

HOME connection

OT Unit: Courage to Stand Alone, Lesson 3

D6 Family Theme:

God Rules in the Kingdom of Men

OBJECTIVES

Know: God humbled Belshazzar and demonstrated that He rules the kingdom of men.

Think: God is the Sovereign ruler over all.

Do: Humble yourself before God and share His greatness with others.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Daniel 5:1–31.

As a young man, Daniel had no doubt seen some of the gold and silver vessels taken from the Temple as he made his way into Babylonian exile. When, as an old man, he saw them again, the pride of Babylon was set for punishment.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Live in such a godly way that people seek you out for answers they cannot find. Pray that you and your family will study God's Word diligently so that you will always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have in Jesus.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

OPTION 1: Buy or borrow the game of Life and play it with your child. Talk with your child about the way she had a hand in all the decisions in her character's life, making decisions for the driver of the car. Your child was sovereign over the character. God is sovereign over the events in our lives, in an even greater way. We can make our own decisions, but He helps guide us in the right direction. He also can arrange the circumstances around us.

OPTION 2: What major transitions in life has your family experienced, and how did you see God at work in them? Your family may have changed jobs and schools, experienced health challenges or the death of loved ones, or had new children added to the family. Take time to thank God for the ways He has helped you make adjustments and has supplied your needs.



PRE-SCHOOL

Today your child learned King Darius was so upset about Daniel having to be thrown into the lions' den. The next morning, the king ran to the lions' den and learned God had sent an angel to close the lions' mouths and Daniel was safe. God helped Daniel and God will help us. I am glad **God Helps His Children.**



K & 1 GRADE



2 & 3 GRADE



4 & 5 GRADE

Today your student learned King Belshazzar led a life filled with pride, but Daniel demonstrated humility through his actions. Humility is recognizing that I need God and am willing to do what He says. He or she was encouraged to choose to have the right attitude of humility in every situation.



YOUNG TEEN



HIGH SCHOOL

Your teen was reminded that we serve a God who is sovereign, even over the powerful rulers of our age. King Belshazzar was flaunting the sacred utensils from the Temple which his father had taken as spoils of war when he suddenly, literally, saw the handwriting on the wall. God sent a mysterious warning that only Daniel could translate. The king was called into account by the powerful God who still rules. Belshazzar would lose his kingdom. Indeed, that very night he was killed. God was still Sovereign.



YOUNG ADULT

Group members examined the humbling of Belshazzar in Daniel 5. They were challenged to be humble before God and to purposefully share Him with others.



ADULT

FUSION group members explored how God humbled Belshazzar and demonstrated that He rules the kingdom of men. Members were challenged to humble themselves before God and share His greatness with others.