



# **DANIEL**

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## Memory Verses

### Week 1

#### **DANIEL 1:8A**

But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king.

### Week 2

#### **DANIEL 2:27-28A**

Daniel replied, no wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.

### Week 3

#### **DANIEL 3:17**

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand."

### Week 4

#### **DANIEL 6**

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."



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## Lesson 1: Taken Captive

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### DANIEL 1

Even though Daniel and his friends were taken from the land of their God into slavery in Babylon, they never abandoned God!

Daniel and his friends were faced with a big decision. Would they follow what God said or abandon God to fit in? We're going to see what happens when we choose to follow God!

### TAKEN TO BABYLON

Imagine if you were taken from your family and your town to a completely different city.

- What kinds of things would you be thinking and feeling?

This happened to Daniel and his friends. They were taken from Israel to Babylon! (1:3-4)

### A BIG DECISION

The Babylonians ate foods offered to their false gods. God said this was wrong.

Daniel and his friends had a big decision to make: to eat the Babylonian's food or to request food that God said he could eat.

- Would he abandon God and eat the Babylonian's food so he could fit in?
- Would he follow God and request to eat the foods that God said were clean?

### THE RESULT OF FOLLOWING GOD

Daniel and his friends said no to the Babylonian food and got vegetables instead.

- Isn't that crazy? That's like giving up ice cream for broccoli. (Luckily God doesn't tell us we can't have ice cream!)

It would have been scary to say no to the King. But God protected them!

Following God led to amazing results! (1:15-20) God allowed them to become stronger and smarter than the other guys.

Doing what everyone else does, being scared of what people think of you, believing that God's way isn't the best way

We should be willing to follow God even if it's unpopular, and believe that this is the best way to live!

How would you feel if you were taken away from your family and hometown?

Have you ever wanted to fit in? What was that like?

Why do you think people want to fit in so badly?

Have you ever made a choice to follow God? How did that turn out?

God's way is the best way! Do you believe this? What else do you know about God that may help you believe this?

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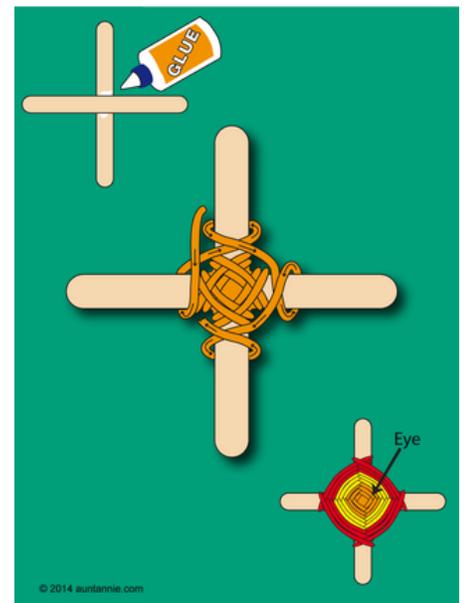
### YARN WEAVING

When Daniel was taken from Judah to Babylon, the King tried to weave Daniel into new customs and practices. But Daniel resisted this and continued to follow God!

Popsicle sticks, hot glue, yarn

1. Cross 2 popsicle sticks into an "X" and **ask a leader hot glue the sticks together.**
2. Wrap your yarn around one stick close to the center of the "X" and take the yarn over to the next stick.
3. Continue wrapping and winding in that fashion, rotating the "X" as you work. It doesn't matter whether you wrap the yarn over or under the sticks, as long as you are consistent.
4. To switch to a new color, cut your yarn and tie it to a new piece of yarn.
5. To finish, wrap your yarn around a stick one last time and cut it, leaving a nice long tail for hanging your ornament. Slip that tail underneath the last wrap or two and tie it off.

*NOTE: For a video tutorial, search "God's Eye Craft" on YouTube*





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## Lesson 2: The King's Dream

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### DANIEL 2

God gives people His knowledge so that everyone can learn about Him! Our role is to be bold for God and share this knowledge with others.

Last week we talked about how God helped Daniel and his friends to become stronger than everyone else because they followed his word. This week, God is going to give Daniel another special ability - the ability to interpret dreams!

### GOD GIVES DANIEL HIS KNOWLEDGE

King Nebuchadnezzar started to have bad dreams, but none of these magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers could tell him what the dreams meant.

- He was so angry about this that he threatened to kill all the wise men, including Daniel and his friends! (2:12-13)

Daniel understood that God is the only one who knows the meaning of dreams, so he asked God to reveal the meaning to him (2:18)

God answered Daniel's prayer and showed him the meaning of the dream (2:19)

### DANIEL WAS BOLD FOR GOD

The king was threatening to kill Daniel, but he still tells the king what the dream means

- Daniel doesn't take credit for understanding the dream, but he tells Nebuchadnezzar about God! (2:27-28)

Daniel's boldness had 2 amazing outcomes:

- The King realizes that God is the true God (2:47)
- Daniel and his friends are saved (2:48-49)

We can be bold for God, too! When we're bold, our friends will see how good God is.

Thinking that we don't have enough of God's knowledge to share, being timid about God, thinking that God won't come through for us in difficult situations

We should look to God to give us knowledge, we can share what we've learned about God with others, we should trust God to help us be bold in difficult situations

If you were Daniel or one of his friends in this situation, how would you feel?

How does God teach us things about Himself?

What is the coolest thing you've learned about God?

Have you ever shared something you learned about God with someone else?

Describe someone who is bold for God. What are they like? What do they do?



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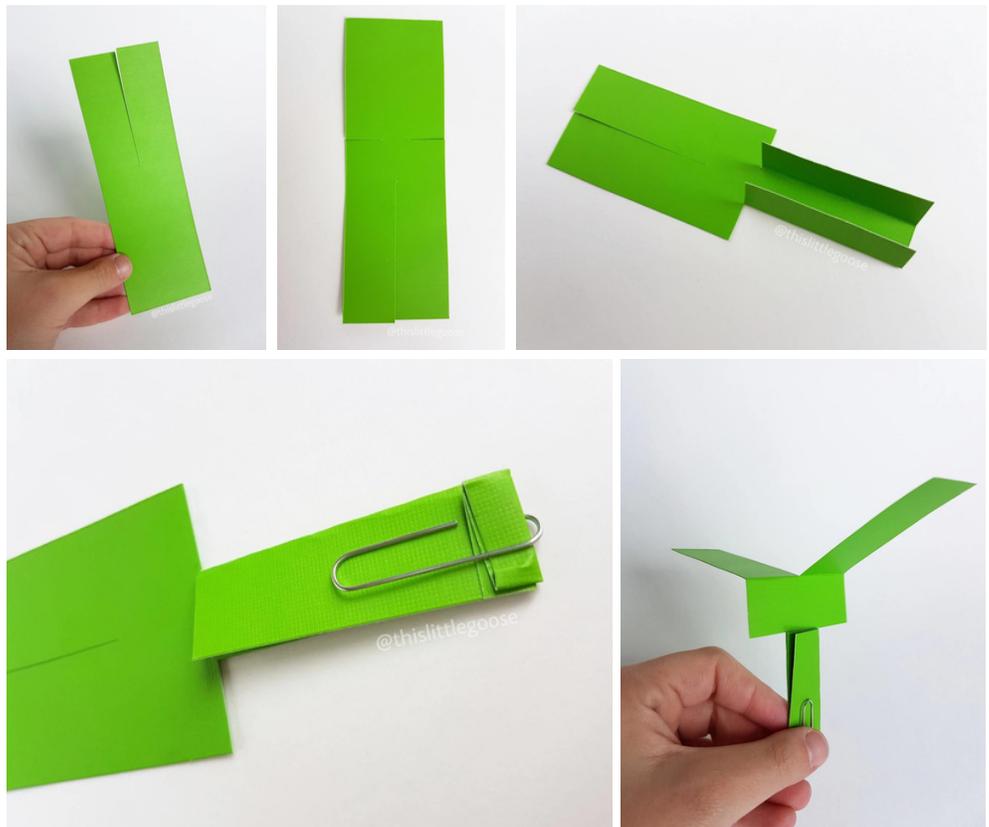
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### PAPER HELICOPTERS

Today we learned that God can give us knowledge to share with others. As you watch these helicopters fall down from the sky, imagine God's knowledge being spread from Him to people everywhere!

Card stock, paper clips, scissors

1. Cut your paper into a 6x2 inch rectangle (feel free to try smaller or larger for different sized helicopters as well)
2. At one end, cut about 3 inches up the middle of your paper
3. Next, make two cuts on either side about 1/2 inch higher than your cut
4. Fold the uncut end inward as shown
5. Fold up and flatten a small piece at the bottom of the uncut end and add a paper clip
6. Fold your cut end in opposite directions to create your helicopter blades
7. Drop your helicopter from a high place and watch it spin!





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## Lesson 3: The Fiery Furnace

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### DANIEL 3

Daniel's friends didn't worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue even though everyone else was doing it. They believed that God would protect them, and God did!

2 weeks ago when we learned about how Daniel and his friends didn't eat the King's food. Now they're refusing to worship the King's statue, too! Let's see what happens.

#### **BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING IT...**

King Nebuchadnezzar set up a gold statue and told everyone to worship it (Daniel 3:7) Daniel's friends knew that worshipping anything other than God was wrong, but everyone else was doing it! It's hard to stand out from the crowd.

And the King was throwing anyone who didn't obey him into the fiery furnace! Daniel's friends have a difficult decision to make: follow God, or everyone else?

#### **FOLLOWING GOD NO MATTER WHAT**

Daniel's friends decided that they will follow God *no matter what*

- They believe that God will protect them, but decide to follow God *even if He didn't*
- Daniel 3:17-18

#### **GOD PROTECTS THEM**

Daniel's friends are thrown into the fiery furnace set at 7 TIMES HEAT. It is so hot that it kills the soldiers that are throwing them in!

They survived the fiery furnace. Not even their clothes or hair were burned! Because of this, the King recognizes how amazing God is

Believing that it's more important to fit in than to follow God, believing that God won't protect us if we choose to do the unpopular thing because of Him, only following God if we're 100% sure of the outcome

We should trust God when he calls us to stand out in a scary way!

- Have you ever been in a situation where everyone was doing something that you knew was wrong? What happened?
- Why do we like to fit in?
- What are we afraid of happening if we stand out?
- If you were Daniel's friends, how would you have been feeling in this situation?
- Daniel's friends decided to trust God *even if God didn't come through*. Why would someone choose this?
- God loves to protect his people! What else do you know about God's character?



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### FIERY FURNACE IN A CUP

Daniel's friends survived the flames of the fiery furnace because God protected them! Today we're going to be creating "flames" of our own in this cool science experiment!

Clear cup or glass , water, red or orange food coloring, vegetable oil, alka-seltzer tablet

1. Fill the clear cup or glass with 1/2 cup of water
2. Add 1 cup of oil into the cup and wait for the oil to settle on top of the water
3. Add 10-15 drops of food coloring
4. Drop the tablet into the cup. Wait and see what happens when the tablet starts to fizz! Doesn't it look like a flame?





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## Lesson 4: The Lion's Den

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### DANIEL 6

Daniel had a good reputation because of his faith in God. Even though his enemies tried to make Daniel look bad, God used a scary situation to show people who He really is!

Daniel was liked by everyone and some people started to get jealous. To trick Daniel, they made it illegal to pray to God, and the punishment was to be thrown into a den of lions. Daniel has a tough decision to make!

#### DANIEL'S GOOD REPUTATION

Daniel had a good reputation of being trustworthy and full of integrity. Because of this, King Darius gave Daniel many responsibilities in his kingdom. Daniel's enemies were jealous, so they tricked the king into making prayer illegal!

#### DANIEL PRAYS ANYWAYS

Even though Daniel knew that continuing to pray would land him in the lion's den, he trusted God anyways and continued to pray, asking God for help! (Daniel 6:10-11) The King regretted the law he made, but he threw Daniel into the lion's den anyways. However, the King hoped that God would save Daniel! (Daniel 6:16).

#### GOD SHUTS THE MOUTHS OF THE LIONS

Daniel survives the night in the lion's den because God protects him! Darius announces to everyone that Daniel's God is the living God. Because of Daniel's good reputation and trust in God, now God has a good reputation!

Using our good reputation to get things for ourselves instead of show off God's goodness, having a bad reputation which turns people away from God, turning away from God when other people don't like that we follow Him

We should be trustworthy and full of integrity like Daniel so we can show the world who God really is! If people don't like us for doing good, we should trust God to protect us.

- Why might it be important to have a good reputation like Daniel had?
- Has anyone ever disliked you for doing the right thing? What was that like?
- If you were in Daniel's situation, what might you be thinking and feeling?
- God has the power to shut the mouths of lions! Why might it be important to remember God's power when we're going through a hard time?
- How might God use a situation in your life to display His power/goodness to others?



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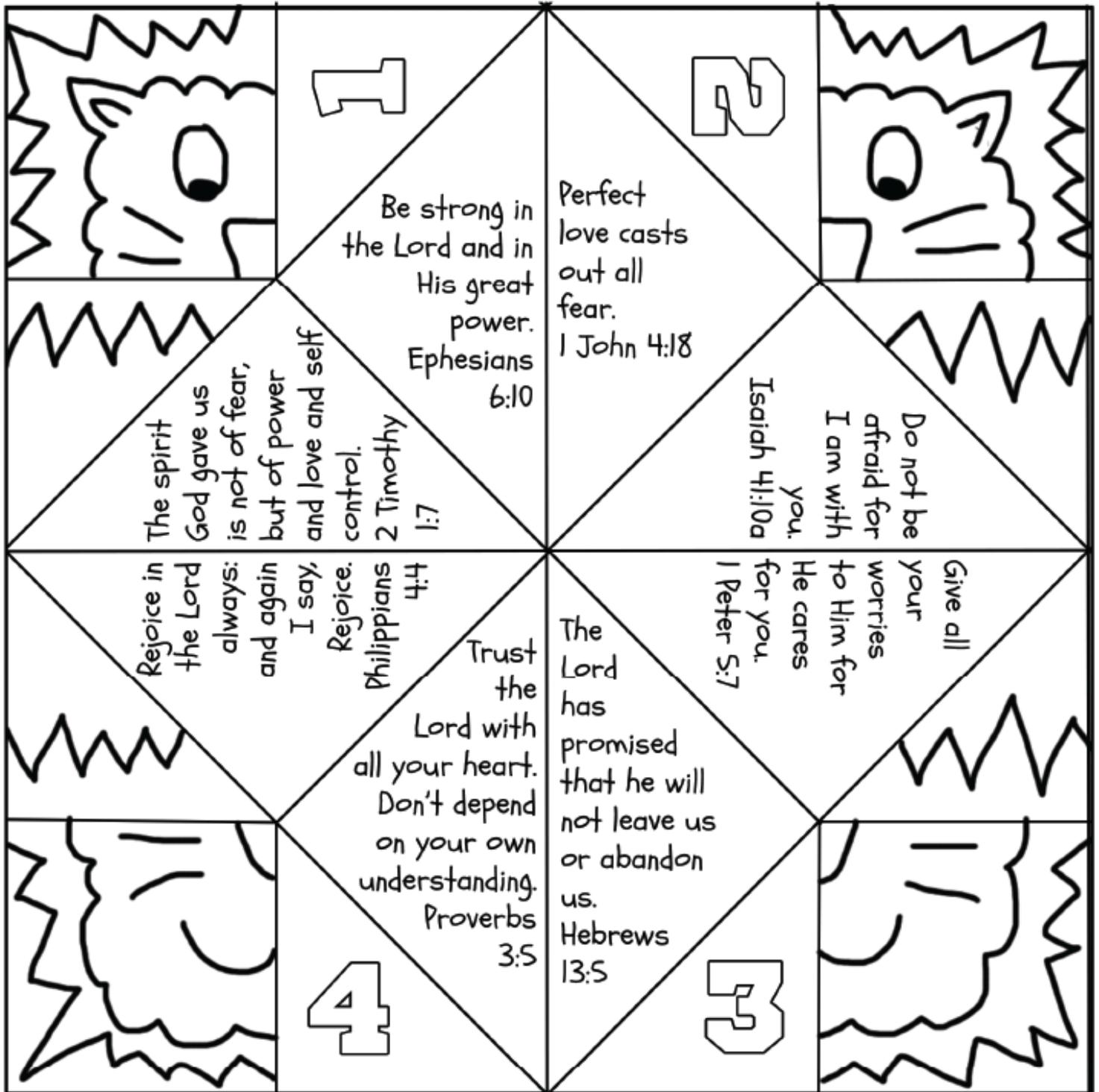
### ORIGAMI LION

Today we learned that Daniel continued to pray to God even though he knew it would land him in the lion's den. We're going to make an origami lion to remind ourselves of Daniel's courage. Open the lion's mouth to read a verse about courage!

Markers or colored pencils or crayons, lion printout, scissors

1. Color the lion printable
2. Cut out the square
3. Follow the folding instructions on the printable
4. Find a friend and ask them to choose a number. Open and close the lion's mouth that many times. Repeat until the numbers 1-4 are showing. Then, ask them to choose a number (1-4) and read the verse underneath the number they choose!





Color the printable and then cut out the square. Fold the square in half and then in half again. Unfold the paper and fold the corners into the centre of the square. Turn the paper over and fold the new corners into the centre of the square. Fold it back in half. Place your fingers under the flaps and move it back and forth. Ask your friends to choose a corner of the lion to open and see which verse they get!