

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: I can talk with God.

SuperVerse: "I am praying to You because I know You will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray." Psalm 17:6 (NLT)

Bible Story: Daniel 2:1–47

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Daniel needed information quickly; many lives depended on him. Daniel knew that when he prayed, God would listen and answer. Today we will learn that God hears our prayers and answers too!

- 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 Signposts video we'll learn more about the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's strange dream.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Four Rooms of the Palace (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to hide from the commander!

- In this game, you are going to pretend to be the king's wise men. You are going to flee from the commander and hide in a different part of the king's palace.

Game Instructions:

- All of you will pretend to be wise men who are running from the commander. However, in this game, you must be as quiet as you can as you sneak around the palace. The commander's guards are listening carefully for any movement! Your goal is to avoid being caught!

Teaching: Two Kingdoms (15 minutes)

Objective: Nebuchadnezzar's dream points to Christ.

- King Nebuchadnezzar had a very troubling dream. Daniel said that the dream showed the king what would happen in the future. Daniel explained that each part of the statue represented different kingdoms.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge is to pray daily and trust God to help you with His plan for your life—even when you may not understand it. Read and discuss Psalm 32:8. Pray and thank God for His plan for you, and ask Him to help you trust Him no matter what happens.

SuperVerse: Superbook Motions (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Our SuperVerse is part of a psalm written by King David. He prayed because he knew God would listen and then answer. God is never too busy or distracted to listen to us!
- In this activity we are going to learn the SuperVerse by doing motions together. I will say a part of the verse and demonstrate the motion, then you repeat it while doing the motions.

Prayer: Agreement Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Daniel and his friends prayed together. That night, the secret of the dream was revealed to Daniel in a vision. There is great power in prayer when we gather together as followers of Christ.
- Jesus is here with us today. Think of a prayer need right now. It could be for you or a friend or family member. Allow several moments of silence for children to think. Now, let's agree in prayer for those needs, asking God to answer each one.

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

Scroll Activity: Help Daniel clean up the library. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Guessing Activity: Children etch pictures in clay or dough. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture about prayer. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Discuss Daniel's prayers. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Four Palace Signs
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Optional: for the shortened game, three orange safety cones or chairs
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Sixth grade helper or another older child to be a "guard"

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Journal Scroll Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons

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