

# LESSON 9

## PROPHET DANIEL

### OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that God wants us to have a clean life so that we can glorify Him with our bodies.
2. To know that God honors those who have courage to stand up for what is right.

### MEMORY VERSE

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.”

(Psalm 119:9)

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for safely guiding us through the past week so that we can come to church to worship You and to have fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Today, we will learn about Daniel and his three friends, who determined to stay holy in a foreign land. May God continue to strengthen us so that we, too, can determine to stay holy in this world.



### Overview

#### 1. Bible Discovery and Spiritual Teaching

- a. To know the historical background and political situation of Israel (Dan 1:1-2).
- b. To know Daniel's background and his biographical sketch.
- c. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself—not with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which the king drank.

#### 2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—the Holy Spirit

#### 3. Life Application

- a. Keep Ourselves Holy and Sanctified
- b. Be Strong and Courageous in God

#### 4. Activity—What Should I Do?



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

#### The Babylonian Empire

In 722 B.C., about 200 years after the division of the kingdom, the Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Israel. Later, the Babylonians rebelled against the Assyrian Empire and then overthrew the Assyrian capital of Nineveh in 612 B.C. In 605 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar, who inherited the throne from his father and became the king of Babylon, invaded the southern kingdom of Judah and made Judah its vassal state. He took prominent young men of the city to Babylon. Among this group were Daniel and his three friends. Nebuchadnezzar trained these young men in a rigorous education program. Later in 597 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city of Jerusalem. Yet, Judah did not fall to the Babylonians and Jerusalem was not destroyed until 586 B.C. Later in 539 B.C., the Medo-Persian Empire overthrew Babylon.

#### Daniel

Daniel was born during Josiah's reign and grew up during his reforms. He was a Jewish youth of noble birth when he was carried off in 605 B.C. to Babylon in the first captivity under Nebuchadnezzar. As a captive, Daniel ministered as a prophet and government official for the Babylonian Empire. He interpreted dreams for Nebuchadnezzar and advised him in many situations. Daniel's role was not as prominent as Nebuchadnezzar's successors. When the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon, Daniel regained importance under King Darius. Daniel lived in the midst of all these momentous events. What direct impact he had on the community of exiles cannot be known, but he was a force for good as far as the Babylonians were concerned. Daniel was a close confidant of Nebuchadnezzar throughout his reign (605–562 B.C.).

Later, Daniel served with equal distinction Cyrus, the enlightened Persian ruler who conquered Babylon. One of the first policies Cyrus implemented after subduing Babylon was to allow the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild their way of life. It is more than likely that Daniel had some influence on Cyrus's decision. The Book of Daniel is a testimony to how God works out His purposes through His servants, even in the courts of pagan rulers (see 2:21; 4:18).

### Daniel and His Friends

As young noblemen, Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, were taken from their home nation to a foreign land, likely never to see Jerusalem again. This alienating experience was furthered by having to change their names. Nebuchadnezzar thought that the changing of their names would make them Babylonians. The name Daniel meant "God is my judge" in Hebrew. His name was changed to Belteshazzar, meaning "he whom Bel favors." Bel was the chief Babylonian god. Hananiah meant "the Lord shows grace." His new name, Shadrach, meant "under the command of Aku," the moon god. Mishael meant "who is like God?" His new name was Meshach, which meant "who is like Aku?" Azariah meant "the Lord helps." His new name, Abed-nego, meant "servant of Nebo," the fire god. Of course, merely changing their names did not shift the loyalty of these men away from God. Daniel was described as a "man greatly beloved" (Dan 10:11) by men and surely by God. His loyalty to God and to God's chosen people was shown in his steadfast prayers to God and intercessions for His people. His friends likewise manifested loyalty "to the death" for the one true God. None allowed their present circumstances (persecution or worldly success) to affect their faith or deter them from keeping God's commands, though they had long been away from their homeland. Such a steadfast faith can be seen in the young and old. As teachers, what and how we teach can mold our students to have a similar steadfast faith towards our God almighty.

### Unclean Food and Animals in the Old Testament

The items in this list can be divided into two categories: live animals that are used as food (Lev 11:2-23) and animals that have been exposed to carcasses (Lev 11:24-42).

- a. Blood (Lev 17:11; Dt 12:13)
- b. The fat of animals (Lev 7:23, 31)
- c. Livestock that has been killed by wild beasts (Lev 7:23-27)
- d. Animals that eat carrion (Lev 11:13-19)
- e. The internal organs of animals (Ex 29:13, 22)
- f. Scaleless and finless aquatic animals (Lev 11:9-12)
- g. Animals that do not have cloven hooves, but chew the cud (Lev 11:3-8)
- h. Insects, excluding locusts, grasshoppers, and crickets (Lev 11:22-23)
- i. The fruit received in the land of Canaan, for the first three years (Lev 19:23-24)
- j. A mother bird that has lost her chicks (Dt 22:6-7)
- k. Food in a house that has not been covered while in the presence of a dead body (Num 19:11-22)
- l. A young goat that has been boiled in its mother's milk (Ex 23:19)



## Reaching Out to Your Students

When Daniel and his friends were brought into the foreign nation, they lost any form of familiarity or comfort they once had. There was no place for true worship, and the culture and language were completely different.

Elementary 2 students may form friendships and be immersed in the world's thought patterns and culture easily. It can seem foreign and scary to them, especially if they have emigrated from another country. It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is with whom your students make friends. Teach them that church friends will be the most important friends they'll ever have because they can share the same values and always pray together.

Your students will also face an environment in which they can apply the Ten Commandments. Daniel and his friends could have easily been tempted to eat the king's food. They could have come up with excuses to justify their actions. However, they knew that they would be disobeying God. They were determined to put God first in their lives and stand firm in their faith, no matter what! Your students are faced with many situations that might cause them to compromise their faith. When things that are important to them are denied, they may see it as unreasonable. Making excuses comes easily to them, and it seems sensible and reasonable. At this time, it is very important to stress putting God first in their lives. Putting God first means thinking about whether their actions please God before they do them.



## Opener

5 Minutes

Dear brothers and sisters, how are you this week? Do you like to come to church and attend Sabbath on Saturday? Thanks to God's blessings, we can come to church every Sabbath to worship our true God. But have you thought about what it would be like if we lived in a country that didn't give us the freedom to worship God?



## Vocabulary

**defile:** to make foul, dirty or unclean

**delicacy:** something delightful or pleasing, especially a choice food

**eunuch:** a castrated man



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheets to the students and prepare pictures of the story.

### Judah and Its Prophecies

Today, we will learn about the life of Daniel, the prophet of Judah and the author of the Book of Daniel. As a noble, Daniel was born during the reign of King Josiah in the kingdom of Judah. Does everyone remember whether King Josiah was a good or an evil king? (He was a good king.) What did he do that pleased God? (1. He destroyed the idolatrous images that his father Manasseh had made. 2. He instructed the people to tithe ten percent of their wealth to God. 3. He cleaned and repaired the long-abandoned temple. 4. He commanded the entire nation to keep the Passover, to remember the grace of the true God. Refer to 2 Chronicles 35.) King Josiah was the last king of Judah to please God. He followed God's will, obeyed God's teachings, and determined to lead the people back to God and to revive their faith. Daniel grew up in this devout and God-fearing environment. He was diligent in studying the Scriptures of God that were available to him. He was also a man of fervent prayer.

After King Josiah passed away, the people set his son Jehoahaz as king, a position that he held for only three months. Why? Unlike his father, King Jehoahaz did not keep God's word, so he was taken away by the king of Egypt and later died in Egypt. In order to keep control of the kingdom of Judah, the Egyptians set Jehoahaz's older brother Jehoiakim as king. Was Jehoiakim a good king or an evil king? (He was an evil king.) Jehoiakim did not rely on God, and even worshipped the sun and the stars, as well as idols. So, God sent forth prophet Jeremiah to warn

King Jehoiakim, but did he listen and repent? Not only did he not listen or repent, he even cut the scroll upon which the warning from God had been written, and threw the scroll in a fire (Jer 36). Then, he sent people to seize prophet Jeremiah. King Jehoiakim did not worship God and committed many evil acts, eventually incurring God's wrath. In the year 605 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked the kingdom of Judah, taking away King Jehoiakim and others from Judah back to Babylon. One of these captured individuals was Daniel, who was only seventeen years old then.

### FOR TEACHERS

Fill in the table in the Bible Discovery worksheet.

### Daniel: A Man Greatly Beloved

As a result of Judah's destruction, Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, were carried away to Babylon. Ever since the day he was carried away to when he passed away in his nineties, Daniel never returned to Judah. Forced to leave home and live in a foreign land as a captive was a difficult life to bear. Moreover, in Babylon, a land full of idols and idol worshippers, the captives faced even more difficulties and pressure. However, God cares for those who obey Him and who determine not to defile themselves, as Daniel did. The Bible describes Daniel as one who was "greatly beloved" (Dan 9:23), testifying that Daniel led an exceptionally godly life. What kind of person was Daniel? Not only was he handsome and strong, he also had wisdom and understanding from God. Daniel was courageous and faithful to God; he constantly pursued purity and holiness in his life, maintaining his habit of daily prayer and Scripture reading even after being captured

and carried away to Babylon. He also refused to allow the influences of the idolatrous environment to affect him (Dan 6:10). This was not a simple feat to accomplish. Boys and girls, do we have the habit of daily prayer and Bible reading? [Ask volunteers to share.]

### Living in Sanctity and Honor

The Babylonians' religious beliefs involved the worship of many idols, so when Daniel was carried away to Babylon, he endured many sufferings for the sake of his faith. For example, since Daniel's three friends only worshipped the true God, they refused to worship idols, and were punished by being thrown into a fiery furnace. Likewise, Daniel was once thrown into a den of lions for refusing to worship idols, but the all-powerful God protected Daniel and kept his life. To win the favor of those he had conquered and to select the outstanding individuals among them, the king of Babylon commanded the chief eunuch, that is, the person who was in charge of all those who served the king, to pick out the most handsome and intelligent individuals from those that had been captured. He was to choose young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace. These young men would learn the language and literature of the Babylonians, as well as eat and drink the king's delicacies. This training lasted for three years, after which the young men would begin their service to the king. As it turns out, Daniel and his three friends were among those that had been chosen for this special training, so they went to live in the palace. After they had been chosen, the chief eunuch changed their traditional Hebrew names to Babylonian names. Daniel's name meant "God is my Judge"; his name was changed to Belteshazzar, which meant "Bel protects the king."

#### FOR TEACHERS

Write down the names of Daniel and his three friends, and the names that they were given.

Students, don't you think it was so great that Daniel would be able to enjoy the king's delicacies and have a new Babylonian name? [Ask students to share.] The meanings of the Hebrew names given to Daniel and his three friends had a connection with their worship of the true God. Yet, as a way to make Daniel and the others forget their home country and their faith so that they would worship the false gods of Babylon, the king of Babylon ordered their names to be changed to ones which had meanings related to Babylonian idols. After all the work that he had done, did the king succeed in his plan?

Daniel and his three friends may have changed names, but their hearts and minds became even more watchful. They

knew that they must be determined to keep themselves pure and holy (Dan 1:8). As a result, Daniel refused to defile himself by eating of the king's food and drinking of the king's wine; instead, he requested that the chief eunuch only provide vegetables and water for him to eat and drink. Why did Daniel refuse to eat of the king's food? [Ask students to provide answers.]

1. The king's food may have already been offered to idols.
2. The king's food may have contained food that was unlawful for Jewish people to eat.

In order to obey God's will and maintain his holiness, Daniel courageously made the difficult decision not to eat the king's delicacies. However, in doing so, Daniel and his three friends did not only refuse the temptation of the king's food, but they also rejected the king's good intentions. What consequences might this have caused for Daniel and his friends? [Ask students to share. Possible answers: mocked and laughed at by their peers; the king could be angry and force them to eat; etc.] Despite all the bad things that could happen, Daniel and his three friends still held fast to their principles, willing to risk their lives rather than turn their back on God. God takes care of those who faithfully serve Him, so when the chief eunuch heard Daniel's request, he did not force Daniel to eat the king's food. Rather, he said, "I fear that my lord the king will see that you are skinnier than the others and blame me. Then my life would be in danger." Daniel then replied, "Let us eat the vegetables and drink the water for ten days. Then, compare our appearances with the others. After that, you can decide how you would like to deal with us." After the ten days were up, do you think Daniel and his friends were starved, pale, and without energy? [Ask students to share.] Not at all. In fact, they looked stronger and healthier than those who had eaten the king's food, so the chief eunuch agreed to let them eat only vegetables and drink only water. Under God's careful watch and protection, the four of them studied in the palace, learning the language and literature of the Babylonians. God blessed them with wisdom to understand all that they were learning. Most importantly, God especially blessed Daniel with the wisdom to interpret visions and dreams.

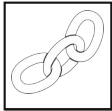
### Blessed with Understanding and Wisdom

Three years later, after personally being interviewed by King Nebuchadnezzar, what was the result (Dan 1:18-20)? The king discovered that the wisdom and understanding of these four youths from Judah were ten times greater than that of all the magicians and astrologers in his nation. No one could compare to them and the king greatly admired them, so they were kept in the king's presence to serve him. We can see that God blessed them in all aspects, allowing them to grow in both their body and mind, which distinguished them from everyone else

around them.

Daniel received the king's favor, and thus he began his political career in a foreign nation. Four kings reigned in the duration of his office, and each king greatly appreciated his skills and morals. It is also because he had the gift of interpreting dreams that God let him go from a captive of a destroyed nation to an individual serving in the palace court, and rising step by step to becoming an honorable, peerless governor. Daniel served in the court

for seventy years, from when he first arrived in Babylon to his time serving two kings in the Medo-Persian Empire. In this period of time, he kept his faith and worked to testify in his life of faith, enabling the kings to know that only the Lord God is over the heavens and earth. God remembered Daniel's faithfulness, and gave him health and longevity, allowing him to live more than ninety years, during which he saw the Jews who were captured return home after the seventy years of captivity had been fulfilled. In the end, Daniel left the world in peace.



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

Believers should rely on the **Holy Spirit** to pursue holiness, to honor God, and to love humanity.

Daniel lived in a foreign country for many years, but because he determined to remain faithful to God, to pray to God three times each day and to continue in his spiritual cultivation, God watched over him. This is how he was able to maintain his purity and holiness while in a nation that worshipped idols, and moreover, allowed his deeds and accomplishments to glorify the true God. He never stopped making prayers of intercession for his Israelite brethren. Daniel lived each day of his life in a godly manner, a feat that is both remarkable and precious.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

### Fill In the Blank

1. In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim king of Judah, the army of Babylon took Daniel and his friends and other Jewish captives to Babylon.
2. The king ordered some of the captured Israelite young men to be trained in the Babylonian language and literature for three years.
3. Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food and wine so he asked the chief official to give him vegetables to eat and water to drink.

### Short Answer

4. **What happened to Daniel and his three friends after the ten days of trial without the king's food and wine?** They appeared healthier and stronger than the men who had eaten the king's food.
5. **Why did Nebuchadnezzar choose Daniel and his friends to serve him?** He found Daniel and his friends to be ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in knowledge and wisdom. In addition, God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds to them and gave Daniel the understanding of visions and dreams.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### 1. Keep Ourselves Holy and Sanctified

In the Old Testament law, Moses kept God's word and instructed the Israelites to distinguish between holy and profane, and clean and unclean. The Israelites were also to be careful regarding food, to differentiate between clean and unclean, and to recognize what they could and could not eat (Lev 11:47). This was important for the Israelites to sanctify themselves so that they wouldn't assimilate with pagan idol worshippers and eat food that had been worshipped to idols. Look up the verses below and write down which foods are clean and allowed to eat and which foods are unclean and forbidden to eat.

### A. Clean and Unclean Animals in the Old Testament

Look up the verses below and write down which foods are unclean and forbidden to eat.

1. Leviticus 17:14; Deuteronomy 12:23 (Blood)
2. Leviticus 7:23, 31 (The fat of ox, sheep, or goat)
3. Leviticus 7:23-27 (The fat of an animal that dies naturally or killed by beasts)
4. Leviticus 11:13-19 (Various specific birds)
5. Exodus 29:13, 22 (Various parts containing fat)
6. Leviticus 11:9-12 (Aquatic animals that do not have fins and scales)
7. Leviticus 11:3-8 (Those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves)
8. Leviticus 11:22-23 (Flying insects that are not locusts, crickets, or grasshoppers)

### B. Teachings in the New Testament from Jesus and the Disciples Regarding Food

As Jesus taught, the things that truly defile are the thoughts that come from within a person's heart. Jesus said, "Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from the outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods? What comes out of a man, that defiles a man" (Mk 7:18-19). So, we must be determined to maintain purity in our daily lives, whether it is what we see, what we hear, what we say, or anything else. In all that we do, we must strive to act according to God's will and in ways that would please Him.

1. Mark 7:15, 18-23 (Whatever enters a man from the outside cannot defile him.)
2. Acts 10:9-16; 15:16-20 (God has cleansed all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. Abstain from things strangled and from blood.)
3. Romans 14:14-23 (Do not destroy with food the one for whom Christ has died. The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.)
4. 2 Corinthians 6:17 (Come out from among them and be separate.)

## 2. Be Strong and Courageous in God

Daniel lived a colorful life. Later generations not only admired his accomplishments, but admired his faithfulness to God and his courage as well. While in the palace, he was able to enjoy the pleasures of a high status and wealth, but he did not let it affect him. He continued to live a simple life of reliance on God, staying faithful to and serving Him while living a life pleasing to God. From the instant he was carried away to Babylon, Daniel gave a beautiful testimony. What was his testimony? (He determined not to eat of the king's delicacies and turned out to be even healthier than the others who had.) In our daily lives, we may face many of the same trials that Daniel faced.

For example:

1. Our friends invite us to their houses to eat food that has been offered to idols.
2. When we go out to eat, we discover that the soup has pig's blood in it.
3. Our friends lend us books or movies that contain things we aren't supposed to be looking at.

While some kids may not eat food offered to idols or watch inappropriate materials, they will still be tempted in one way or another. Young Daniel made a determination from deep within his heart to keep God's commandments and not waver even one step. So, even if he was offered the best, as long as it went against God's teachings, he refused to take it. He viewed God as even more precious than all the wealth and pleasures that the world could offer. As a result, Daniel relied on God and passed the first test, and then the second and third and so on. He never failed to keep his faith and overcome all the temptations and trials that came before him. Can we follow in the example of Daniel and steadfastly keep God's word?

*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."*

(2 Corinthians 4:7)



## Activity

### What Should I Do?

10-15 Minutes

Ask the students to write down how they can hold fast to God's commandments when they encounter temptations. Provide scenarios for the students that draw upon real-life situations. Divide students into small groups. Ask them to discuss what they would do in that particular situation, and then ask volunteers to come up and act out their responses.

#### HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; Daniel and his three friends, along with many other Israelites, were taken captive and unwillingly brought to Babylon.
2. True
3. three
4. vegetables, water
5. They appeared healthier and stronger than the men who had eaten the king's food.
6. He found Daniel and his friends to be ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in knowledge and wisdom. In addition, God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds to them and gave Daniel the understanding of visions and dreams.
7. Answers may vary.

# PROPHET DANIEL

1. Complete the table by filling in the shaded boxes with the correct information.

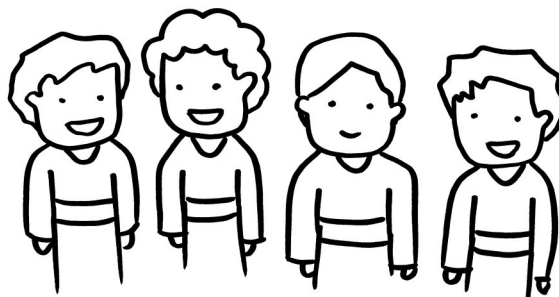
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Where Did They Go?				Babylon	Babylon

2. What kind of men did King Nebuchadnezzar instruct his chief eunuch to choose?

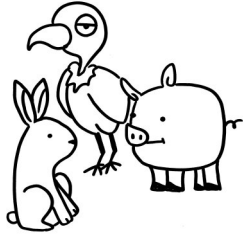
"He was to choose young men in whom there was \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_,  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, who had ability to serve in the king's palace."

3. Write down Daniel and his friends' names and their represented meanings.

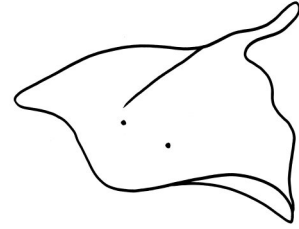
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Mishael		Meshach	
Azariah		Abed-Nego	







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**Teachings from Jesus Christ and His Disciples in the New Testament Regarding Food**

Look up the verses below and write down what Jesus Christ teaches us about food.

- Mark 7:15, 18-23
- Acts 10:9-16; 15:16-20
- Romans 14:14-23
- 2 Corinthians 6:17

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**Compare the New Testament and Old Testament**

- a. Do you see any animals that the Israelites are not allowed to eat in the New Testament?
  
- b. What is Jesus Christ's teachings regarding food?
  
- c. How should we act in our daily lives?

**SCENARIO**

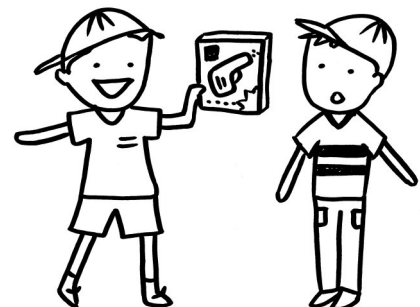
Heather did not visit her grandmother often, but she knew that she wasn't a believer. Rather, her grandmother worshipped Buddha and would light incense for their ancestors. As Heather stepped into her grandmother's house, she could hear her grandmother talking to her mother in the kitchen. "I just came back from the temple not too long ago. How was your day?" Heather stepped into the kitchen and saw large quantities of food on the counter, untouched and uneaten. She assumed that those were foods that her grandmother had brought with her to the temple. "Are you hungry, Heather? Here, take this pear." Heather's grandmother picked up a pear from the counter and offered it to Heather. Frozen, Heather wasn't sure what to do. She knew that she wasn't supposed to eat food that had been offered to idols, but she also didn't want to disrespect her grandmother. In the end, Heather replied in a firm voice, "Thank you, but I've learned in RE class that we cannot eat food that has been offered to idols. I can show you a few verses in the Bible if you'd like to see."

How did Heather stay holy and sanctified?

**SCENARIO**

"Come check this out!" Jason's friend Harrison called over to him. Jason hurried over and saw that Harrison was holding a copy of that first-person shooter game everyone was talking about. "I just bought this with my allowance money yesterday! Wanna come over after school and play?" Harrison asked. Jason had always been a fan of action movies, but something about the game didn't feel right. He thought for a second. Everyone at school was talking about this game and he always felt left out when they talked about it. On one hand, playing the game would make him seem "cooler," but on the other hand, Jason had this feeling about the game. He looked at the game and saw that it was rated for adults. Jason realized that it was probably violent and filled with scenes that he shouldn't be watching. "Thanks for inviting me, Jason, but I'm going to pass this time. I know I'm not supposed to play these kinds of games. Let me know if you have other games, though!"

How did Jason stay strong and courageous?



## E2 Year 3 Book 4 Lesson 9—Prophet Daniel

# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

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Read	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Psalm 119:9**)

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### True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel and his three friends went willingly with the Babylonians to Babylon.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ King Nebuchadnezzar changed the names of Daniel and his three friends in hopes to make them forget about God.

### Fill In the Blank

3. The king ordered some of the captured Israelite young men, including Daniel and his three friends, to be trained in the Babylonian language and literature for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
4. Daniel and his three friends resolved not to be defiled with the king's food and wine, so Daniel asked the chief official to give them only \_\_\_\_\_ to eat and \_\_\_\_\_ to drink.

### Short Answer

5. What happened to Daniel and his three friends after the ten days of trial without the king's food and wine?
  
  
  
6. Why did Nebuchadnezzar choose Daniel and his friends to serve him?
  
  
  
7. How can you be like Daniel and his three friends and be courageous for God in your daily lives?