



“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



Old Testament Lesson 24:
2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51



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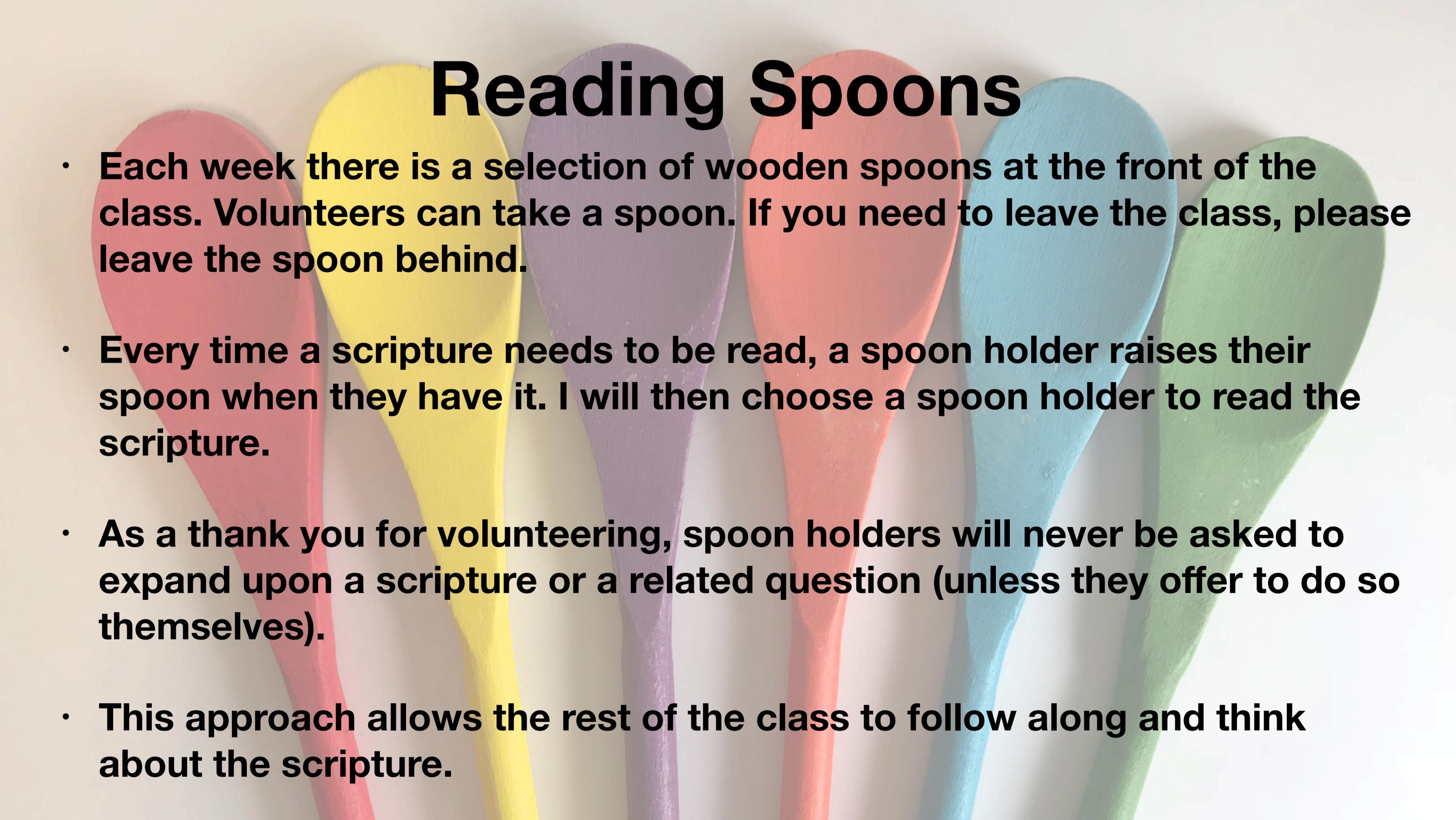
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52 Week Challenge Through The Old Testament - Week 26

2 Chronicles 1 to 2 Chronicles 23

- The biblical temple building accounts share “at least six common elements: **1)** Circumstances and Plan to Build. **2)** Preparations - Gathering Artisans and Materials. **3)** Description of the Building. **4)** Dedication Rites and Festivals. **5)** Dedicatory Prayer and Blessings. **6)** Blessings and Curses for Future Generations” (Jehovah and the World of the Old Testament: An illustrated reference for Latter-day Saints).
- The Algum trees are a “rare wood that Solomon imported from Lebanon for the temple. The exact type of wood is not known” (Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary).
- Next weeks reading: 2 Chronicles 24 to Ezra 3.



Reading Spoons

- **Each week there is a selection of wooden spoons at the front of the class. Volunteers can take a spoon. If you need to leave the class, please leave the spoon behind.**
- **Every time a scripture needs to be read, a spoon holder raises their spoon when they have it. I will then choose a spoon holder to read the scripture.**
- **As a thank you for volunteering, spoon holders will never be asked to expand upon a scripture or a related question (unless they offer to do so themselves).**
- **This approach allows the rest of the class to follow along and think about the scripture.**

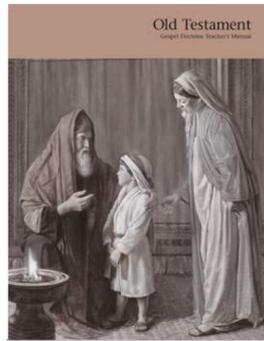


2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

David lies with Bathsheba, and she conceives—He then arranges for the death in battle of her husband, Uriah.

Nathan tells David the parable of the ewe lamb—The Lord gave many wives to David, who is now cursed for taking Bathsheba—David fasts and prays for his son, but the Lord takes him—Solomon is born—David conquers the royal city of the Ammonites.

David pleads for forgiveness after he went in to Bathsheba—He pleads, Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.



1 Samuel 25 to 2 Samuel 10

“Soon after David spared Saul’s life, Saul sought David’s life one more time. Again David had the opportunity to kill the king, but he refused to do so. Battles continued between the people of Judah and the surrounding nations, and Saul and Jonathan were killed in one of those battles. David succeeded Saul as king and became one of the greatest kings in the history of Israel. He united the tribes into one nation, secured possession of the land that had been promised to his people, and set up a government based on God’s law. However, the last 20 years of his life were marred by the sinful decisions that are discussed in this lesson.”



King David's Fall (2 Samuel 11:1-5)

[03:06]

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President David O. McKay

“What a man continually thinks about determines his actions in times of opportunity and stress. A man’s reaction to his appetites and impulses when they are aroused gives the measure of the man’s character. In these reactions are revealed the man’s power to govern or his forced servility to yield.”

CLOSER LOOK 2 Samuel 11

- David tried to cover his sin by bringing Uriah home from war. This would mean that others would assume the conceived child was Uriah's. After receiving an update about the war from Uriah, David sent Uriah home and a parcel of food was dispatched to him (v6-8).
- How did Uriah react? (Read v9 and v11).
- How did David attempt again to get Uriah to go home? Why didn't this plan work? (Read v12-13).

CLOSER LOOK 2 Samuel 11

- David hatches another plan with Joab to cover up his sin - he sends Uriah to the front line where he knew the fiercest battles take place (v14-24).
- David receives the news that Uriah is dead and sends reassurance back to Joab via a messenger (Read v25).
- After Bathsheba has mourned for Uriah, what does David do next? (Read v27).
- Note that it was at least nine months after David sinned that Nathan came to rebuke him. We have no record of David making any effort to repent before that time.

CLOSER LOOK 2 Samuel 12

- Nathan the Prophet now arrives and relays a parable to David to illustrate the Lord's displeasure with his sinful actions (Read v1-4).
- David reacts angrily to the rich man in the parable taking (killing) and dressing (prepared it as a meal for his guest) the young lamb (Read v5-6).
- Nathan then said to David "Thou art the man" meaning David had behaved like the wealthy man.
- Nathan rebukes David on behalf of the Lord (v7-9).

CLOSER LOOK The Prophet Nathan's Prophecies

Propesied Consequences	Fulfilment of Prophecies
2 Samuel 12:10 (The sword would not depart from David's house.)	2 Samuel 13:26–29; 18:14–15; 1 Kings 2:25 (Amnon, Absalom, and Adonijah, David's sons, suffered violent deaths.)
2 Samuel 12:11 (Evil would rise up against David out of his own family.)	2 Samuel 15:6–14; 16:11 (David's son Absalom rebelled and sought to overthrow his father. He even sought David's life.)
2 Samuel 12:11–12 (David's wives would be defiled before the people.)	2 Samuel 16:21–22 (Absalom openly defiled ten of his father's wives. It was the custom that a man who took the wife of the former king became king.)

CLOSER LOOK The Prophet Nathan's Prophecies

Prophesied Consequences

2 Samuel 12:12 (Even though David's sins were done privately, the Lord's punishments would be made known to all Israel.)

2 Samuel 12:14 (The child born of the adulterous relationship with Bathsheba would die.)

Fulfilment of Prophecies

2 Samuel 16:21–22 (Absalom openly took David's concubines from him.)

2 Samuel 12:15–18 (Though David fasted and prayed for seven days, the child died.)



Elder Richard G. Scott

“It is a fundamental truth that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ we can be cleansed. We can become virtuous and pure. However, sometimes our poor choices leave us with long-term consequences. One of the vital steps to complete repentance is to bear the short- and long-term consequences of our past sins.”



Time to Ponder.....

Q. Do you think David would have felt sorrow for his sins if Nathan had not confronted him?

Q. Why do you think David failed to recognise that he was represented by the rich man in the parable? Why are we sometimes unable to recognise our own sinfulness?

Q. Does God punish us by causing evil to happen to us?



Closing thoughts...

- President Marion G. Romney said: “David, ... though highly favored of the Lord (he was, in fact, referred to as a man after God’s own heart), yielded to temptation. His unchastity led to murder, and as a consequence, he lost his families and his exaltation.”
- A repentant David exclaimed “I [will] teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:13). Even though David forfeited his exaltation because he arranged the death of Uriah, he sought forgiveness for the sin of adultery. His words in Psalm 51 teach many aspects of true repentance.
- Carefully listen to the following excerpts from Elder Scott and reflect upon your actions, your repentance process and your peace ...



Elder Richard G. Scott - Finding Forgiveness

[03:51]

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Next weeks reading assignment

Lesson 25 - [Online link](#)

“Let Every Thing That Hath Breath Praise the Lord”

Psalms

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