



Daniel Trained in Babylon – God is Faithful

Daniel 1

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 Faithful

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how God is faithful!

SAY: What does it mean to be faithful? **Let kids respond.** Faithful means to be loyal and true! Have you ever been loyal to a friend or sibling before? What does that mean to you? Share with the person next to you! **Quickly give kids 10 seconds to share with their neighbor.** When we are faithful, it means we are honest, loyal, and true. This can be hard to do sometimes!

SAY: Do you know who is always faithful? **Let kids respond – Jesus/God!** Yes! God is always faithful. No matter what. He is always true and always loyal. We can always trust God and He will be there for us. We can follow Him and trust Him, even when we might not know what is going to happen in our lives. We will get to learn more about this in our story today. First, let's make a special craft!

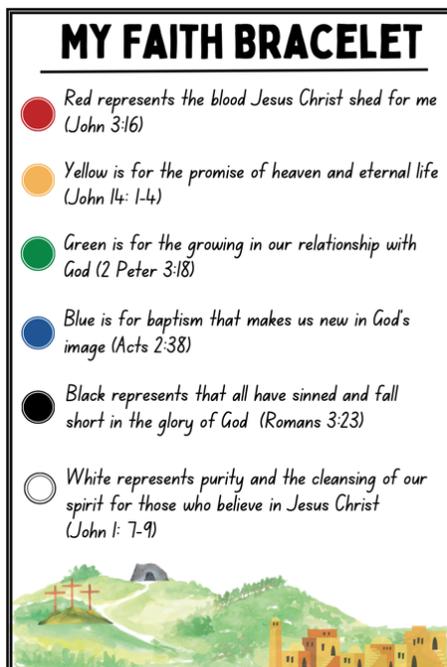
MAKE: Faith bracelet kit!

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

Supplies: one bracelet kit per child

Directions: Pass out one bracelet kit per child. Allow them to add the colors to their bracelets. As they create their bracelet talk about the meaning of each color:

SAY: Today we get to learn about how God is faithful! Let's create a special bracelet to learn more about trusting God and what it means to follow Him!



LARGE GROUP

(25 minutes)

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

WORSHIP & LARGE GROUP RULES

Worship Leader & Host

WORSHIP

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!

Feel free to modify your worship time for what works best for your age group. You can find different ways to encourage the kids to participate by giving them instruments or showing them simple hand motions. You can also limit how many songs you choose to play, if it seems like the kids are not able to stay focused the entire time.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:

- Clap Your Hands
- God is With Me

LARGE GROUP RULES

Once everyone has found their seat, play Large Group Rules video in the PowerPoint provided. If needed, reinforce the rules after the video plays.

**** After Worship & Large Group Rules, transition the PowerPoint to the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder slides. ****

MAIL TIME & WARDROBE OF WONDER

Host

MAIL TIME!

Find the Mail Time envelope in your curriculum supplies.

Pick one child to hide the envelope and another child to find it. Give the first child about 30 seconds to hide the envelope while the other child closes his/her eyes. After the envelope is hidden, the second child can search for the envelope while the class says "hot" or "cold" to give them clues if they're getting closer or further away.

Have the two kids stand in front of the class and hold the verse page (inside the envelope) so everyone can see it.

****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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WARDROBE OF WONDER

The Wardrobe of Wonder is an opportunity to get the younger kids engaged in the lesson by playing a guessing game to determine what the “What’s It” is inside the wardrobe each week.

Choose one child to “spy” on the What’s It by peeking inside the wardrobe. Remind the other children to look away and to not peek. Have the peeker whisper the identity of the What’s It in the host’s ear to ensure he/she saw it correctly.

What’s It: Vegetables

Now, invite the class to raise their hand and guess the identity of the What’s It by asking yes-or-no questions about it. Allow the child who peeked to help answer the questions. Accept around three questions and then three guesses. You can allow the kids to whisper their guess to their neighbor to allow for more sharing before you reveal the item. Retrieve the What’s It from the wardrobe and allow the class to look at it/pass it around. Thank the volunteer and allow them to sit back down.

SAY: What do you guys see? It’s vegetables! I love vegetables! They are really good for you and help us keep healthy and strong. Do you know who else in the Bible liked veggies? **Let kids respond.** That’s right, Daniel! Daniel ate lots of veggies. He did this to keep healthy but also to honor God. When Daniel was brought to the palace, they were eating all kinds of foods. But Daniel knew that he was supposed to eat veggies. I know this all sounds confusing, but I promise today’s big God story will help us understand. So, let’s dive in to learn more about Daniel!

***** After the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder, Younger Kids classes transition to 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 Trained in Babylon – God is Faithful

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: God Is Faithful Cards

Supplies: Cards, chalk, dry erase markers

SAY: Have you ever seen a display of flowers in a flower shop or in a garden? What is the first thing you noticed about the flowers? Was it the colors of the flowers? Was it the different types of flowers? Or was it the beauty of the flowers? I know for me, the first thing I notice about flowers is their beauty. Flowers display one of the amazing beauties of God's creation.

Daniel displayed to others the beauty of following Jesus. If you remember, Daniel and his friends were sent to a foreign land to be brought into the king's court. During that time Daniel and his friends were faithful to God and God was loving and totally faithful to them. God blessed them with vibrant health, strength, and wisdom as they served in Nebuchadnezzar's court. They were an example of God's unfailing love to all who were watching them.

Directions: Ask the children to go to the whiteboard or chalkboard to draw a display to represent the beauty of following Jesus. What would that look like? Ask the children to think about it before they proceed to the boards.

SAY: What does your display to the world look like? Can people see Jesus in you? Did people in Daniel's day see that Daniel loved God?

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: If there was one thing you could do to show the seniors in your life that they are loved and appreciated, what would it be? **Choose a few kids to respond.** Wow! Those are great answers!

SAY: This week, think of a senior that you can show your act of kindness to. Ask an adult to help you make it happen! And continue to pray for the Senior Center. If you want to learn more about the Senior Center, talk with your ACTS Campus Coordinator, they may have some really cool stories to tell you about how the work they are doing at the Senior Center has impacted many of the individuals there.

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 way we live display to our family, friends, and others the beauty of following Jesus. May we live so that everyone knows we love our Savior.*

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 Faithful.)
2. **Read/ Recap today's story: Daniel 1:11-17**
 - **What were Daniel's 3 friends names?** (Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.)
 - **What was the only category of food that Daniel asked for him and his 3 friends to eat?** (Vegetables.)
 - **What 2 things did God give Daniel and his 3 friends after only eating vegetables (V.17)?** (Knowledge and understanding.)
3. **Daniel was a man filled with faith. He always trusted God and had faith that He would provide a way. Sometimes living a life of faith is hard to do but we are called to have faith.**
 - **How can we live a life filled with faith?**
 - **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!*

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: New Testament Books of the Bible Card Race

Supplies: 2 bags of New Testament books of the Bible cards and mat

Directions: Split the class into two teams. Have an LIT or helper sit in each group. Give each helper a bag with New Testament matching cards and a number mat. Have the helper flip over the cards face down and shuffle them around. Allow the children to flip over one card at a time and match them to the corresponding number on the chart. The LIT or helper can then read the cards in order. The first team to finish wins.

SAY: God is faithful! We can always trust Him. One of the ways we can grow closer to God and trust Him even more is through His Word: the Bible! Let's see if we can find all the books of the New Testament and put them in order! Are you ready?

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.