

HOME connection

OT Unit: Courage to Stand Alone, Lesson 1

D6 Family Theme:

Choosing Right in an Ungodly Culture

OBJECTIVES

Know: God gave the Hebrew young men favor with the Babylonians when they chose to please God rather than follow the ways of the ungodly culture around them.

Think: I will choose to do what is right no matter what others do.

Do: Choose to follow God's ways rather than the ways of the ungodly culture around us.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Daniel 1:1–21.

Current believers who sometimes feel like foreigners in their own culture should be interested in the story of Daniel and his three Hebrew companions



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Respectfully choose what pleases God no matter what others do. Pray that you and your family will have the courage and wisdom to choose God's will even when it goes against today's culture.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

OPTION 1: Take your child to the mall or to a park or any other crowded place. Walk with your child in the same direction that everyone is walking and then walk with him or her in the opposite direction as everyone else. Which was easier? God calls us to live in the world but not be of it, which means most of the time we will be acting opposite of everyone else. It is not an easy thing to do, but God is always on our side.

OPTION 2: Ask your family to describe a time when they saw someone stand up against great pressure. What was it about? How did they do it? What was the result? Is it easier to stand up alone or with others? Remind your family about Daniel's friends who stood with him. Making good friends who also want to do what is right helps us to obey God.



PRE-SCHOOL

Today your child learned Daniel was a helper to King Darius. The king's other helpers were jealous of Daniel and tricked the king into making a law that people could only pray to the king or else be thrown into the lions' den. But Daniel only prayed to God, so he prayed and asked God to help him. **God Helps His Children.**



K & 1 GRADE



2 & 3 GRADE



4 & 5 GRADE

Today your student learned Daniel and his friends showed self-discipline and had to make a very hard choice. They remained faithful to the one, true God, and their right choices allowed others to see God living in them. Your child was encouraged to follow the example set by Daniel and his friends.



YOUNG TEEN



HIGH SCHOOL

Today, your teen learned about counter-cultural decision-making from Daniel 1. Daniel and his three friends were prisoners of war. Instead of being mistreated, they were given remarkable educations and fed with the best of the king's food. However, Daniel and his friends negotiated with their supervisor to resist the enculturation process. They retained their kosher diets and purposed to stay true to their God. What was going on beyond the dietary issues with the Hebrew captives' decisions?



YOUNG ADULT

While studying Daniel 1, group members discussed what it means to choose right in an ungodly culture. Group members were challenged to follow God's ways, even when the world is doing the opposite.



ADULT

Adults examined how God gave the Hebrew young men favor with the Babylonians when they chose to please God rather than follow the ways of the ungodly culture around them. Members were challenged to follow God's ways.