Kingdom

“The Sin of David”

Series Objective:

 Students will learn:

* The story of David and Bathsheba
* The story of Nathan rebuking David and David’s Repentance Psalm 32
* The story of Solomon’s Wisdom in Ecclesiastes
* The story of Job

Series Theme Verse: “God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” – Acts 13:22

Lesson Objective: For students to understand the story of David’s sin and his continued faithfulness to God.

Lesson Passage: 2 Samuel 11

Materials Needed: Bibles, Series Theme Verse on poster

Lesson Plan:

 Talking Points:

 Divide into two groups and have the groups read 2 Samuel 11. Then have each group go through and list all the things that David does as King that would appear to be sin/against God’s will. When the groups have finished, write their answers on the White Board. There are numerous answers, but make sure they include ones that sometimes slip through the cracks, like attempting to cover up a sin by having Uriah sleep with Bathsheba, i.e. lying (vs. 8), not being where he was supposed to be (vs.1), looking at things he should not be looking at (vs.2), etc.

 After listing an exhaustive list on the board, begin to ask students how many of these sins are still prominent today? (The answer is all of them, but have students give you examples of these sins in their modern day context)

 Having developed an extremely negative list about David, ask students what they would think about David if this is all they knew about him? (Most would say he was sleazy, a scoundrel, not a Christian, etc)

 The Story Retold:

* Have students look up Acts 13:22.
* Ask students, “What does Paul say about David?” (He is a man after God’s heart)
* What does that mean that David is a man after God’s heart? (David sought God and tried to live his life for God)
* Ask students what they think it looks like to live a life focused on chasing God’s heart?
* What are some specific ways we chase after God’s heart?
* Is chasing after God’s heart something we should be doing?
* Explain to students that David’s story is not over; sin does not go unpunished, even for a King that is considered a man after God’s heart.
* We will see the rest of the story next week.

The Story and Me:

* Have the Series theme verse written on a poster or white board.
* Have the students read the verse together.
* Explain to students that we should follow David’s example and be known as people who are chasing after God’s heart.
* Give students an example of how you chase after God’s heart in your own life.
* Say the verse in groups (boys, girls, white shoes, etc) to begin memorizing the verse.