

Bringing The Story Home- Ch. 18- Week of May 28th

God Watches Over Daniel

Bringing The Story Home is a tool for you to use with your family to connect with the weekly lessons taught in "The Story" curriculum. Feel free to use these activities in a way that fits your family life. Do what works with the time you have each week.



Big Idea: I Can Be Loyal to God!

Bible Basis: Daniel 6:1–23

Key Verse: [Daniel] went to his room three times a day to pray. He got down on his knees and gave thanks to his God. —Daniel 6:10 NIV

Parent Tips: Read and discuss the Big Idea from TrueKidz. Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table or at some point this week. The Living Faith activity encourages you to have a family sleepover.

Table Talk: Younger Elementary

- **Daniel followed God's rules instead of the king's and got in trouble. Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing the right thing? If so, what happened?**
- **Daniel prayed even though he knew it could cost him his life. What are some things you pray about?**
- **Daniel's punishment for praying to God was to be thrown into the lions' den. Everybody take turns doing their best lion's roar (even parents). Who protected Daniel from the lions?**
- **King Darius knew Daniel served God. The king even said, "You always serve your God faithfully. So may he save you" (Daniel 6:16). Daniel showed King Darius true faith in God with his actions (by praying and trusting him for protection) without saying a word. What are some actions you can take to show others you serve the one true God?**

Older Elementary

- **Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (or Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) were taken from Judah and brought to Babylon. But they refused to give up God's rules and follow new customs. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to abandon God's standards to fit in?**
- **Daniel and his friends ate vegetables and drank water, instead of eating the king's food. What happened?**
- **How else did Daniel and his friends stand out?**
- **Do you think Daniel was a goody-two-shoes?**
- **Is always doing things God's way a bad thing? If not, why is it so hard to make the decision to always follow God?**
- **How was Daniel able to make the decision to always follow God?**

Living Faith: Daniel was forced to have a sleepover with some hairy, scary friends. Follow his example—sort of— by planning a family sleepover. You can do it in your bedroom, a living room, or family room. Pick either a Friday or Saturday night and plan ahead to make it fun. At the beginning you can pray, “God you protected Daniel during his sleepover with the lions, and we know you’ll be with us tonight, too. Amen.” Try these ideas or make up some of your own to create some family memories.

- Play one of your kids’ favorite board games.
- Put together a puzzle.
- Rent a video and pop popcorn.
- Have everybody write down a tongue twister (or make one up). Fold up each paper and put it in a hat. Take turns drawing one and trying to say the tongue twister five times fast.
- Play charades. Have family members act out the title to a favorite song, movie, or TV show.
- Share characteristics of each person that you appreciate.
- Make a yummy dessert or snack as a family.
- Go to bed a little later than normal (for younger children); then wake up in the morning, cook breakfast, and clean up as a family.

Prayer Time: Dear God, thank you for protecting all of your people! Help us to continue to be loyal to you like Daniel. In Jesus’ name, Amen.