



Daniel Interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – God is Our Source of Wisdom

Daniel 2

God Statement: God is With Us

KEY VERSE: "You will pass through deep waters. But I will be with you. You will pass through the rivers. But their waters will not sweep over you."
(Isaiah 43:2, NIRV)

CHECK-IN

Classroom Teacher

(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)

As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(15 minutes)

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS: God is Our Source of Wisdom

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how God is our source of wisdom!

SAY: What does it mean have wisdom? **Let kids respond.** Wisdom means knowledge! It means to know things! Have you ever had to ask someone for advice? Maybe they had more wisdom about something? **Let a few kids respond.**

Sometimes we might not know what to do and we might need help or wisdom! Do you know who IS wisdom? Who can give us wisdom? **Let kids respond – Jesus/God!** God is our source of wisdom! He can help us through things in our lives, help us make decisions, and do good things. He gives us something special to help us learn more and to gain wisdom. Do you know what that is? What does He give us? **Let a few kids respond.** The Bible, the Big God Story, His Word! He gives us the Bible to learn and gain wisdom. I am so excited to learn more about this today, but first let's make a special craft.

MAKE: Wisdom-Pray Bookmark

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

Supplies: one bookmark per child, markers/crayons

Directions: Pass out one bookmark per child. Have them color their bookmarks using crayons and markers.

SAY: Today we get to learn about how God gives wisdom! We can learn from His wisdom when we read the Bible and pray to Him. Let's make a special bookmark to keep in our Bibles that will remind us of the gift of wisdom He provides when we read His word.



LARGE GROUP

(25 minutes)

Each week, Large Group will consist of an introduction, worship, the Bible lesson, worship response, and the blessing.

WELCOME & EXPECTATIONS

Host

Depending on your age group, either find a designated space in your classroom or join the other classes for Large Group in the specified location.

As children enter into Large Group time, welcome and greet the children, telling them you're excited to have them joining this evening/morning.

Expectations Slide

Once everyone has found their seat, the host will use the Large Group expectations slide to go over the rules. Encourage various children to take turns reading the rules.

**** After Expectations, transition the power point to the "Worship" slide.****

KEY VERSE

Host

Before you start worship, introduce/review the key Bible verse for the quarter. This is a great opportunity for you to talk about the importance of God's Word and encourage the kids to work on memorizing the verse each week.

****Use the Key Verse Motions Video on Plex (or sent in weekly email) to learn the motions prior to Large Group.****

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**** After the Introduction, transition the power point to the Worship songs and invite the Worship Leader up front to lead the kids in worship.****

OPENING WORSHIP

Worship Leader

While the video is playing the opening worship songs, encourage the kids to sing and dance along. Don't forget to set the example by participating alongside them!

Kids may participate in the worship however they feel led. Encourage kids to find a way that helps them worship best but remind them that it's not time to goof off or talk to friends. If you have someone leading the worship up front, you can even invite a few kids to help.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:

- God is With Us
- Clap Your Hands
- Closing: The Commission

**** After Worship, transition the power point into the Bible Story video where the kids will hear about the lesson for the day.****

BIBLE STORY

Lesson Video

Remind the group before starting the video to follow the expectations for Large Group.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: *Daniel Interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – God is Our Source of Wisdom*

Encourage kids to listen and engage with the lesson as they watch the teaching video.

****After the video finishes, turn on soft worship music (with or without lyrics) to transition into Worship Response. This should be background music to help set the tone for a quiet reflection time with God.****

WORSHIP RESPONSE

Host

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through the time.

DO: Small cardstock—Bible image

Supplies: Bible image printed on cardstock

SAY: Have you heard about wisdom? What is wisdom? Where does it come from? Can you have wisdom yourself? God grants wisdom through His Word, through prayer, and through the Holy Spirit (Jesus).

Do you remember from our story that King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that was bothering him? He did not know what this dream meant. He orders all the wise men to tell him what this dream means. No one could tell him what his dream meant. He was so angry and wanted to hurt all the wise men because they didn't know the answer. Daniel reaches out to God and God tells Daniel what the dream means. Daniel tells the king. Daniel did not take any credit for figuring out the dream because he knew that his wisdom came from Jesus.

Directions: Ask the kids to go to the wire board and select a Bible card. Have them come back together to think about what that card means. Talk to the kids about how Jesus is where all our wisdom comes from. The Bible is truth from Jesus.

SAY: The Bible is truth from Jesus. We can gain all the wisdom we will ever need from God's Holy Word.

Close time in prayer.

****After Worship Response, transition the power point to the Offering slides.****

OFFERING

Host

Before closing large group, take a moment to explain that every week, we provide an opportunity for our Woodmen Kids to participate in tithing. We believe God is our provider, and it is our privilege to give back to God what He has so graciously given us. Then, remind kids that if anyone brought an offering, now is the time to come forward to donate.

Ask a child to come up and pray for the offering.

****After Offering, transition the power point to the "Announcement" slide. The host will discuss any current announcements.****

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL MISSIONS FOCUS – Senior Center

Host

Take this opportunity to cover any announcements and special missions focus for the kids, such as upcoming events or reminders, like bringing food donations for Feeding Families. Use the slides provided in the Power Point to display important announcements.

SAY: Do you think it's important to pray for others only sometimes or all the time? **Let kids respond.**

SAY: Although today is the last day of our mission focus, the Senior Center, you can still pray for the seniors in your life and in the community. Any time you think of a senior you know or anytime you see a senior in your neighborhood, at church, or at the grocery store, take a moment to pray for them and show God's love to them.

Invite a kid to come up and pray for the seniors of the Senior Center and within the community.

****After Announcements, transition the power point to the "Blessing" slide. The host will lead the class in receiving the blessing for the day.****

BLESSING

Host

Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.

SAY: *May the Lord bless you with wisdom. May you use the wisdom from Jesus to live your life for Him.*

SMALL GROUP

Classroom Teachers

(10 minutes)

Younger Kids 4-K:

The Small Group discussion is a chance for the kids to discuss what they've just learned and to challenge them to think deeper. If children need a quick break before doing questions, have them do some jumping jacks or exercises before doing small group questions to help them refocus.

- 1. What did you learn about God from our story today?** (God is Our Source of Wisdom.)
- 2. Read/ Recap today's story: Daniel 2:45b-49**
 - **Was King Nebuchadnezzar's dream true?** (Yes.)
 - **What did the king say to Daniel after he interpreted his dream (v.47)?** ("I'm sure your God is the greatest God of all. He is the Lord of kings. He explains mysteries. That's why you were able to explain the mystery of my dream.")
 - **After Daniel interpreted the king's dream what did Daniel get promoted to do?** (He was put in a position of authority to govern all of Babylon.)
- 3. Daniel was a man who honored, believed in, and obeyed God. Because of this God gave Daniel knowledge (wisdom) and understanding. How can we live a life full of knowledge and understanding? What does it look like living this out?** Spend a couple of minutes discussing as a group. Be vulnerable with your students and share how God is working in your life.

Close small group in prayer. *Take a few minutes to share prayer requests as a group. This is a great time to write requests down on the prayer tags for leaders to take home!*

Older Kids 1-4:

Encourage the kids to utilize their personal Bibles or the classroom Bibles to read the Scripture as a group.

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 - **After Daniel interpreted the king's dream what did Daniel get promoted to do?** (He was put in a position of authority to govern all of Babylon.)
3. **Re-read verse 47, "I'm sure your God is the greatest God of all. He is the Lord of kings. He explains mysteries. That's why you were able to explain the mystery of my dream." What do you think it means that God explains mysteries?** Spend a couple of minutes discussing as a group. Leaders give more clarity and context on what this might look like.
4. **Daniel was a man who honored, believed in, and obeyed God. Because of this God gave Daniel knowledge (wisdom) and understanding. How can we live a life full of knowledge and understanding? What does it look like living this out?** Spend a couple of minutes discussing as a group. Be vulnerable with your students and share how God is working in your life.

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RESPOND ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(10 minutes)

DISCUSS:

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity.

PLAY: Wise and Unwise Game

Supplies: 2 face cutouts (one smile, one frown)

Directions: Place the smile face on one side of the room and the frown face on the other side of the room. Have children stand in the middle of the room to start. When you read off one of the examples say “wise or unwise”. If it’s a wise choice, have the children go to the smile face. If it’s an unwise choice, have them go to the frown. Use these examples or create your own:

- When you were at a friend’s house, the friend started playing a video game that your mom would not have approved of. Since you knew it was wrong, you left the room right away and did not participate in the video game.
Wise or not wise? (Wise)
- You were not prepared for a test, so you asked a friend if you could cheat off their test.
Wise or not wise? (Not wise)
- You had a lot of friends. Some of them didn’t always do what was right. So, you decided to hang out more with the friends that helped you follow God.
Wise or not wise? (Wise)
- You knew you were wrong when you took your friend’s toy, so you returned it and asked for forgiveness. You never stole anything again after that!
Wise or not wise? (Wise)
- You were angry that your friend was bragging about beating you again in soccer. You talked to your friend and told them that it hurt your feelings. Your friend didn’t realize this and said she was sorry.
Wise or not wise? (Wise)
- Your brother won’t let you play with him so you yell at him and run off.
Wise or not wise? (Not wise)
- Your grandma told you to clean up your room, so you played video games instead.
Wise or not wise? (Not wise)

- You saw a new student at school and they didn't have anyone to play with. You invited them to play with you.
Wise or unwise? ([wise](#))

SAY: God is wisdom! He can help us to be wise and to make good choices too. Sometimes we might make a mistake or a bad choice. God wants to help us do better. We can go to Him always and can ask for forgiveness. Today, we are going to play a game to see how wise we are! If I say something that is a wise choice, go to the smile face! If I say something that is unwise, go to the frown.

CHECK-OUT

Classroom Teacher

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in the Respond Activities or the classroom games and toys.