

A Slain Sheep

2 Samuel 12:1-13

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A lighthearted script that can be used directly before the scripture reading of second Samuel 12:1-13. 5 actors, The characters are men but gender roles can be switched.

(David starts on stage and is approached  
by Nathan)

NATHAN

King David, I am Nathan, prophet of the Lord. I am here to tell you an awful story about an evil deed.

DAVID

Color me intrigued!

NATHAN

Listen carefully. For when I finish you will decide what punishment the evil doer shall receive.

DAVID

Lay it on me prophet!

NATHAN

There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.

(Enter rich man and poor man. Rich man  
with many sheep and cattle, poor man  
with just one sheep)

NATHAN

The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle.

(Rich man prances around his animals  
gleefully )

RICH MAN

So many sheep! Too many to count I'd fall asleep!

NATHAN

But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought.

POOR MAN

(Poor man cradles his sheep like a baby)

I love you ewe! You are the only ewe for me! I will name you Eunice because you, ewe, you nice.

(While Nathan speaks these words the poor man enacts them with his sheep. Cast could be added to complete the family picture.)

NATHAN

He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

(Enter traveler)

NATHAN

Now a traveler came to the Rich Man.

TRAVELER

Hey rich man I'm hungry. My belly want some laaamb chops.

RICH MAN

Of course my favored guest! Your belly shall be full. But which ewe shall I use? You? Or you? Or you? Or....

NATHAN

But the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man.

RICH MAN ,POOR MAN

Eunice!

(Rich man evil laugh, poor man tearfully cries out nooo!)

NATHAN

No David, what punishment shall the evil doer receive?

DAVID

As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.

NATHAN

You are the man!

DAVID

Me?!

NATHAN

Yes you! You sent Uriah to die, so that you could have his wife!

DAVID

Well I didn't expect that twist.

NATHAN

This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ' I anointed you king, And I delivered you from the hand of Saul. And if all this had been to little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.

(David falls to his knees in realization)

DAVID

I'm so sorry, I have sinned against the lord.

BLACKOUT.