

# DANIEL



## A CHILDREN'S COMPANION STUDY

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# DANIEL OVERVIEW

Daniel is a book about a guy named... you guessed it, Daniel. The first half of the book is made up of stories about Daniel and his friends in a place called Babylon. The book's second half features stories of visions (or dreams) Daniel has about the future. Through it all, we will see that God is sovereign (in control) over all things, including the past, the future, and all other kingdoms, and that God's kingdom will reign over all and last forever. This book provides hope and encouragement to us in hard times as we learn together that God is faithful and that he will deliver his people from all other powers and keep them in his kingdom forever.

# NOTE TO PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

We've designed this card deck to be a children's companion to your study of Daniel this semester. Each week, we will provide a kid-friendly summary of the featured text for you to read aloud as a way to teach your child(ren) the story, a reflection question for you to discuss together, and an online resource to watch or listen to together to further your child(ren)'s learning. We pray this resource equips you to dig into scripture together as a family. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Happy studying!

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## DANIEL AND THE KING'S FOOD

**Daniel and his friends are taken** from their homeland into exile in Babylon. The king wants them to follow his way of living, meaning they would have to disobey God's commands. Instead, they refuse to eat the king's food, only eating vegetables and water for ten days. Because of their faithfulness, God kept them safe and delivered them. Then the king of Babylon brought them into his royal palace to serve him.

## **QUESTION:**

How can we honor God with our words and actions even when the people around us do not?

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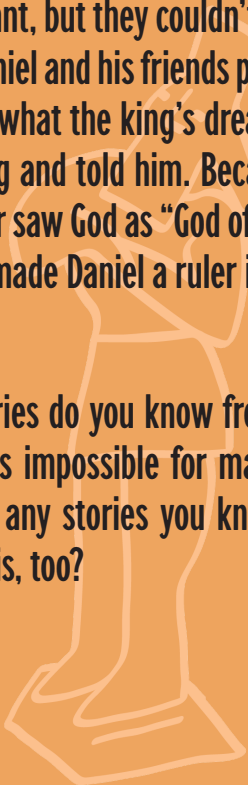
## THE KING'S DREAM ABOUT A STATUE

**One day, king Nebuchadnezzar,** king of Babylon, dreamed about a statue, but he didn't know what it meant. He asked all his wise men to tell him what it meant, but they couldn't, so the king was really angry. Daniel and his friends prayed to God, and God told Daniel what the king's dream meant. Daniel went to the king and told him. Because of this, king Nebuchadnezzar saw God as "God of gods and Lord of kings," and he made Daniel a ruler in Babylon.

## **QUESTION:**

What other stories do you know from the Bible that show us what is impossible for man is possible for God? Are there any stories you know from real life that show us this, too?

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## THE FIERY FURNACE

# King Nebuchadnezzar made a giant golden idol (an object people treated like a god). He commanded all the people of Babylon to bow down and worship the idol, but Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, would not worship anyone except God. The king was furious, so he ordered that the friends be thrown into a fiery furnace. When they were thrown into the fire, God was with them and protected them. They came out of the furnace without even smelling like smoke! Once again, king Nebuchadnezzar saw that there was no other god like our God.

## QUESTION:

Why do you think God protected Daniel's friends? Are there "idols" that other people or the world around you are asking you to worship?

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## NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM ABOUT A TREE

# King Nebuchadnezzar had another

dream, this time about a tree. Once again, he didn't know what his dream meant, and all his wise people could not tell him. Daniel could interpret the dream, however! Daniel told king Nebuchadnezzar that his dream was telling him that because of his pride, although his kingdom was great and mighty right now, he would be kicked out of power and forced to live like a wild animal. And then, guess what? All of that came true in real life. After a tough time in his life, king Nebuchadnezzar returned to God and blessed him, and God restored Nebuchadnezzar to peaceful living.

## QUESTION:

Are there any areas of your life where you might need to trade pride for humility (or acknowledge that God is greater)?

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## THE WRITING ON THE WALL

# A new king of Babylon, Belshazzar

(king Nebuchadnezzar's son), came to power and was full of pride. One day while Belshazzar was having a feast, a hand appeared out of nowhere and started writing on the wall! King Belshazzar did not know what this meant, and once again, none of the wise people in his kingdom could tell him. But, God used Daniel to explain what the vision meant – because king Belshazzar was so prideful and because he and his people praised false gods, his kingdom would soon end. That same night, king Belshazzar was killed.

## QUESTION:

What are some ways sin brings destruction to our relationship with God? Others? God's creation?

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## DANIEL AND THE LIONS' DEN

**After king Belshazzar was killed,** a new king came to power – king Darius. King Darius liked Daniel and was going to give him lots of power in the kingdom. The other important people in the kingdom were jealous, so they convinced the king to sign a law that said the people were not allowed to pray to any other king but him. Daniel kept God's commandments, though, and continued to pray to God, refusing to pray to king Darius. King Darius commanded that Daniel be thrown in a lions' den as punishment. Daniel was thrown in, but God shut the lions' mouths and protected Daniel. Then king Darius changed his law to command everyone to worship only the one true God.

## **QUESTION:**

Have there been times in your life when you've felt jealous? Have there been times when you've been scared and had to trust God? Have there been times in your life when God has protected you?

## **WATCH:**



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## DANIEL'S DREAM ABOUT FOUR BEASTS

**Daniel sees four beasts in a dream,** representing four evil kingdoms. Then he saw God on a throne. God takes away the kingdoms' powers, and instead, the Son of Man appears. God gives the Son of Man power to rule over EVERYTHING! All the people will praise God, and his kingdom will last forever.

## **QUESTION:**

What are some ways we can praise God?

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DANIEL'S DREAM  
ABOUT THE RAM AND THE GOAT

**Daniel has another dream about a ram and a goat. An angel appears and tells Daniel what his dream means. The ram represented two evil kings, and the goat represented another. Those kings will attack God's people, but God will defeat all the evil kings and kingdoms one day.**

## **QUESTION:**

**How can we remember that God is in control no matter what?**

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**Skip to 7:30 for the  
Chapter 8 lesson**

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## DANIEL'S PRAYER

# During this time, God's people, the Israelites, had not kept God's commandments. They had sinned against him. Earlier in the Bible, Jeremiah says God's people will live in exile in Babylon for 70 years. Daniel prays to God to confess the Israelites' sins and to ask God to forgive and save the people. But the angel tells Daniel that because of their sin, the Israelites will have to continue to live in exile for longer than they thought, but that eventually, God will put an end to sin and restore his people, even though they don't deserve it. This was true for the Israelites, and it's true for us, too.

## QUESTION:

How are we like the Israelites? How do we, like the Israelites, need God to forgive and save us? Is he faithful to forgive?

## WATCH:



Skip to 6:12 for the  
Chapter 9 lesson

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## DANIEL'S THIRD VISION

**In a third vision, Daniel is told that many more kings and kingdoms will come. These kingdoms will fight and bring destruction, and things will be hard for God's people for a while. Ultimately, though, at just the right time, God will deliver his people to everlasting life.**

## **QUESTION:**

**What promises of God or characteristics of God do you know from the Daniel story or other Bible stories that are still true today?**

## **WATCH: DANIEL RECAP**

