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Family Take-home Devotions

October 25, 2026, David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you hold us accountable for the ways in which we have turned away from you. Forgive us for all the ways we, like King David, fall short. Commit us to doing better—to recognizing our errors and making restitution for them. Remind us that you love us no matter what, and will be with us as we seek to grow toward your desire for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel…Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight?" **(2 Samuel 12:7a, 9a)**

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

David had everything a person could want except the one thing he couldn't have: another man's wife. God bitterly condemned David's move to murder the man and take the man's wife.

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Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Where do you see power struggles within your community? In these struggles, who gets hurt? Who gains the most? How might God shape how power is distributed in your community?**
- **When have you committed a sin that you were unable to see? How did you come to realize your sin? What did you do next?**
- **For the littles: When was the last time you were punished for something? Did you deserve it? God knows when we sin. God also forgives our sin. Always!**

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God see your sin and forgive it. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a letter forgiving someone of a sin they committed against you. You need not send it; simply write it and see how your forgiveness shapes your attitude this week.

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23, *Bathsheba's Child Dies*
Tuesday, 2 Samuel 12:24-25, *Solomon Is Born*
Wednesday, 1 Kings 1:1-21, *The Struggle for Succession*
Thursday, 1 Kings 1:22-27, *The Struggle for Succession*
Friday, 1 Kings 1:28-53, *The Accession of Solomon*
Saturday, 1 Kings 2:13-25, *Solomon Consolidates His Reign*

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