

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

Program B-1

## Daniel, a Prayerful Man

Daniel 2:17-23, 6:10, 23, 9:3-4, 20-23  
Daniel Series: Lesson #6

Bible Verse: **God hears our prayers. Psalm 17:6**  
The Living God rescues and saves. Daniel 6:27  
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5  
Do not make idols of any kind. Exodus 20:4 (NLT)  
God gives wisdom to the wise. Daniel 2:21  
God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Prayer is an important part of our life.  
Prop ideas: Bible, pictures of people praying  
Make up a Q&A game to review the last 6 weeks

### SAMPLE STORY

This is our last lesson on Daniel. Let's review what we have learned about him and his friends.

- When Daniel was a young man, he knew that it was more important to follow God's rules and eat only healthy food and water than to feast on unhealthy royal food and wine. The four young men were healthier than all the rest of the men in training.
- Because Daniel and his friends spent the night praying urgently to God, God revealed King Nebuchadnezzar's dream to him. Daniel told the King that it was because they had prayed to God that the dream was revealed.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow to an idol. They were saved from the danger in the fiery furnace because they trusted and prayed to God.
- Daniel was able to read mysterious writing on a wall because God had given him wisdom.
- Daniel continued to pray to the **LORD** God three times a day even though he knew that he would be breaking a law that would have him thrown into the lions' den. He trusted and prayed God would save him when he was thrown into the den of lions.

All through his life, Daniel trusted God and put Him first. Daniel would pray to God to give him wisdom and answers. He prayed to God to help him and deliver him from trouble. Daniel also praised God in his prayers. He worshiped God. Three times a day he would go to an upstairs room to be alone to pray. Prayer was a very important part of Daniel's life. Without prayer, Daniel would not have been the successful man he was.

We can learn from Daniel. We can pray anytime and anywhere. Three times a day Daniel went to a special place to be alone with God. We should pray to God every day, even more than once a day. When can you pray? (Bedtime, morning, before meals, riding in the car, etc.) That's right, you can pray anytime and anywhere. What can you pray about? (Thankful for food/people/shelter, praise God, help/needs, courage, etc.) You can talk to God about anything. We should praise Him. We should thank Him. We can ask Him to help us and to help others, too. Let's pray right now. *(Invite children to say a sentence prayer. Some children enjoy speaking prayers in a group. Others may be too shy).*

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

- Reading Books
- Singing and Praising
- Making Prayer Flowers

## PRAYER SNACK

Materials: Vanilla Wafers  
Frosting  
Chocolate Chips  
Paper Plates  
Craft (Popsicle) Sticks

Do: Give each child 3 vanilla wafers on a paper plate.  
Place a couple tablespoons of frosting on the plate with a craft stick.  
Let them frost their wafers.  
Give each child a few chocolate chips to add to the top.  
Be certain to give thanks before this snack.

Talk about: Daniel prayed alone in his room **three** times a day. You have three vanilla wafers to remind you of this. You also have three ingredients: wafers, frosting and chocolate chips. How many times did Daniel pray?

## VISIT THE “UPPER ROOM” PRAYER ROOM

**Teacher Extra: Bring a long rope for children to hold onto. This will help keep them in a line.**

Materials: None

Do: Have the children quietly form a line. Stress the importance of being quiet and staying in line.  
Go to the “Upper Room” prayer room. (Front of the North Peristyle)  
You can extend your “trip” by visiting the fish tank and the water fountain before returning to class.

Talk about: Many people commit to come here to pray for others during the week. You can pray anywhere. But, you can pray without being disturbed when you go somewhere quiet.

Note: Although the Prayer Garden is designed for prayer, children may be too distracted by the water fountain and outdoors to effectively demonstrate a quiet environment. If you think your class could handle sitting quietly in the Prayer Garden, make a stop there for a quick prayer.

If your class is too large and energetic or you are too short-handed to leave your room, make a little prayer corner in your classroom. Place a chair, small table and bible away from the toys. Let children take turns going to the “Prayer corner.”

## COLORING PAGE

Materials: Daniel Keeps Praying Coloring Page  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Crayons (In room)

Do: Write each child's name on a page. Let them color and add a bible verse sticker.

Talk about: Daniel spent time praying to God three times a day. He prayed at other times when he needed. When can you pray to God?