

## David Gets in Trouble – Reading Guide

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Themes: taking responsibility, forgiveness, accidents vs. on purpose

Lesson/Notes: David makes several poor choices including lying to Mom. David feels guilty, so he takes responsibility by telling the truth and apologizing. *Sometimes people do the wrong thing. It's important to take responsibility for our actions (whether on accident or on purpose).*

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### Discussion Questions

- Was it okay for David to lie about eating the cake? (No, it was wrong.)
- How did David take responsibility? (told the truth, apologized)
- Why do you think David told Mom the truth? How was he feeling? (guilty)
- Did David's mom forgive him? How do you know? (Yes, David's mom forgave him. She still loves him. We see her reassuring hand on his head like she's saying, "It's okay, David.")
- How did David feel after he took responsibility for his actions? (better, calm)

### Activity:

Supplies: attached page

- Encourage child to draw a picture in each box to go along with the words, then come up with his/her own If-then example for the last section.

## If, then...

If David lies about the cake...	...then David feels guilty.
If Katie makes her bed...	...then her mom says, "Way to go!"
If I raise my hand...	...then the teacher calls on me.
If Jacob forgets to feed the cat...	...then the cat will be hungry.
If	...then