

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program B-1

## Daniel Made Ruler over Babylon

Daniel 2:1-49

Daniel Series: Lesson #2

Bible Verse: God gives wisdom to the wise. Daniel 2:21  
God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Look to God and pray to Him for answers.  
Prop ideas: Deck of cards and play a guessing game (Guess the number, color or card).  
Play "Tell me what I am thinking."

### SAMPLE STORY

Last week we learned how a young man named Daniel chose to eat only healthy foods and water instead of the King's royal food. After ten days he and his friends were healthier and more fit than all the others in the training. King Nebuchadnezzar found the four young men **TEN TIMES BETTER** than all the others. Daniel and his three friends continued to serve the king of Babylon with all the other wise men. But, they always put the **LORD** God first and did what was pleasing to Him.

King Nebuchadnezzar began having dreams. His mind was troubled and he could not sleep. He wanted to know what the dreams meant. He called together all his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. But these men did not look to the **LORD** God for answers. They did not even worship God.

The king said, "I have had some dreams that trouble me. I want you to tell me what they mean." The astrologers answered, "Tell us your dreams and we will tell you what they mean." But the king refused to even tell them the dreams. He thought that they should be wise enough to know the dreams and the meanings without being told. All these wise men could not do it. They could not figure out what the king had dreamed. This made the King very angry. He was so mad he wanted to kill all of the wise men in the kingdom, even Daniel and his friends.

When Daniel learned about this he went to his friends: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He told them to pray for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery. Daniel knew that he could not do this on his own. He knew that only God could reveal the dreams to him and tell him what

they meant. During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. God had answered their prayers! Immediately Daniel praised God.

*“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.  
He changes times and seasons;  
he sets up kings and deposes them.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.  
I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers:  
You have given me wisdom and power,  
you have made known to me what we asked of you,  
you have made known to us the dream of the king.”*

*Daniel 2:20-23*

The next day Daniel went before the king and told him the dream and what it meant. The king was so amazed that he made Daniel a ruler over the entire province of Babylon and gave him many lavish gifts. He put Daniel in charge of all the wise men. At Daniel’s request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

“What Am I?” Guessing Game

Basketball

Shaving Cream Art

## COMMANDMENT BINGO

If you have a large class, there may not be enough cards for everyone to play at the same time. Have them take turns or play with a partner.

Materials: Bingo Cards w/Bag of symbols

Markers (Circles, beans or squares)

Do: Give each child a card and a handful of markers.

Explain that they are to place a marker over the item you call out. Draw a symbol from the bag and call out. Read the Bible thought or verse as well. Play until someone has 3 in a row, or fills the card. (Younger children may have a hard time understanding a straight line of three).

Talk about: Daniel always did what God commanded. He became wise because he followed God’s ways and prayed to him. We can become wise by following God’s commands as well.

## SING AND PRAISE

Materials: None

Do: Gather children in a circle for a time of praise. Choose songs from below or pick your own favorites. (Bring a CD of your own or guitar or other instrument if you wish).

Talk about: One way to praise God is to sing. We can sing songs about him and the things He made.

### GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good (3X)  
He's so good to me

He loves me so (3X)  
He's so good to me

He answers prayer (3X)  
He's so good to me

### God Made Me

God made me  
God made me  
In my bible book it says  
That God made me

Repeat with  
*God loves me,*  
*God helps me,*  
*God keeps me*

Hand motions: Point to sky for God, thumb to heart for me, hands opened together for bible

### He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world, in His hands  
He's got the whole world, in His hands  
He's got the whole world, in His hands  
He's got the whole world, in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's got the whole world, in His hands

He's got you and me children, in His hands  
He's got you and me children, in His hands  
He's got you and me children, in His hands  
He's got the whole world, in His hands

### Oh, How I Love Jesus

Oh, how I love Jesus  
Oh, how I love Jesus  
Oh, how I love Jesus  
Because he first loved me

### THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3X)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Hide it under a bushel; no! I'm gonna let it shine!
3. Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!
4. Let it shine till Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine!

### Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him  
All you little children  
God is love, God is love

Praise Him, praise Him  
All you little children  
God is love, God is love

Repeat with Love Him and Thank Him

## COLORING

Teacher Extra: Chalkboard/drawing board – bring from home

Materials: Plain Paper  
Crayons (In room)

Do: Give each child a piece of paper to color freely.

If you have a chalkboard or drawing board in your room, or you have brought one from home, use it to draw a picture for the children. Otherwise, use pieces of paper and crayons.

As the children are drawing, begin a picture of your own. Have them guess what you are drawing. Use simple shapes to make a house, sailboat, church, flower or trees. You can have them even guess BEFORE you make a single mark.

Talk about: How hard was it to guess what the picture was before it was finished? It was easier once you could see everything. Daniel knew he could never guess the dream, but he knew that God could show him the whole picture.