off. Explain how Jesus washes away our sin when we confess it to Him.



Book:

Presentation Ideas –

 **David Watches Bathsheba on the Rooftop (Illustration).** Use this picture to help illustrate this weeks Bible Adventure, **PSA03.GF2**.

 **Nathan Confronts King David (Illustration).** Use this picture to help illustrate this weeks Bible Adventure, **PSA03.GF3**.

 **David Grieves Because of His Sin (Illustration).** Use this picture to help illustrate this weeks Bible Adventure, **PSA03.GF4**.

 **Flannel Graph (Presentation Idea).** Use the Betty Lukens flannel graph boards and scenery to tell today's Bible Adventure.

Bible Adventure –

2yr olds - Kindergarten:

David became King of Israel after Saul died. You may say “King David was a great king. He loved and followed God in a very special way. Surely he never disobeyed God.” That isn’t true. Even David disobeyed God, and disobeying is called sin. We are just like king David. Just like David, we need to confess our sin to God. That means we tell God what are sin was and that we are sorry. We also ask him to help us not do it any more. Because of this special relationship with God, when David disobeyed, he confessed it and turned away.

One spring, after David had been king for several years, he sent his armies to fight the Ammonites. David stayed at his palace in Jerusalem. While David was taking a walk on the palace roof one evening, he noticed a very beautiful woman down in the city below. Even though she had a husband, David wanted her as his wife. David took her as his wife without her husband knowing it and had him killed. This was a very bad sin.

Several months later, Nathan, the prophet came to David with a message from God. Nathan told David that God knew about his sin. David tried to hide his sin from the people, but it was not a secret to God. David admitted right away that he had sinned against God. David still had problems because of his sin. Those problems are called consequences. In Psalm 51, we have the prayer David wrote right after being confronted by the prophet Nathan.

David began by crying out, “Have mercy on me, forgive me for disobeying.” (Psalm 51:1,2) In a way sin makes us dirty before God. David asked God to make him clean.

Sometimes when we sin we feel sad. We don't feel happy again until we have confessed our sin to God and our parents. Because of David's sin with Bathsheba, he was sad. He wanted to be close to God again. He asked, "O God, Give me joy again and help me not to disobey." David knew he could not do anything to make up for his sin. What God wanted from David was a "humble heart." (Psalm 51:17) That means God wanted David to be sad over his sin and to be humble before Him.

In Psalm 32, David said, "Happy is he whose sins are forgiven." (Psalm 32:1,2) It may seem fun to disobey for a while, but it always ends up in unhappiness. The person who confesses his sin lives a joyful life because he is right before God.

Some people are stubborn about their sin and don't feel sad. David remembered that horses and mules are stubborn sometimes. David warned, "Don't be like a horse or mule" that needs to be spanked in order to obey. (Psalm 32:9) He urged everyone to confess his or her sin quickly and avoid a spanking from the Lord. When you disobey your mom and dad, you are really disobeying God. If you steal, yell, or do something mean to a brother or sister that is sin. You need to confess your sin to God.

Let's learn from King David. Do not be stubborn and hold on to your sin. Confess quickly and experience God's joy and forgiveness. Praise and thank God for His forgiveness through Jesus Christ!

Prayer: Dear Lord, we know that we have sin and that you hate sin. Help us confess our sin when do it. Thank you that you are a forgiving God. Amen.

4's - 5's:

David became King of Israel after Saul died. You may say "King David was a great king. Surely he never disobeyed God." That isn't true. Even David disobeyed God, and disobeying is called sin. We are just like king David. Just like David, we need to confess our sin to God. That means we tell God what our sin was and ask Him to forgive us.

In today's bible adventure we will see how David dealt with his sin. David was considered the greatest king in Israel's history. He loved and followed God in a very special way. Because of this special relationship with God, when David disobeyed, he confessed it and turned away.

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David began by crying out, "Have mercy on me, Because of your compassion forgive me for disobeying. Wash me and cleanse me from my sin." (Psalm 51:1,2) David asked God to cleanse him from his sin, not because David was good, but because God was very forgiving.

Because of David's sin with Bathsheba, he had lost all the joy in his relationship with God. He wanted to be close to God again. He asked, "Created in me a clean heart, O God, Give me joy again and help me not to disobey. David knew he could not do anything to make up for his sin. What God wanted from David was a "humble heart." (Psalm 51:17) That means God wanted David to be sad over his sin and to be humble before Him.

As time went on, David learned lessons about dealing with sin. He recorded them in Psalm 32. He begins by saying, "Happy is he whose sins are forgiven. Happy is the man whose sin the Lord chooses to overlook." (Psalm 32:1,2) It may seem fun to disobey for a while, but it always ends up in

unhappiness. The person who confesses his sin lives a joyful life because he is right before God.

David warned everyone not to be stubborn like he was. He took too long to confess his sin with Bathsheba. David remembered that horses and mules are stubborn sometimes. David warned, "Don't be like a horse or mule" that needs to feel pain in order to obey. (Psalm 32:9) He urged everyone to confess their sin quickly and avoid a spanking from the Lord. When you disobey your mom and dad, you are really disobeying God. If you steal, yell, or do something mean to a brother or sister that is sin. You need to confess your sin to God.

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1st - 6th :

Do you ever say to yourself, "When I get older and learn more about the Bible, I am not going to sin anymore." Or perhaps you've thought, "the leaders in our church are so godly. Surely they never sin!" However, the truth is, even if you are a Christian, you will battle with sin until you reach heaven. But as a Christian grows to be more like Christ, he does not want to sin and when he does, he will go to God and admit what he's done, agree with God that it's sin, and ask for forgiveness. This is called confession.

Looking into the life of King David gives us a wonderful picture of how to confess and deal with sin. David was considered the greatest king in Israel's history and was called a man after God's own heart. But he wasn't called a man after God's own heart because he never sinned, but rather because he recognized his sin, confessed it to God and turned away from it.

One spring, after David had been king for several years, he sent his armies to battle against the Ammonites. David remained back at his palace in Jerusalem. While David was taking a walk on the palace roof one evening, he noticed a very beautiful woman down in the city below. He immediately sent someone to find out about her. The messenger reported that her name was Bathsheba and she was the wife of Uriah, one of the mighty men in David's army. At this point David chose to sin. He sent for Bathsheba and committed adultery. This means David acted like she was his wife instead of Uriah's. Bathsheba became pregnant as a result and David had a huge problem. How was he going to cover up this serious sin? David finally came up with a plan to have Uriah killed. He would make it look like he "accidentally" got killed in battle. Uriah was sent to the very worst part of the fighting and there he died. David again sent for Bathsheba and they were married.

Several months later, Nathan, the prophet came to David with a message from God. He told David the story of a man who was very rich and had many sheep. A guest was coming to his home and the man didn't want to kill any of his own sheep for the meal. He had a poor neighbor with only one sheep that he loved as a pet. The rich man stole his poor neighbor's only sheep and killed it for dinner. King David was furious! He declared that the rich man should be killed and the poor man should get four sheep in return. Nathan then looked straight into David's eyes and said, "You are that man." David knew immediately what Nathan meant. He knew that taking Bathsheba from Uriah was wrong and that he had committed a serious sin.

In Psalm 51, we have the prayer David wrote immediately after being confronted by the prophet Nathan. David began by crying out, "Have mercy on me, O God according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." (Psalm 51:1,2) David asked God to cleanse him from his sin, not because of whom David was, but because of whom God is. God is full of mercy, unfailing love and tremendous compassion. David realized his very nature was sinful. Only his powerful, loving God could cleanse him and make him "whiter than snow." (Psalm 51:7)

Because of David's sin with Bathsheba, he had lost all the joy in his relationship with God. He desired to

once again have a close, intimate relationship with his Father. He asked, "Created in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." (Psalm 51:10-12) David desired to once again walk in obedience with God. But David understood there was no deed he could do to make up for his sin. What God wanted from David was a "broken and contrite heart." (Psalm 51:17) That means God wanted David to be grieved over his sin, realize his complete dependence on God, and to humbly obey Him.

As time went on, David learned valuable lessons about dealing with sin. He recorded a number of those lessons in Psalm 32. He begins by declaring, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit." (Psalm 32:1,2) Sin may be fun for a while but it always ends up in unhappiness either immediately or over time. The person who confesses his sin lives a joyful life because he is right before God.

David also learned that hiding his sin affected him both spiritually and physically. He stated, "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer." (Psalm 32:3,4) David knew God was displeased with him. This knowledge made him sick and oppressed. But David went on. "Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'—and You forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5) How wonderful to be free of the guilt of sin!

David warned everyone not to be stubborn like he was by taking a long time to confess his sin with Bathsheba. He used the word picture of a horse and mule that must wear a bridle. When the rider pulls the reins, it causes pain in the horse's mouth if it doesn't obey. David warned, "Don't be like a horse or mule" that needs to feel pain in order to obey. (Psalm 32:9) He urged everyone to confess their sin quickly and avoid the painful discipline of the Lord.

Psalm 32 concludes with, "Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart." (Psalm 32:10,11)

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Look:



Confession Crossword (Puzzle). 🦋🦋 Use **PSA03.GF5** to review Psalm 51.



Secret Sin (Object Lesson/Discussion). 🦋🦋 God promises to forgive our sin according to 1 John 1:9 and forgave David's sin with Bathsheba according to Psalm 32:5. The forgiving of sin does not remove the consequences or results of sin. God promises only to forgive confessed sin, not the results of it. In order to illustrate this truth to the students use a small white padded tablet. Insert a small piece of carbon paper between two sheets of the paper. Write the word SIN diagonally across the top sheet. This represents sins that a committed openly and that people see. e.g. such as outburst of anger and bad talk. Discuss with the students the types of sins that everybody can see. These sins can be forgiven but their results still remain. Remove the top sheet and destroy it by tearing it up, burning it or some other way. Then say some sins are done in private and are not visible to everybody. (e.g. envy, hate ect.) Discuss with the students the types of hidden sins in the heart which people cannot see, but God who sees the heart knows about. These can be represented by writing on the carbon paper with a blunt instrument such as a crochet hook or nail. Write the word SIN on the carbon paper diagonally the other direction. Now remove the carbon paper and expose the results. Discuss with the students what is always in the middle of sin. Of course it is "I".



David and The Ten Commandments (Worksheet). 🦋🦋 David made some bad choices in

today's Bible Adventure. Each bad choice led to another until finally David was trapped by sin. God gave us the Ten Commandments to protect us and help us to live happy lives. Following is a list of the Ten Commandments. Read the Scripture and write which of the commandments is involved...sometimes more than one applies. Remember God is a Holy God and all sins are against Him, **PSA03.GF6**, answers are found on **Pg.2**.

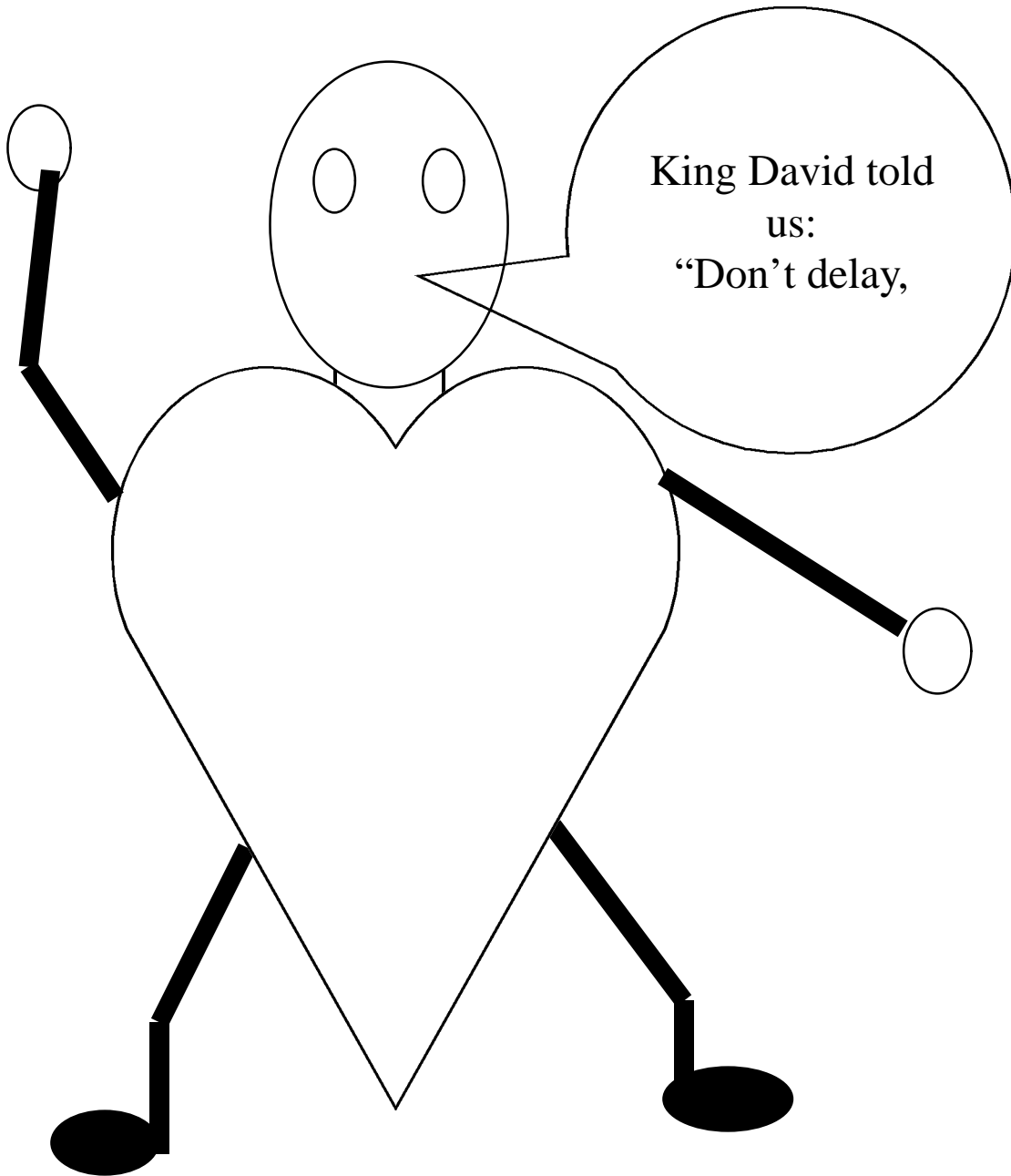
- God's Attributes Out of Psalms (Wall Hanging).** 2,4,🐛,🦋 Hang a large piece of butcher paper from the ceiling to the floor. As we study through the Psalms write attributes of God in large letters. Next to each attribute, make a symbol, picture, or cut out a picture from a magazine that represents the attribute and a verse. Review the attributes each week and keep adding new ones. Select five or so of the following. **Psalm 32, Forgiving, Sinless, Pure, Hiding Place, Merciful; Psalm 51, Gracious, Merciful, Compassionate, Purifier, Just, Blameless, Judge, Sustainer.**
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Took:

- Create in Me a Pure Heart (Craft).** 🐛,🦋 Assemble the heart journal, **PSA03.GF7**. Encourage the students to take this home and meditate on these passages each day, focusing on their sins for that day, and keeping short accounts with God.
- Mr. Humble Bumble Reminder (Craft).** 2, 4 Cut out the picture colored during the HOOK time, **PSA03.GF1**, and mount it on a piece of card stock. Add a stand to the back. Paste Mr. Humble Bumble's word bubble on the front in the appropriate spot, and add the chenille wires with the pom poms at the ends. Paste the Psalm 51:3-4 at the bottom of the picture. Encourage the students to use this as a reminder to humbly come before the Lord and confess their sins.
- A Broken and Contrite Heart (Worksheet).** 🐛,🦋 One must come to God with a broken and contrite heart. Take the dark heart and talk about how our hearts are naturally sinful (all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.). Next take the cross and talk about what Jesus did on the cross for us. Then take the red heart and talk about how that with out the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness for sin, and finally the white heart and that our hearts are cleansed from sin because of Jesus and that we can come to the Father to find peace and love and eternal life, **PSA03.GF8**.

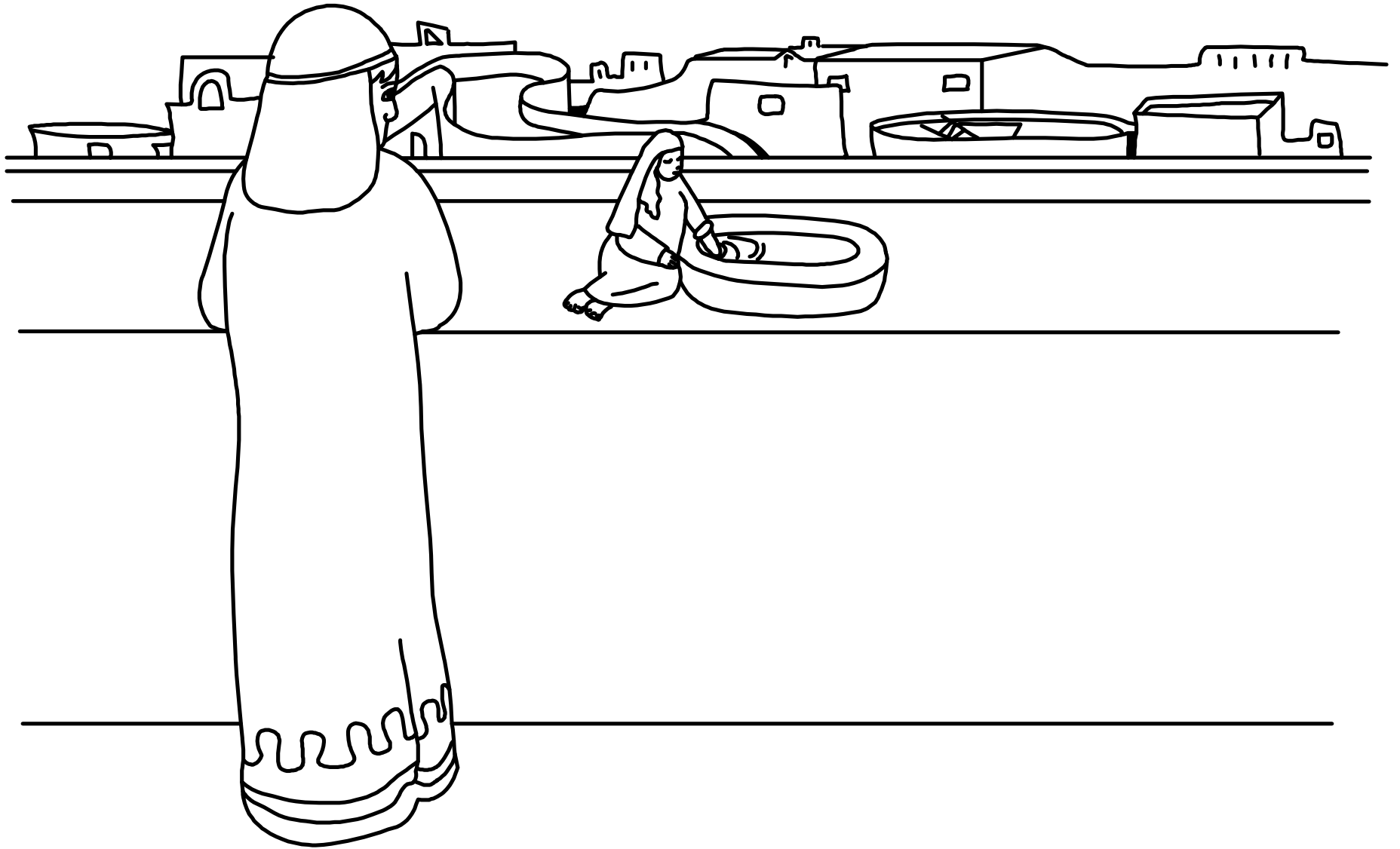
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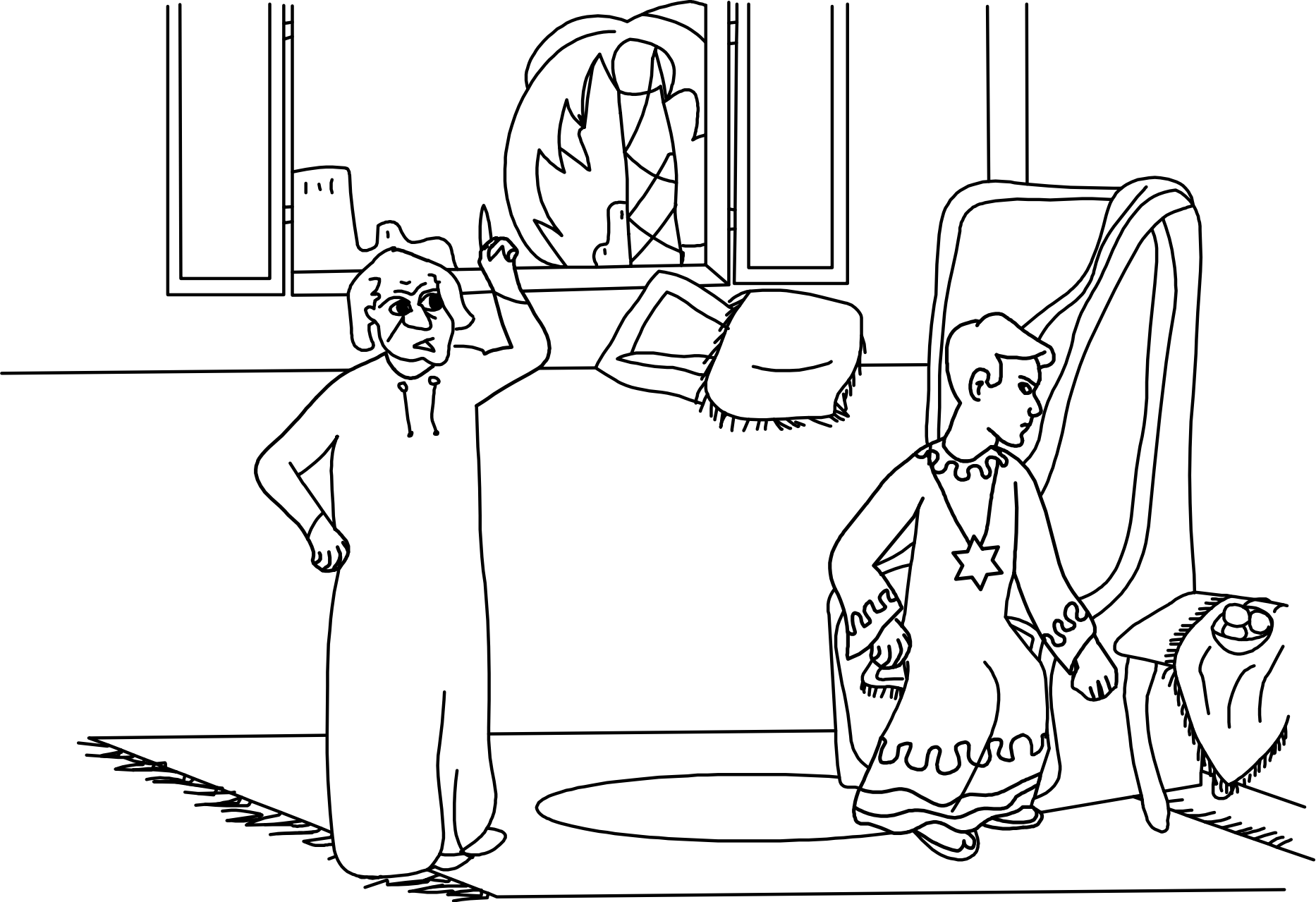
Psalm 51:3-4

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David Watches Bathsheba on the Rooftop



Nathan Confronts King David

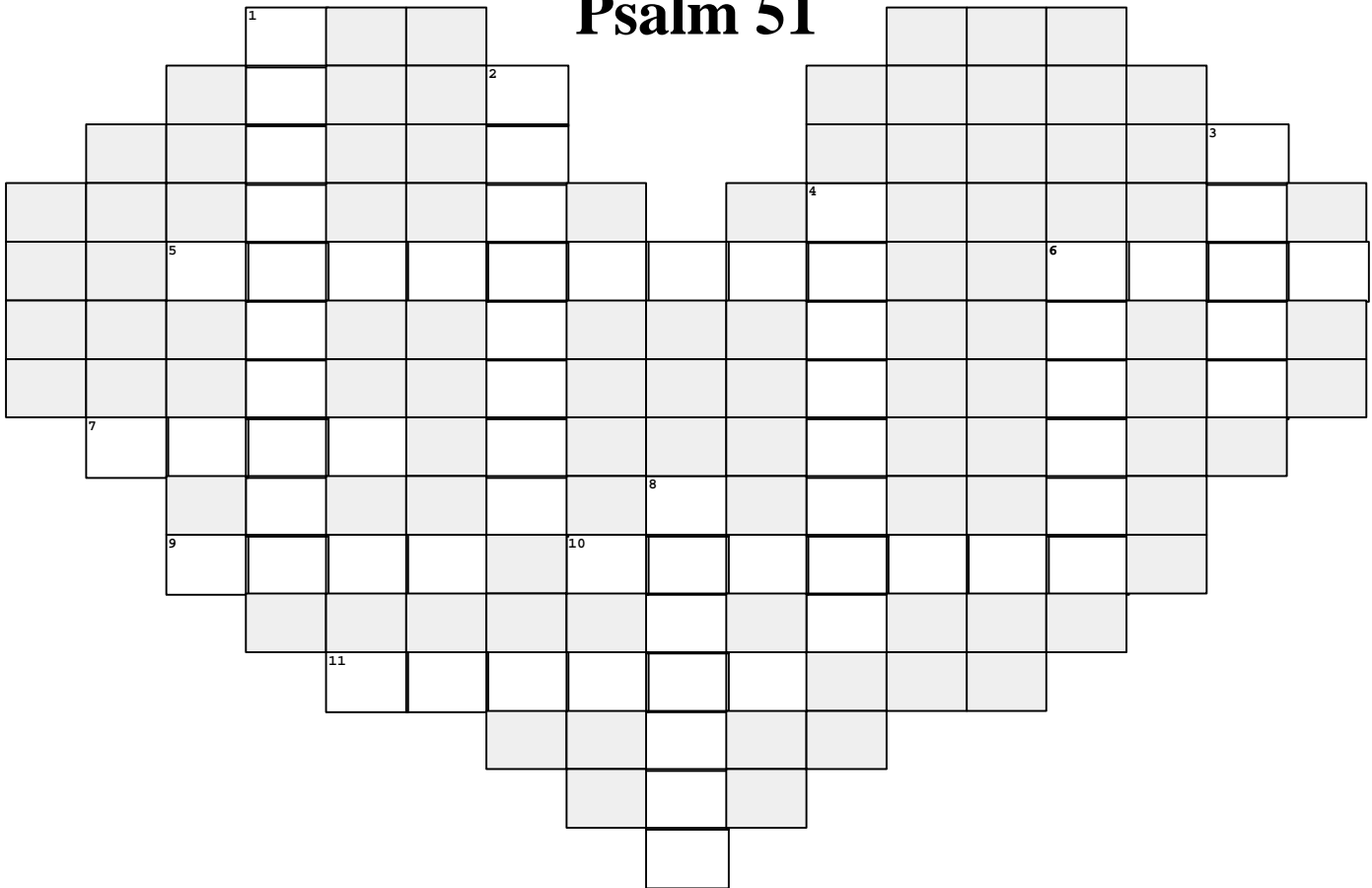


David Grieves Because of His Sin



Confession Crossword

Psalm 51



Across

5. Saving grace of God which redeems the sinner.
6. God wants this kind of heart in all of us.
7. Sin in the eyes of God.
9. Cleansed white as ...
10. Regain or bring back.
11. Knowledge of the truth.

Down

1. Unfailing love from God.
2. Washed away.
3. We are sinful at conception.
4. Sins.
6. What our lips do when we have been forgiven by God.
8. Feelings of joy and gladness

David and the Ten Commandments

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The Ten Commandments

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| 1. No Other God's Before Me | 6. Do Not Murder |
| 2. No Idols | 7. Do Not Steal Someone's Husband or Wife |
| 3. Don't Use God's Name Carelessly | 8. No Stealing |
| 4. Keep Sabbath Day Holy | 9. Don't Go Around Spreading Lies |
| 5. Honor Your Father and Mother | 10. Coveting What Someone Has or Is |

SCRIPTURE	COMMANDMENTS BROKEN	DAVID'S DECISION
2 Samuel 11:1-2		
2 Samuel 11:3		
2 Samuel 11:4		
2 Samuel 11:6-13		
2 Samuel 11:14-17		
2 Samuel 11:23-26		
2 Samuel 11:27		
Psalms 51:3-5		

The Ten Commandments (Teacher's Answer Key)

SCRIPTURE	COMMANDMENTS BROKEN	DAVID'S DECISION
2 Samuel 11:1-2	10, 7, 1	Why didn't he accompany the rest of the men to battle. Maybe he already was watching Bathsheba. No matter what, he let the temptation to watch another's wife into his life. Not confessing and asking God's help.
2 Samuel 11:3	10, 7, 1	Inquired after her. Sinking deeper into thinking about her. Not confessing and asking God's help.
2 Samuel 11:4	10, 8, 7, 1	Sent for her. Not confessing and asking God's help. Stole what belonged to Uriah. Way beyond confessing.
2 Samuel 11:6-13	9,1	Plotting to deceive Uriah. Not confessing to God or Uriah..
2 Samuel 11:14-17	6, 9, 1	Plotting to kill Uruah through the Ammorite battle.
2 Samuel 11:23-26	6, 9, 1	Making people and Bathsheba believe it was an accident Uriah died in battle.
2 Samuel 11:27	7. 1	Married Bathsheba, displeased the Lord
Psalms 51:3-5		David's confession that his sin is forever in front of him and the worst part was his sin against God.

Creast in Me a Pure Heart

Have Mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great
compassion blot out my
transgressions. Wash away all my
iniquity and cleanse me from my
sin.

My thoughts or prayers for today

For I know my transgressions, and
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only have I
sinned and done what is evil in
your sight, so that you are proved
right when you speak and justified
when you judge.

My thoughts or prayers for today

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful
from the time my mother
conceived me. Surely you desire
truth in the inner parts; you teach
me wisdom in the inmost place.

My thoughts or prayers for today

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I
will be clean; wash me, and I will
be whiter than snow. Let me hear
joy and gladness; let the bones
you have crushed rejoice. Hide
your face from my sins and blot
out all my iniquity. Create in me a
pure heart, oh God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.

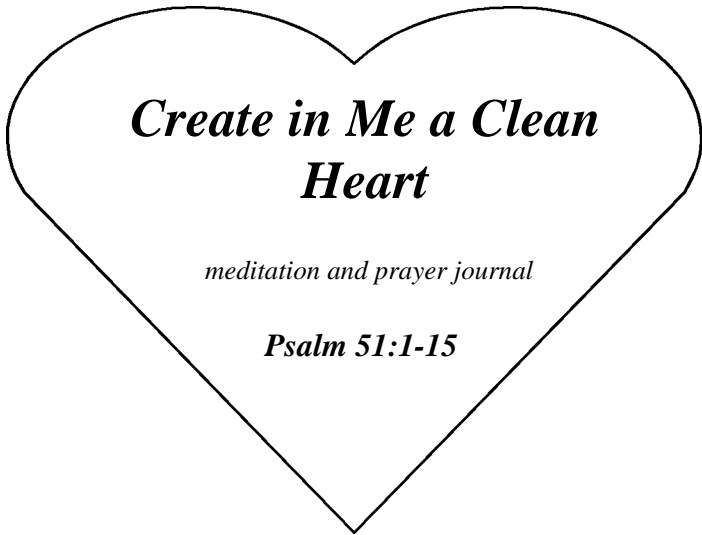
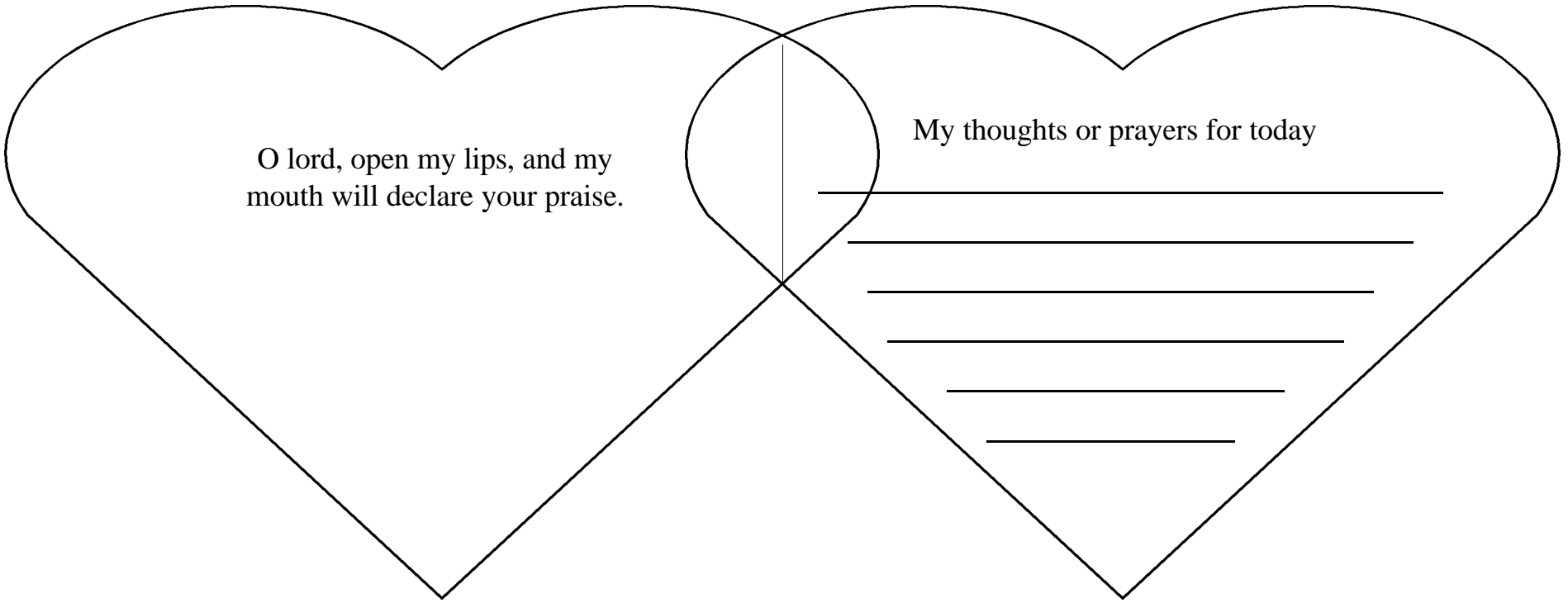
My thoughts or prayers for today

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

My thoughts or prayers for today

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the god who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

My thoughts or prayers for today



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Broken and Contrite Heart

Instructions: Cut out all the pieces and put down the white heart first then the red heart, that has been cut in half, overlap the edges so the circles on the bottom are together. Next lay down the cross, so it's circles match the others. Then lay down the dark heart, so it's circles line up with the others also. Push a sharp pencil or pen through the circles and put in the brad.

