

David Reproved

“The Lord disciplines those he loves.” Hebrews 12:6

This lesson reminds us that because of Adam's sin, all humans are sinful and make mistakes. Even those humans who had a close relationship with God, or Jesus when he was on earth, were guilty of wrong doing.

Which people do the following characteristics describe? Choose from: **David; King Saul; Apostle Paul (previously Saul of Tarsus); Apostle Peter; Moses; Abraham.**

STRENGTHS	WHO?
A faithful patriarch who was called a friend of God.	
Brave soldier, loyal subject to King Saul, a man after God's own heart.	
At the end of his ministry, he said that he had fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. (2 Tim.4:7)	
Performed wonderful miracles and signs and was a strong leader of the Israelites after he rescued them from Egypt.	
Was a faithful apostle and follower of Jesus.	
A good and wise person when he was chosen to be the first king of Israel.	
WEAKNESSES	
Was very jealous of his loyal subject David, and tried to have him killed.	
Arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle so that he could marry his wife, Bathsheba.	
Angrily struck the rock, instead of following God's command, to produce water for the complaining Israelites in the desert.(Numbers 20:8-12)	
Persecuted the early church and gave approval for the first Christian martyr Stephen, to be stoned to death.	
Denied knowing Jesus 3 times as he was frightened he might be arrested with Jesus.	
Pretended to Pharaoh (Genesis 12:10-13) and Abimelech (Genesis 20:1-2) that his wife Sarah was only his sister.	

When we do wrong, the important thing is to confess our wrong doing to God, who has promised to forgive us, even though we might still be disciplined.

What do you think are your strengths?

What do you think are your weaknesses?