

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: God enables us to do great things.

SuperVerse: *May He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him.* Hebrews 13:21 (NLT)

Bible Story: Daniel 2:1–47

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king in Babylon who had a very strange dream. God enabled Daniel to do what the other wise men could not by telling him both the dream and the interpretation.

- 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.
- In the Bible Background video we'll learn more about Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar, and Babylon, where today's Bible story takes place.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: It's All There! (15 minutes)

Objective: *Children are equipped to play a game.*

- God equips us all in different ways to do different tasks. As our SuperVerse says, we have everything that we need to do His will and to please Him!

Game Instructions:

- Each team is equipped with all they need in the box to complete all of the tasks on the instruction sheet. Teams will work to be the first to complete all three tasks on the instruction sheet.

Teaching: All You Need (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss different ways that God equips us.*

- God can certainly equip us with physical things we need to do His will. However, He often equips us with things we can't see or hold in our hands. God equips us with various abilities and spiritual gifts that are invisible to do great things for Him and others.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our challenge for Lesson 2 is to read 1 Peter 4:10 and discuss it with your family if possible. The second part of the challenge is to understand what tools and spiritual gifts God has given you to do His plan. Continue to pray and seek God for His spiritual gifts as you obey His plan.

SuperVerse: Superbook Substitute (5 minutes)

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

- In this verse, David was determined to be brave and courageous in God's strength as he waited patiently for the Lord to answer. He was encouraging both himself and others to hold onto God.
- Children will cover their eyes. Change one word of the SuperVerse to alter the meaning. Children then look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed.

Prayer: Enabling Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- When Jesus rose from the dead and went to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us! The Holy Spirit enables and equips Jesus' followers to please God and do great things!
- Let's ask God to enable us to do great things for Him as we trust Him and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit living in us. Allow time for children to pray and then close in prayer.

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

Balloon Activity: Play a game to activate each other. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Demonstrate how God empowers us. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Coloring Activity: Color a page from the Superbook adventure. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Look up verses to identify people enabled by God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Instruction Sheet: one per team
- Medium-size boxes: one per team of five children
- Disposable cups: one per child
- Paper: one sheet per child
- Marbles: one per child
- Pillow cases or medium-size towels: one per team
- Large paper or plastic bags: one per team
- Painters tape or masking tape

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Equipment Bag Sign
- Equipment bag: sports duffel bag or a backpack
- Whiteboard and marker
- Tape
- Table
- Journal Scroll Pattern for children who missed Lesson 1
- Twine, yarn or ribbon pieces
- Toy armor items: sword, shield and helmet
- Journal Scroll model craft from Lesson 1
- Optional: children to read the extra scriptures

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App