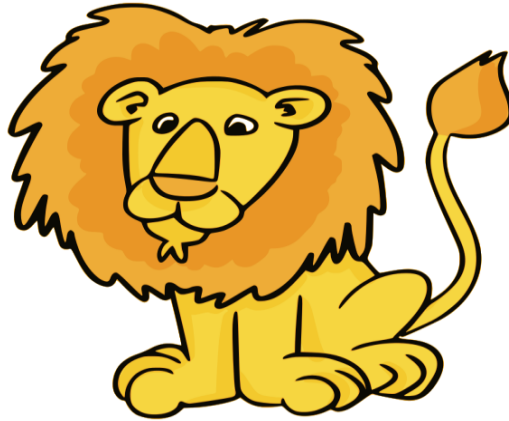


## GOD GIVES US PURPOSE!

# Daniel



### Consider this breakdown:

Day 1 – Daniel is taken to Babylon (Daniel 1)

Day 2 – Daniel is Promoted (Daniel 2:46-49; 6:1-3)

Day 3 – Daniel and the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:4-28)

### Packet Breakdown:

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# Scripture Readings and Discussions

## **Day 1 – Daniel is Taken to Babylon**

Read: Daniel 1

Discuss:

- Why is God allowing King Jehoiakim to take over Judah? *God cannot continue to allow the Israelites to sin without punishing them.*
- Why did Daniel not want to eat the food from the King? *God had given His people certain foods they could not eat. Including what the king was giving them.*
- Verse 9 says that GOD gave Daniel favor in the sight of the leader. What does this mean about Daniel? What about God?
- What is God doing with Daniel overall? *Setting him up to be used for God's purposes.*
- Does God still work this way today? What gifts and talents has He given to those in your family?

## **Day 2 – Daniel is Promoted**

Read: Daniel 2:46-49

Discuss:

- What we didn't read was that King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream from God. When none of his wise men could tell him what it was and what it meant, he ordered that ALL the wisemen in the land be killed... including Daniel and his friends. But God had a different plan. Instead, God revealed King Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel. Daniel told the King what his dream meant and then we jump into verse 46!
- When Daniel revealed the King's dream, he gained favor with the King. Was this because Daniel was so talented? Or was someone else in control?
- Who is in control of the things that happen in our life today?
- How have we seen God work in our life?

## **Day 3** – Daniel and the Lions’ Den

Read: Daniel 6

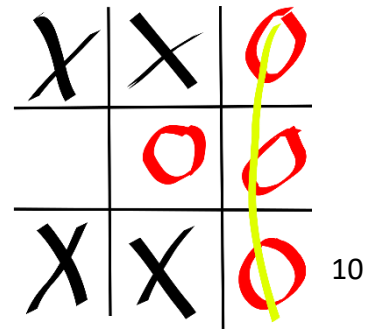
Discuss:

- Daniel continues to rise in favor in the kingdom. He becomes a ruler of the kingdom when King Darius rises to power. Why do you think King Darius liked Daniel so much?
- What made Daniel brave enough to pray to God, even though King Darius had made a decree that they should not pray to anyone but him?
- More than just because He loved him, why did God spare Daniel from the lions?
- How was God glorified in a big way by using Daniel?
- How does God spread His glory in the world today?
- Can He use us to spread His glory? How?

## Daily Activity Ideas

### Day 1 – Daniel is Taken to Babylon

- Review Tic-Tac-Toe – Ask review questions. If they get the correct answer, allow them to place an X or O on the board. *(Taken from Ministry-to-Children.com)*
  - Why was God punishing the Israelites?
  - What type of people did the king want Ashphenaz to look for?
  - What was Daniel’s name changed to?
  - What was Hananiah’s name changed to?
  - What was Mishael’s name changed to?
  - What was Azariah’s name changed to?
  - Why didn’t Daniel want to eat the King’s food?
  - What did Daniel ask for to eat for ten days?
  - Who found that Daniel and his friends were times better than the other young men?



### Day 2 – Daniel is Promoted

- Play Daniel Says: Daniel is promoted to be in charge of the other satraps. Play Daniel Says!
- Table Talk: God gives us dreams! At dinner (or whenever you eat together as a family) discuss how God gives us dreams. Ask questions about what they dream about doing when they become adults. Share what you dreamt about doing when you were a kid. Discuss how you have seen the Lord work to orchestrate His plan for your life. Discuss how He gave you wisdom to follow your dreams and follow His call in your life.

## Day 3 – Daniel and the Lions’ Den

- VIDEO: Bugtime Adventures: It’s the Pits - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/745?episode=1>



- Give the children a paper lunch bag to create a puppet from today's story. The children might choose to make a puppet of Daniel, or a lion, or an angel. Use puppets to tell the story together.



- Pray: How can we be used by God?
  - Create a prayer environment (lights down with music, outside in nature, praying in color, together as a family, individually... whatever works for your family).
  - Encourage children to pray through these questions:
    - What gifts have You given me?
    - How can You use them to be glorified in the eyes of everyone around me?
    - How do You want to use me?
    - Help me to be ready to obey when You call me to glorify you.

## Additional Resources & Worship

### Worship:

- Worship Folder - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/EmHg-MZPu2hBo9\\_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNemOW4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EmHg-MZPu2hBo9_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNemOW4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP)
- Servant of All (Mark 9:35) - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/EeNhMK7g9URFpR35m3YHBt0BGuxwF30MT1llgOlodmF9Zw?e=mIA7kR](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EeNhMK7g9URFpR35m3YHBt0BGuxwF30MT1llgOlodmF9Zw?e=mIA7kR)
- Ready to Serve ( Deuteronomy 13:4) - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/ERwOQjU4a25DrRTblzLMql8BxlUK\\_5jBce2oaXZEirKn6w?e=qV495D](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/ERwOQjU4a25DrRTblzLMql8BxlUK_5jBce2oaXZEirKn6w?e=qV495D)

### Videos:

LYRICS (Joseph Song) – Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOR0VaRYOTI>

God's Story: Daniel: Summarize the

Video in under 5 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GY0pARvYcyw>



### Memory Verse:

Daniel 6:26b

For he is the living God

and he endures forever;

his kingdom will not be destroyed,

his dominion will never end.