

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: Lesson 1

**SuperTruth:** God reveals things when we ask.

**SuperVerse:** "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Daniel 2:1–47

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

The title of our new Superbook adventure has a very interesting name: "Nebuchadnezzar's Dream." This is the story of a king in the Old Testament named Nebuchadnezzar and a man named Daniel.

- Joy has too many responsibilities and is stressed because she doesn't know how to handle them.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Daniel, who as a young man serves King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. Frightened by a nightmare, the king orders his wise men to tell him his dream and explain its meaning—or be killed. When Daniel asks his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to pray, God reveals the dream. Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar that it foretells the fall of his empire and the destruction of several others before all are replaced by God's enduring kingdom.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

### Game: Disc Bowling (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game to knock over the palace guards.

- Chris thought his intergalactic bowling experience would help him roll the disc. We are going to play a game called Disc Bowling. You will roll a disc like Chris did, with one small difference. You won't roll it past the guards; you will roll it at the guards—to try to knock them over!

### Game Instructions:

- Player rolls a disc toward the bottles. One point is scored for each bottle knocked over. If a player knocks over all six bottles on their turn, they score double (12) points.

### Teaching: Personal Revelations (15 minutes)

**Objective:** God reveals things to all who ask.

- God heard and answered Daniel's call for help. The meaning of the dream wasn't revealed to the prideful and powerful king or his wise men. God revealed it to His humble servant, Daniel.

### Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge for Lesson 1 is to read Jeremiah 29:11 and discuss the meaning with your family if possible. Then, every day, until we meet again, pray and ask God to reveal His plans for you! Use the lines on your scroll to write down any thoughts you sense that God is giving you.

### SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God spoke to Jeremiah in prison! No one can stop God from speaking to us and revealing things which can encourage, help and strengthen us.
- Choose eight children to stand side by side facing the class. Scramble the SuperVerse cards and give one to each child. Have the rest of the class tell you which reader should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a "wave" with their papers. Do this over again until the children are in the proper order.

### Prayer: Revealing Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- God does reveal things when we ask; however, God may not always show us the answer immediately. God can reveal things to us in different ways and at different times.
- In today's prayer time, you will have the opportunity to ask God to show or reveal something to you. Whatever it is that you need God to show you, you can ask Him today. After children have prayed silently, close in prayer.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Basketball Game:** Children pick up the mess to help Daniel. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Study:** Discuss more revelations of God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color the kingdoms of the statue. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

**Bible Study:** Discuss God as the true source of Revelation. | **Grades 4–6** | 10 min

### Game Materials

#### Needed:

- 80 paper plates; OR 8 identical flying discs; OR 12 identical round plastic storage container lids
- Painters tape or masking tape
- 12 plastic water bottles with caps
- 12 ounces of water
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Bible
  - Shoe box or box with a lid, large enough to hold the Bible
  - Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
  - Eraser
  - Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Journal Scroll Pattern
  - Twine, ribbon or yarn, about 12" per child plus extra
  - Scissors
  - Pencils

### SuperVerse Materials

#### Needed:

- SuperVerse Cards: 8 different cards
- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eight sheets of cardstock or paper
- Eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App