

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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## ***DAVID'S GREAT SIN***

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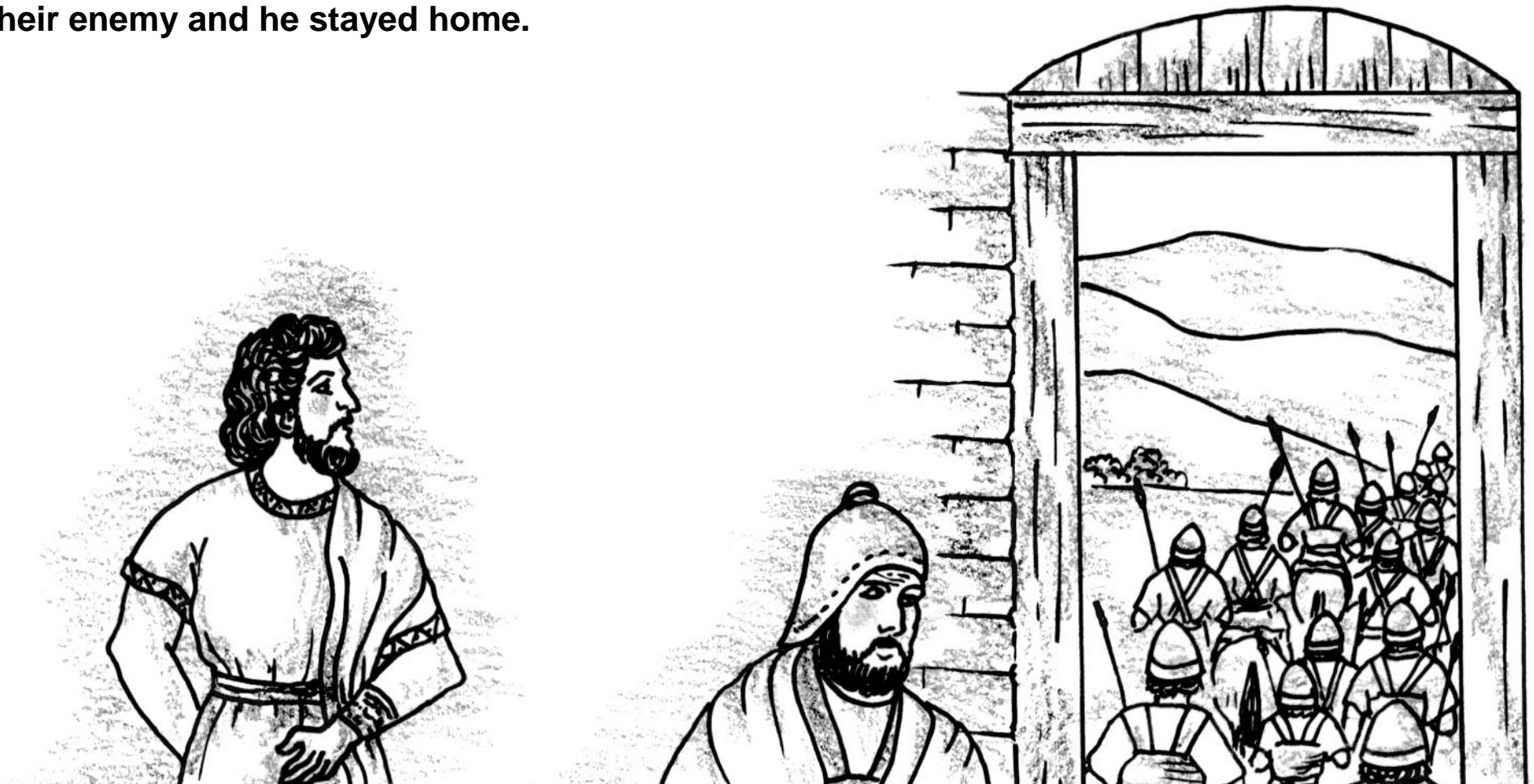
**2 SAMUEL 11:1 — 12:14**

Psalm 51: 1–19

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**David sent Joab and his soldiers out to fight their enemy and he stayed home.**

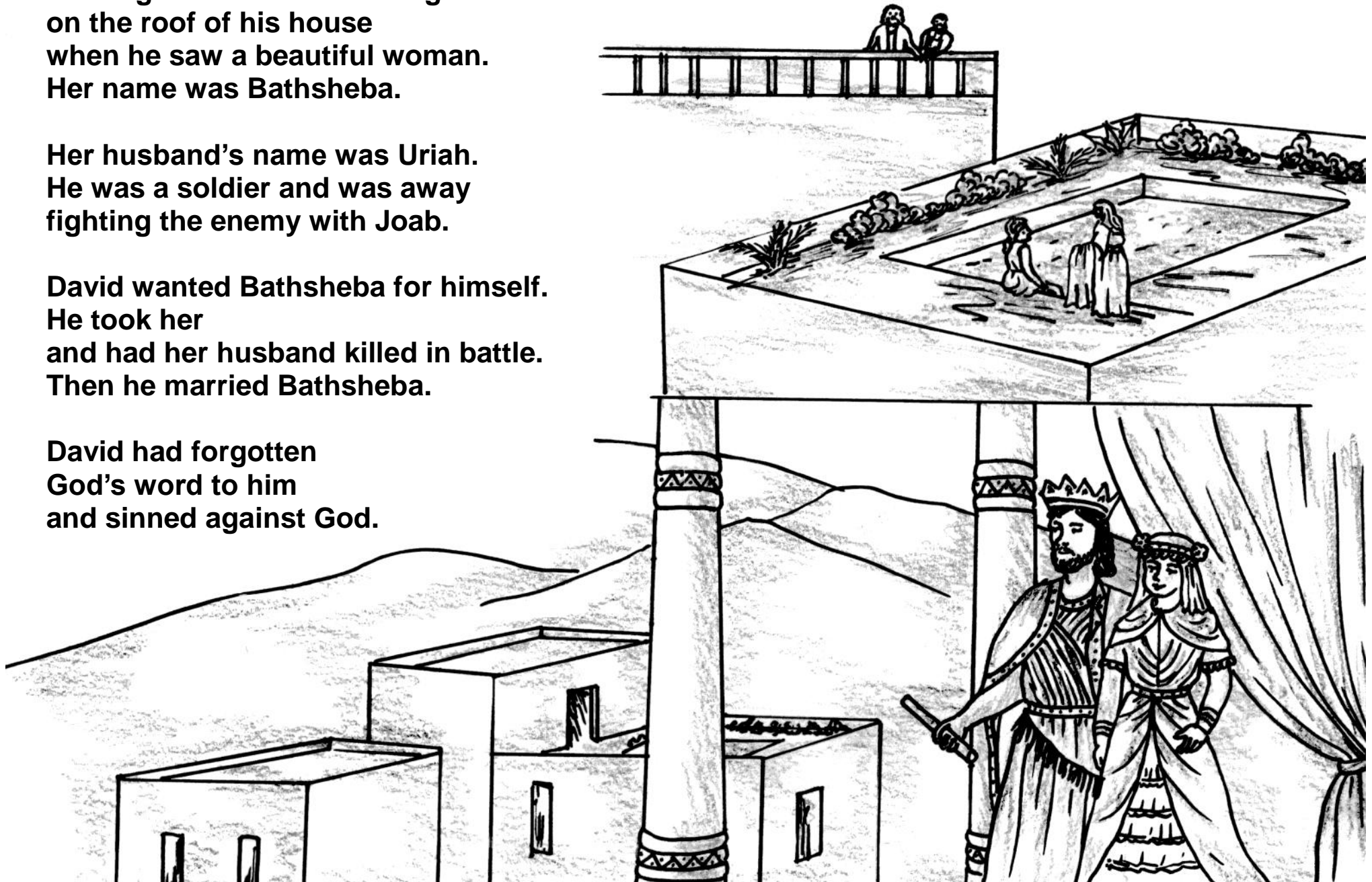


One night David was walking  
on the roof of his house  
when he saw a beautiful woman.  
Her name was Bathsheba.

Her husband's name was Uriah.  
He was a soldier and was away  
fighting the enemy with Joab.

David wanted Bathsheba for himself.  
He took her  
and had her husband killed in battle.  
Then he married Bathsheba.

David had forgotten  
God's word to him  
and sinned against God.



God was angry with David  
and sent the prophet Nathan to him.

Nathan told David this story:  
'A rich man and a poor man  
lived in the same town.  
The rich man had lots of sheep.  
The poor man had one pet lamb.  
He loved his pet lamb.'



**'One day the rich man had a visitor.  
He didn't want to kill  
any of his own sheep to feed the visitor.  
Instead he stole the poor man's pet lamb.  
He killed it, cooked it and gave it to his visitor.'**

**When David heard this story  
he was angry and said,  
'That man should die!  
He needs to give  
the poor man four lambs  
for the one he stole.'**



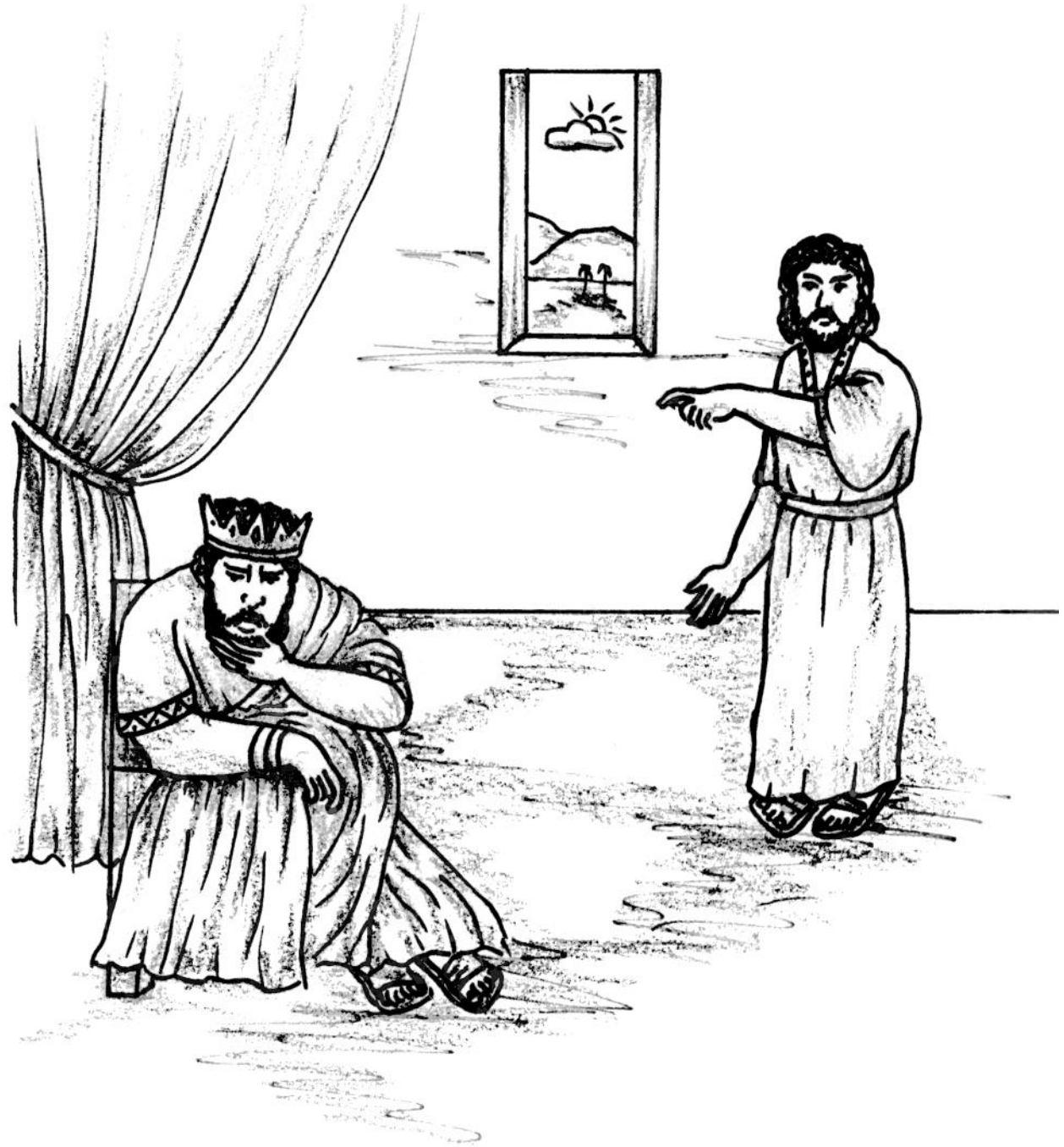
**'You are that man,'  
Nathan said.  
'This is what God says to you.  
I saved you from Saul,  
I gave you everything.  
Why did you disobey me?**

**'Now the Lord says,  
You will always have trouble  
in your family.'**

**David saw  
that he had done wrong.**

**He was sorry and said,  
'I have sinned  
against the Lord!'**

**Nathan answered,  
'The Lord has taken away  
your sin.  
You will not die.  
However, you have  
brought shame to God  
by doing this.  
Your baby will die.'**





**After the baby had died, David went to the temple and prayed.**

**'God have mercy on me,  
You are a merciful God.  
I have done wrong towards you.  
You are right to judge me.  
Take away my sin,  
and I will be clean.  
Wash me,  
and I will be whiter than snow.  
Please make my heart clean,  
O God.  
Do not take your Holy Spirit  
from me.'**

**God made David's heart clean.**

