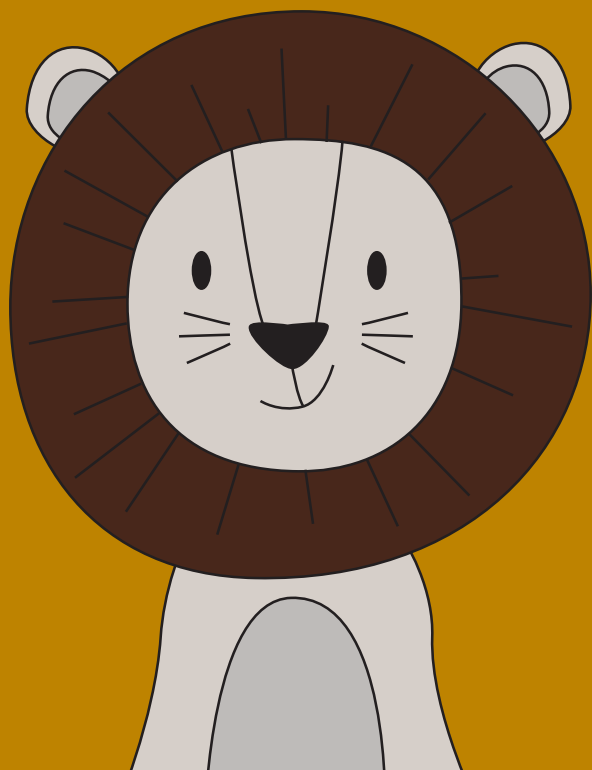


DANIEL

FOLLOWING GOD IN A GODLESS WORLD

A 30-DAY FAMILY DEVOTIONAL STUDY
OF DANIEL 1-6



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

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WEEK ONE

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

Daniel and his friends were taken from their home to a new land where the people didn't believe in or follow God. They were surrounded by people encouraging them to live their lives in a way that was very different from how God had taught them to.



Read: Daniel 1 v 1 - 21, and let's discover what they did!



Family Chat:

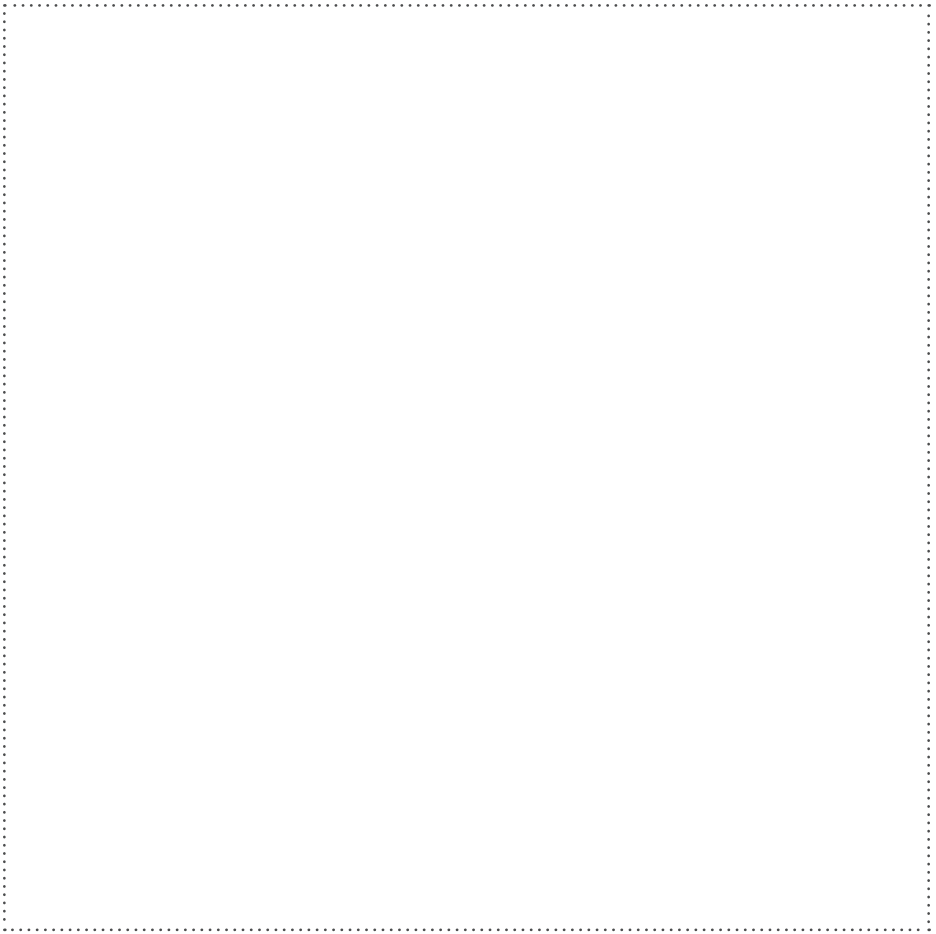
- What did the king want Daniel and his friends to do?
- What did God want them to do?
- Do you think it was easy for them to say no to the king?
- What are some things that people tell us to do that are not what God wants us to do?
- How can we know what God wants us to do?
- Do you think it is easy for us to always do what God wants us to do?
- How can we follow God even when others don't?
- What happened when Daniel and his friends only ate the healthy food like God wanted them to?

God is always in control. God gives us instructions to help us bring out the good in ourselves and others. He wants what is best for us, and he warns us against things that can harm us.

Let's pray and ask God to help us be brave like Daniel and his friends and trust God when He gives us instructions to follow. Thank God for loving us and wanting good for us.

DAY 2:

Read the story again and draw your favourite part. Tell someone why this part of the story is your favourite.



Pray and thank God for always being with us and the peace we can have from knowing He is in control.

DAY 3:

Think of all the things God has power over...the sea, the animals...how many can you write down or draw in the box?




Wow! That's a lot! God is so great, and we can always have hope, because God is in control!

Pray and thank God that no matter what, we can have joy because He is in control and loves us.

DAY 4:

God told Daniel and his friends to eat healthy food because He knew it would make them healthier. God also tells us to honour and respect our parents, He knows that if we honour our parents we will have a better relationship with them.

Today think about some of the things that God tells us to do or not to do because He loves us. Make a list below:

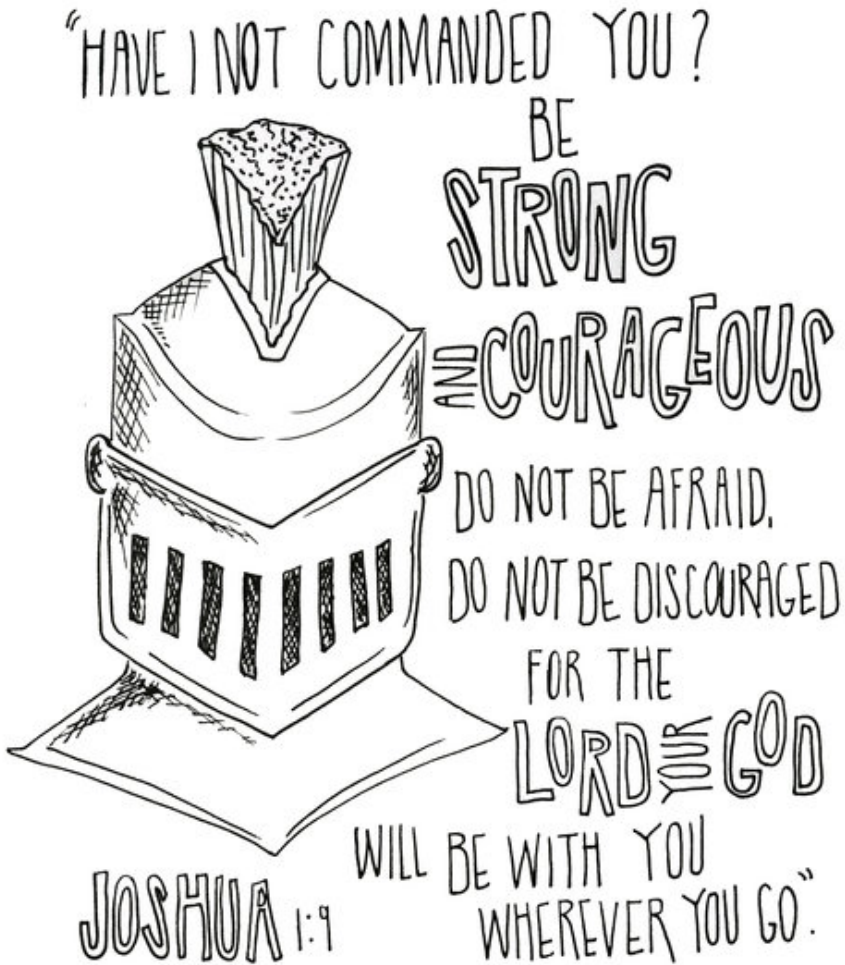


Pray and ask God to help you follow Him and trust Him.

DAY 5:

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in a different land and surrounded by people who didn't follow God's ways. They were brave because they knew God was with them. God is with you too!

Colour in the verse below and memorise it, so when you are scared or feel alone you can remember God is always with you!



WEEK TWO

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

God had blessed Daniel and his friends in the new land with wisdom and the Kings favour. King Nebuchadnezzar though, had started having dreams that he could not understand. He asked all of his wise men for help but none could give him any answers.



Read: Daniel 2 v 1 - 49, and let's look at how God helped Daniel help the king.



Family Chat:

- Why was King Nebuchadnezzar troubled and upset?
- Who did the King ask for help from? Could they help him?
- What did Daniel do when he heard the king's problem?
- How did God help Daniel?
- Who did Daniel give the glory to when the King's dream mystery was solved?
- When we have a problem we can't solve who do we ask for help?

Daniel and his friends asked God for help solving the mystery of the king's dreams. When we don't know the answers or feel confused we can talk to God and ask for help too.

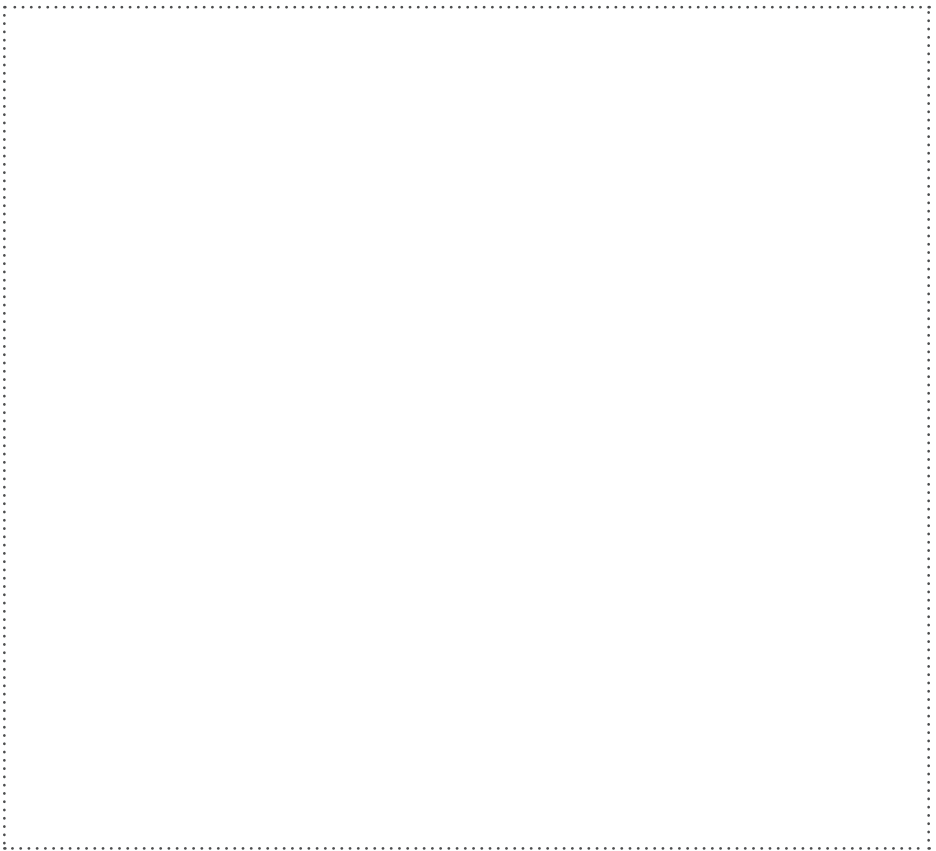
Spend time praying together, thanking God for always listening when we pray to Him, asking God for wisdom to understand and for patience to listen when He speaks to us.

DAY 2:

God showed Daniel the meaning of the Kings dream and when the King thanked Daniel, Daniel gave God the glory. He told the king he was given the answer not for himself but to help the king.

Read Daniel 2 v 26 - 30.

We each have gifts and talents that we can use to help others. Draw or write down some of the ways you can help others with what God has given you:



Pray and thank God for giving us ways to help each other. Ask God to help you help others so they God can be glorified.

DAY 3:

When we want to find out the answer to a question we look in different places.

See if you can find someone to help you answer these questions:

1) How old was Daniel when he was taken to Babylon?

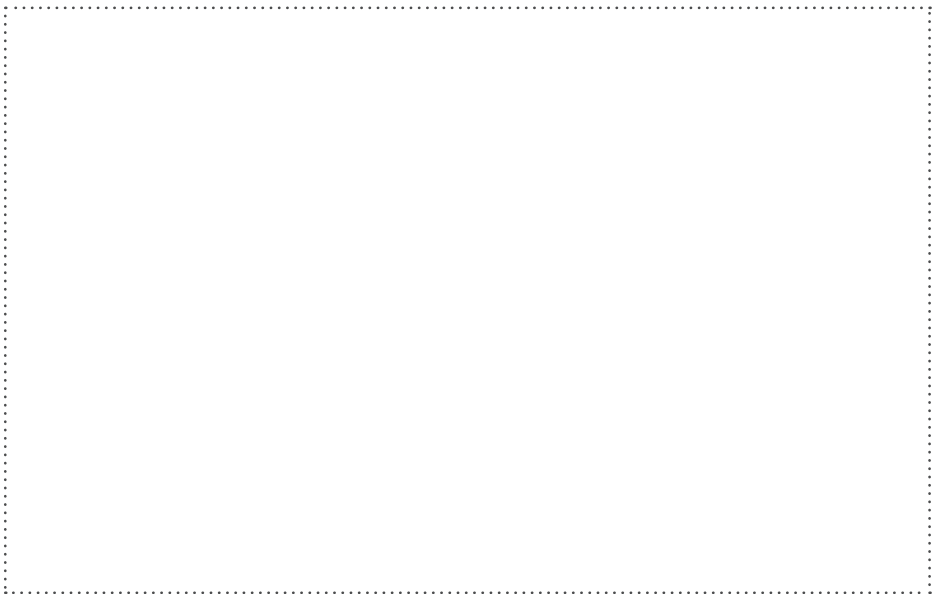
2) Daniel and his friends were given new names, can you find out what they were?

There is so much to know , we can't possibly know everything. Only God knows everything! So what do we do when someone asks us a hard question and we don't know the answer...we can follow Daniels example and pray to God.

DAY 4:

God is so good and generous. James 1 v 5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you".

Write a letter asking God for wisdom



DAY 5:

Daniel and his friends lived their lives by following God and giving Him the glory for all the wonderful things God did in their lives. We can also live our lives following God and share with others how wonderful God is.



**LET YOUR LIGHT
SO SHINE BEFORE
MEN, THAT THEY
MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS,
AND GLORIFY
YOUR FATHER
WHICH IS IN
HEAVEN.**

MATTHEW 5:16

When we live our lives for God we shine a light for others to see and know of God and His love for them.

Pray and ask God to help you shine a light so other people can know God's love for them.

WEEK THREE

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

King Nebuchadnezzar has decided to make a new rule that every person in his kingdom has to follow. Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego know it is wrong and is not what God has taught us but if they don't obey they could die.



Read: Daniel 3 v 1 - 30, and let's see what happens!



Family Chat:

- What was the rule that King Nebuchadnezzar made?
- What was the punishment if someone did not follow that rule?
- What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego do when they were told to follow this rule?
- How did God rescue Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
- What did King Nebuchadnezzar do after God rescued Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
- When we are tempted to not follow God's way, what can we do?

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego kept God first and did not bow down to the statue. When we are tempted, we can ask God to help us and we can also remember His promises that we find in the bible.

Spend time praying together, asking God that He will help you be strong when you are faced with a temptation, asking God help you to remember the promises that we find in his word.

DAY 2:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego kept God first, but were thrown into the fire to be burned. Yet, God rescued them from the fire because they showed faith in God. They were brave because they believed in God, trusted in Him and did not give in. God is with you too!



Pray and ask God to help you be brave when it's not easy to follow Him.

DAY 3:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were brave and had courage when they said no to the king. They obeyed God and trusted what He had asked them to do. We can be brave too. Colour in the verse below and memorise it to help you remember that God is with us and we can be brave and trust Him.



DAY 4:

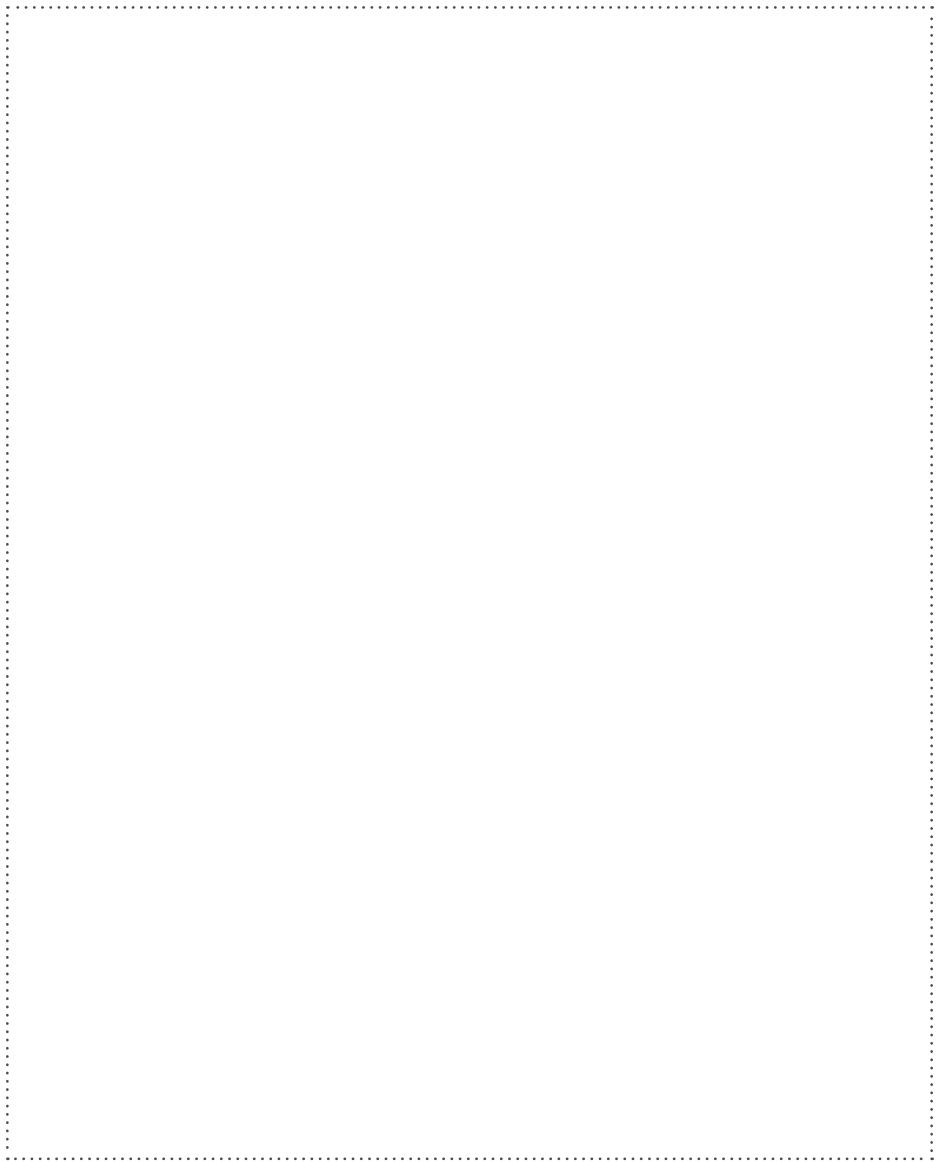
Think about what you spend your money on, or think about the most or spend the most time doing. Write them all down below.

A large rectangular area enclosed by a dotted line, intended for writing down the things mentioned in the Day 4 instruction.

If we are not careful, we could be tempted to put some of these things first instead of God. He deserves to be first in our lives. Pray and ask God to help you keep Him first even when we are tempted to put other things first.

DAY 5:

Read the story again and write down your favourite part. Tell someone why this part of the story is your favourite.



Pray and thank God for giving us the strength to fight temptation and that He is with us always.

WEEK FOUR

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

King Nebuchadnezzar thought he was very powerful and that made him very proud. In chapter 4 he had another dream and just like before he could not understand what it meant. He asked all of his wise men for help but none could give him any answers. He goes back to Daniel to help him.



Read: Daniel 4 v 4 - 36, and let's look at how God helped Daniel help the king again.



Family Chat:

- Why was King Nebuchadnezzar troubled and upset?
- How did King Nebuchadnezzar's dream make Daniel feel?
- Did what Daniel say to King Nebuchadnezzar come true?
- What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar at the end of this story?
- What are some things that can make people proud?
- How can we stay humble ?

Daniel was a good example for God to King Nebuchadnezzar who was proud and thought he was so powerful. In the end the king learns from his pride, is humbled and gives glory to God. There are many people in the world who do not know or follow God. We can be like Daniel by being a good example and by encouraging others to follow God by how we act around them.

Spend time praying together, thanking God for what He has done, and ask Him to give you the courage to be a light to other people.

DAY 2:

God wants us to be humble as we shine our lights to other people. God says that He gives grace to the humble and is against the proud. Today think about some of the most humble people you know who follow after God.

Write their names below:

Ask God to help you be humble and always give Him the glory.

DAY 3:

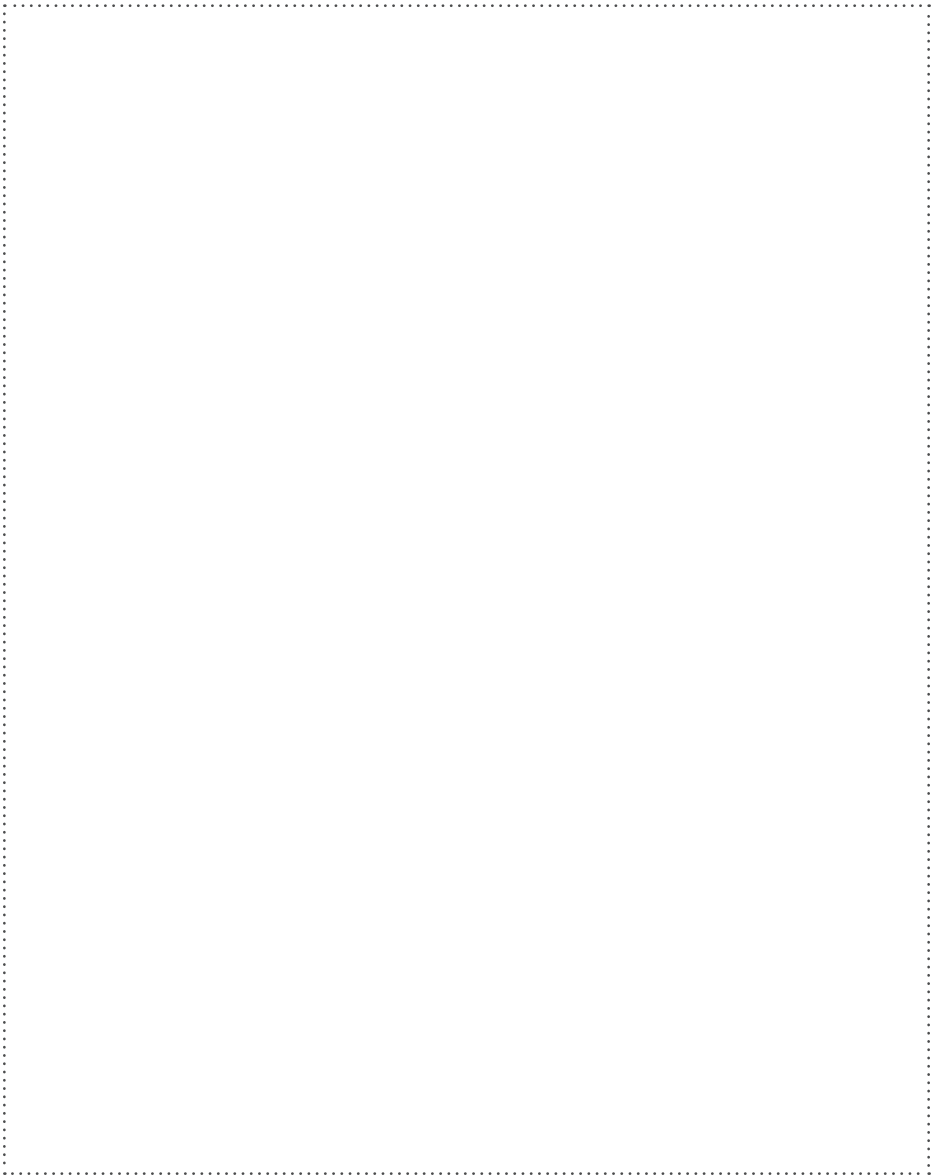
We can trust God no matter what. We should give him the glory all the time and do it humbly. How many of the words in our list can you find ?

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DAY 4:

Read the story again and draw your favourite part. Tell someone why this part of the story is your favourite.

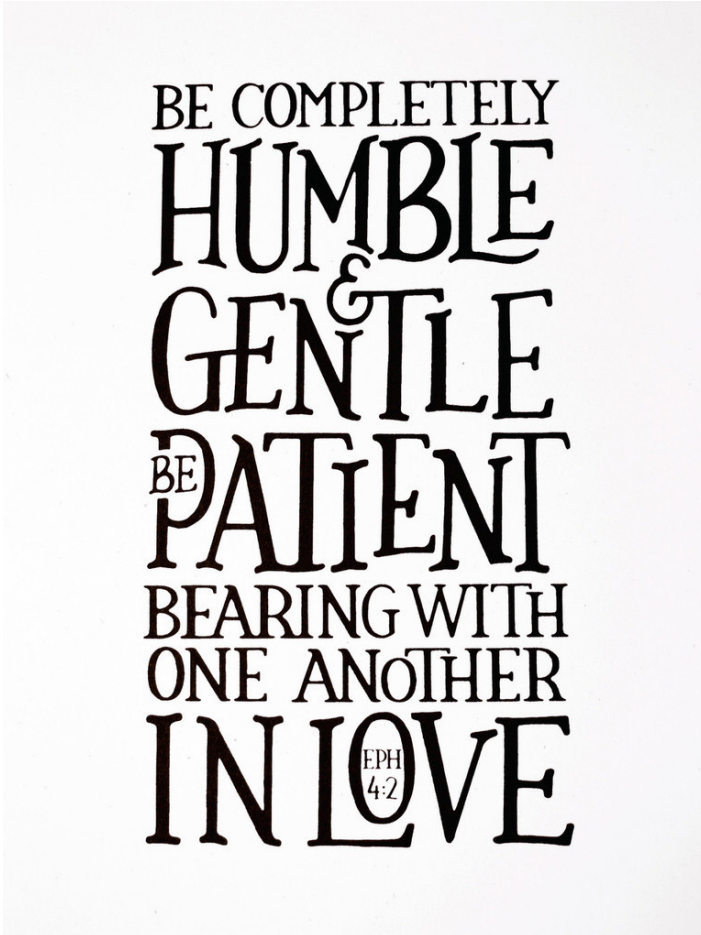


Pray and ask God to help you tells others and show others (shine your light for Him) that you love Him.

DAY 5:

Daniel was a great example of shining his light to King Nebuchannezzar in a humble way. King Nebuchannezzar's life changed when he was humbled and gave God all the glory.

Today memorize the verse below to help you remember to be humble while shining a light for Jesus.



WEEK FIVE

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

The King who came after Nebuchadnezzar was called Balshazzar. He did not learn about humility after seeing what happened to Neduchadnezzar. Instead, he was proud and did not listen to God. One day while he was having a party with his friends, something crazy happened and only Daniel was able to explain what it meant!



Read: Daniel 5 v 1 - 31, and let's look at how God used Daniel to speak to King Belthazzar.



Family Chat:

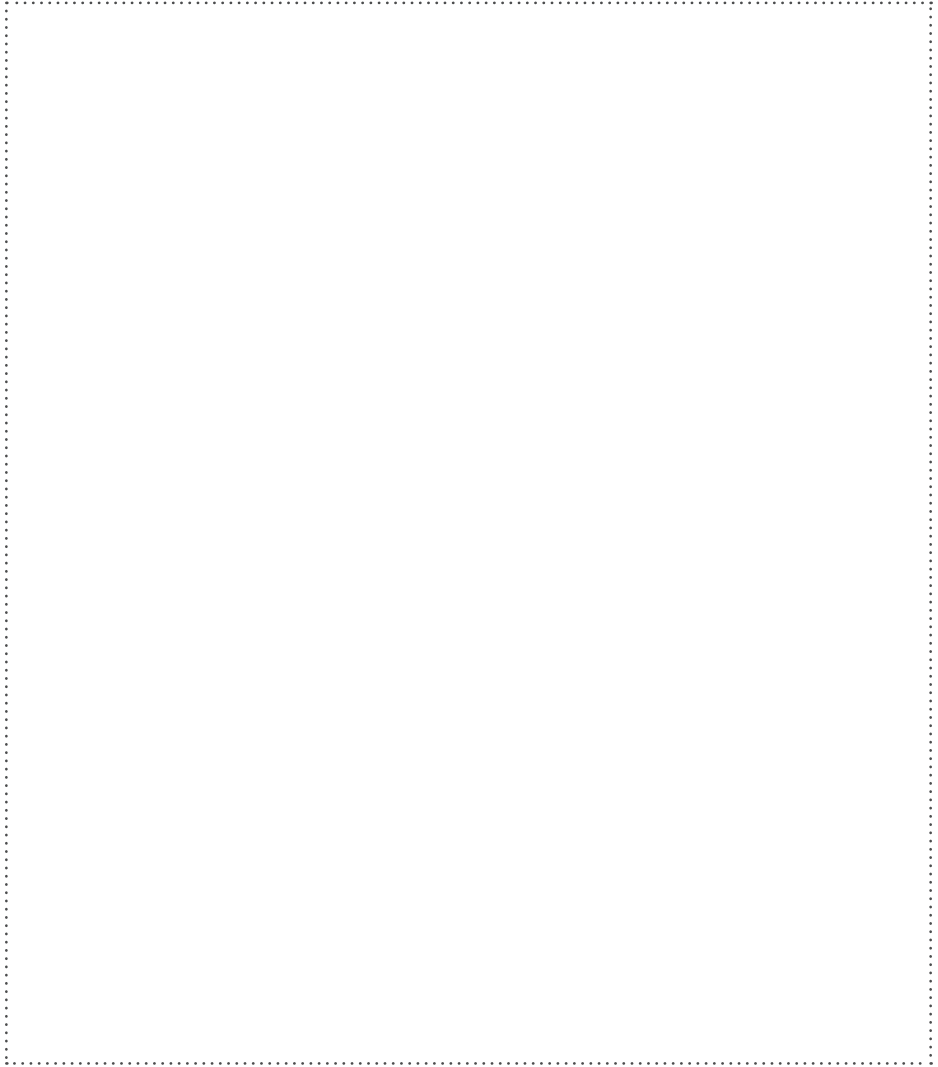
- What happened at King Balthazzar's party that made him so upset?
- Who was able to understand the writing on the wall? What did it mean?
- Did what Daniel say to King Balthazzar come true?
- Did King Balthazzar learn from King Nebuchadnezzar's mistakes? Or did he make the same mistakes?
- Is it easy to listen to someone when they tell you that you are doing something wrong?
- How can we be humble when we do something wrong and realize that we have to change?

God uses Daniel to speak to the new King Balthazzar. He was as proud as the old King and he did not care what God said. Because of this God humbled him and took away the Kingdom from him too. People like Daniel can encourage us and teach us how to follow God.

Spend time praying together, thanking God for the people that he has put in your life that help you to follow him better. Praise God for Jesus, who gives us the perfect example of how to follow God.

DAY 2:

Read the story again and draw the banquet and the writing on the wall. What you would do if you saw or heard a message from God? Have you ever heard from God?



Pray to God, praising him for the Bible, which is his message to us. Thank him that the message he gives us is one of forgiveness and grace, because of Jesus and his sacrifice for us.

DAY 3:

God brings people into our life that we can look up to and follow. They show us what it means to listen to God and do what he says.

Today think about some of the people in your life who are an example to you.

Make a list below:

Thank God for the people in your life that are a good example of what it means to follow Him.

DAY 4:

Sometimes we do things wrong and people in our lives correct us. How do we respond to these people?

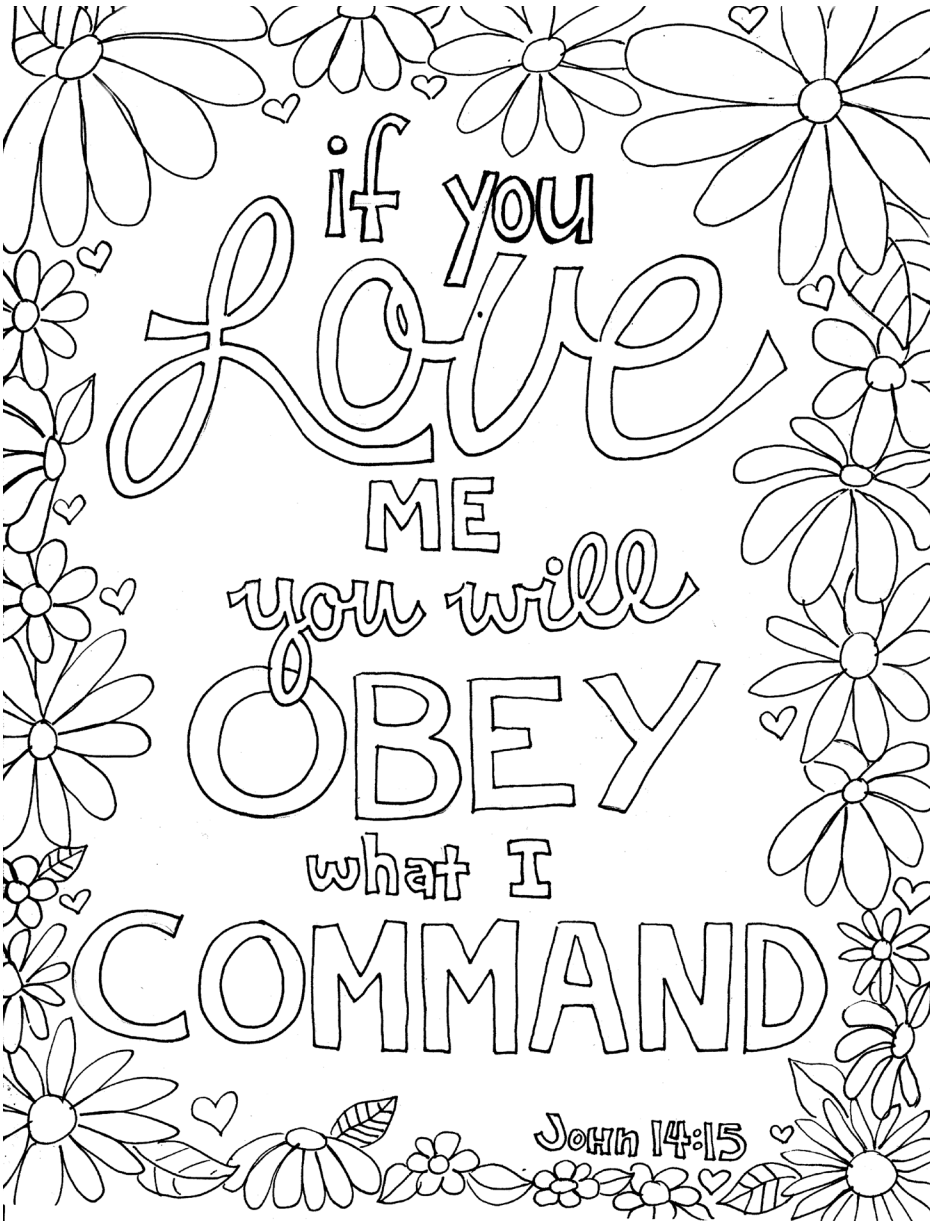
We can feel upset that someone has seen what we have done wrong. But God tells us that it is good to be humble when someone confronts us and listen to what they have to say. There might be something in your life that needs to change and following God can also mean listening to others when they confront us.

Who are the people in your life who correct you?

Thank God for the people in your life who help you to grow and change. Ask God to give you a humble heart when people you trust confront you.

DAY 5:

Obedience is listening to God and doing what he says. Colour in this verse as a reminder to always follow God's way:



John 14:15

WEEK SIX

DAY 1: FAMILY DEVOTION

Daniel obeys God and prays to Him throughout his time in Babylon. Some of the King's advisors did not like Daniel and so they tricked the King into punishing Daniel for following God. His punishment was being thrown in the Lion's Den and let's see what happens to Daniel.



Read: Daniel 6 v 1 - 28



Family Chat:

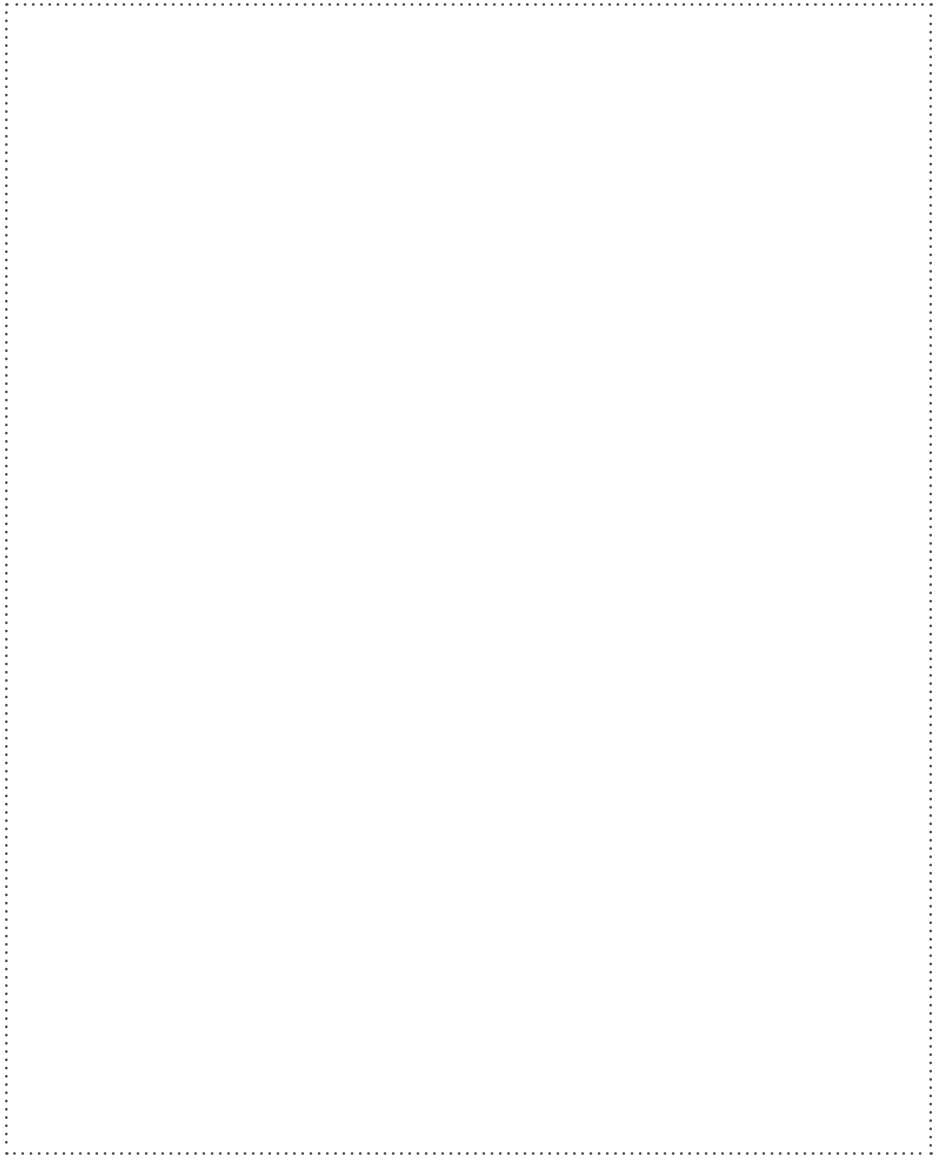
- What was Daniel punished for doing?
- What was his punishment?
- How was Daniel kept safe?
- What does the King decide to do when he hears that God protected Daniel?
- What do we learn from the story of Daniel and the lion's den?
- When times are tough, how can we be like Daniel?

God loves us and looks after us. He can be trusted to be with us, even when we are going through difficult times. When you are going through troubles you can go to God and ask him to help you. The Bible says God will never leave or forsake you.

Let's pray and ask God to help us be brave like Daniel when we follow him. Thank God that when we are going through difficult times we can trust that he will be there for us.

DAY 2:

Read the story again and draw your favourite part. Tell someone why this part of the story is your favourite.



Pray and thank God for always being with us and never leaving us alone. Praise him for being our rescuer!

DAY 3:

Think of some difficult times you have been through. How did God help you through these difficult times? Write down one example of God coming through for you and helping you when times were tough:

Pray and thank God that no matter what we are going through, He is with us and he gets us through it.

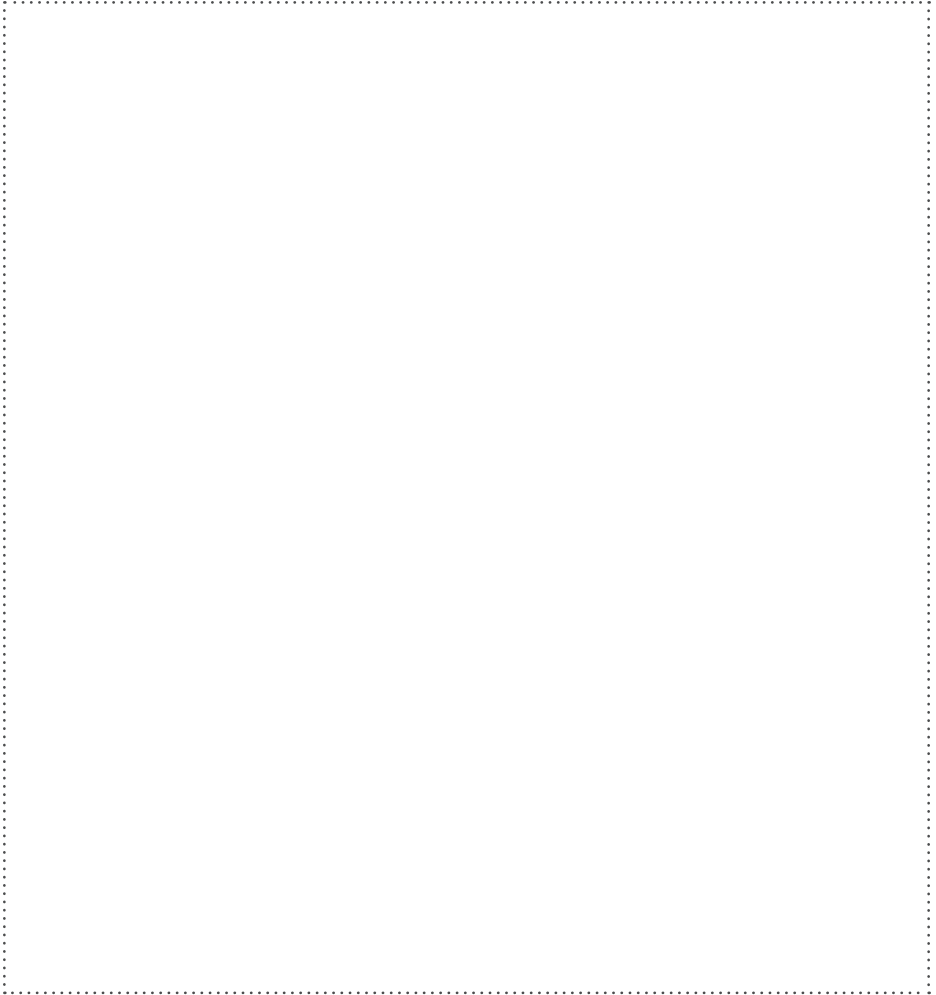
DAY 4:

God protected Daniel and kept him safe in the Lion's Den. because of this, the King was amazed and believed in God. He encouraged all the Babylonions to follow Daniel's God and trust in him. What a great end to the story! You can also tell others of how God is with you and helps you. This is called your testimony and it can encourage other people to find out more about who God is. Who could you speak to about God and all the wonderful things he had done for you?

Pray and ask God to help you follow Him and trust Him. Pray and ask God to help you tell others about him.

DAY 5:

When Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, the King said to Daniel "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" [Daniel 6:16]. Make your own illustration of this verse as a reminder to serve God all the time and trust him to be your rescuer.



Pray to God using Daniel 6:26-27 as your guide. Thank you God that you are the living God and you endure forever. Your kingdom will not be destroyed and your dominion will never end. You rescue and save! You rescued Daniel from the power of the Lions! And you rescue me! Amen

