

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

Program B-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Commandment Bingo
Sing and Praise
Coloring

“WHAT AM I?” GUESSING GAME

Materials: None

Do: This is like 20 Questions, but without the questions. You tell facts to the children until they guess what you are. Example:

I am a person.
I work in Joyland.
I have short hair and I wear cool glasses.
I love children very much.
I love to get hugs from children.
I am over, or in charge of all the Joyland workers.
My name sounds like some money or a coin.

(It’s Miss Pennie!)

I am an animal.
I have fur.

I walk on four feet.
I can purr.
(It's a cat.)
I am a thing.
I am yellow.
I am round.
You can see me in the sky, but don't look at me!
You cannot see me at night.
(It's the sun.)

Talk about: The King wanted the wise men to figure out the dream without telling them. They wanted to be told or at least get some clues. That would be hard. Imagine playing this game without any clues!

BASKETBALL

Teacher extra: bring one or two more balls to keep the action moving. (Balls should be small foam or soft stuffed ones).

Materials: Basketball Goal & Ball

Do: Hang the goal over a cabinet door or chair.
If desired mark a shooting line with masking tape.
Have the children line up for a turn to shoot the ball.
Have them repeat a past Bible verse or truth before shooting. (You may have to say one and have them repeat it back to you).

Talk about: By learning scripture and bible truths, we learn to follow God and His commandments. We will become wise as we follow them.

SHAVING CREAM ART

Materials: Shaving Cream
Food Coloring

Do: Spray a glob of shaving cream on the table in front of each child.
Add a drop or two of food coloring. (Optional)
Show them how to mix the color in.
Let them create whatever picture they want.
Have them describe what they make.
Add more shaving cream as necessary.
Wash hand and tables when finished.

Talk about: Can you guess what I am making? It is easier once I am finished. The wise men could not guess the king's dream. They needed clues. Daniel knew to ask *the God of heaven* for the answer.