

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

Program B-2

## Writing on the Wall

Daniel 5:1-31

Daniel Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5

Past: 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: Love and obey God, the one true God.

Prop ideas: Fake hand (stuff a latex glove and tie)

Samples of foreign language writing (with different alphabet/symbols)

### SAMPLE STORY

King Nebuchadnezzar's son, King Belshazzar was now the king of Babylon. He was having a great party, or banquet. He ordered that all the gold and silver goblets from the Temple of the LORD be brought to the banquet so that he and his guests could use them. That's not how they were to be used. These goblets, or glasses, were to be used only in the Temple. Not only were they not supposed to be using them, but they were also praising the gods of gold and silver! They were using the goblets from God's Temple and worshipping false gods!

Suddenly a hand appeared. There was no body, just a hand. It began writing on the wall. The king watched as the hand wrote on the wall. He became very afraid. His face turned pale, his knees knocked and he fell down. The king called for all his wise men to come and read this message. None of the magicians, astrologers or enchanters could read the message. The queen told the king that there was a man who could read the message. There was a man who served the king's father, Nebuchadnezzar and who interpreted dreams for him. This man was Daniel.

King Belshazzar called for Daniel. Daniel was able to read and interpret the writing. God was going to bring King Belshazzar's reign as king to an end and the kingdom would be divided between two enemies. That very night, King Belshazzar was slain and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom.

Deuteronomy 6:5 says to *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."* King Belshazzar did not



## HIDE THE HAND

Materials: 15 Hand cutouts

Do: Have the children face a wall and close their eyes.  
Hide one hand cutout for each child.  
Instruct them to sit down after they have found a hand so that everyone may find one.  
Give clues if necessary  
Repeat as interest holds.

TO MAKE IT HARDER, WRITE THEIR NAMES ON THE HAND. EVERYONE MUST FIND THE HAND WITH HIS NAME ON IT.

Talk about: It would be scary to see a hand without a body. It would be even scarier if it were writing a message. But these hands are not scary.