

Power Over Peer-Pressure

LIFE CHURCH ADVENTURE KIDS



Overview

1. DANIEL IS TAKEN FROM HIS HOMELAND. HE ADVANCES BECAUSE HE HONORS GOD.

CLIFFHANGER: THE GUARDS ARRIVE TO KILL DANIEL.

2. DANIEL UNDERSTANDS THE DREAM WITH GOD'S HELP.
CLIFFHANGER: DANIEL'S FRIENDS WILL NOT BOW AND ARE THROWN INTO THE FIRE.

3. THE THREE FRIENDS ARE SAVED FROM THE FIRE.
CLIFFHANGER: DANIEL PRAYS EVEN THOUGH IT IS AGAINST THE LAW OF THE LAND BECAUSE HE HONORS GOD. HE IS THEN THROWN INTO A DEN FULL OF HUNGRY LIONS.

4. THE LORD PROTECTS DANIEL FROM THE LIONS.
CONCLUSION: DANIEL THEN GOES ON TO RECEIVE MANY WORDS FROM GOD ABOUT THE FUTURE. SOME THINGS THAT WE HAVE NOT EVEN SEEN YET.

DANIEL IS TAKEN FROM HIS HOMELAND

Bible Reference: Daniel 1 - 2:13

Daniel was a young man when King Nebuchadnezzar invaded Judah. He was taken from his family along with three others named Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

They were selected to be trained by the Babylonians regarding their language and traditions, knowing they would ultimately serve the king. The king provided them with food, wine, and training for three years to prepare them to serve him.

But Daniel and his friends followed God's law, and the food offered did not align with God's law. Daniel requested that he and his friends be given vegetables instead so they could honor God. Daniel asked for them to be tested for ten days, and then the person in charge could decide what to do.

After ten days, they looked healthier and better than the others. God honored them and their decision to obey His word. God gave them abundant knowledge and skill in everything they needed to serve the king. At the end of three years, they were brought before the king to serve him. The king tested Daniel and his three friends and found they were ten times wiser than all the other counselors in his kingdom.

All is going well for Daniel and his friends until one day. King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that troubles him so much that he cannot sleep. He calls for all the magicians, sorcerers, and astrologers. But his request is not only to interpret the dream but also to tell him what the dream was!

He says he will kill every wise man in Babylon if they cannot do that. He is incredibly angry because all these magicians, sorcerers, and astrologers could not tell him the dream, so he has them all killed and starts to hunt down and kill all the wise men in Babylon.

When the king's guard arrives to kill Daniel...

Come back next time!

LIFE APPLICATION

MATTHEW 5:15-16

15 NOR DO THEY LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A LAMPSTAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL WHO ARE IN THE HOUSE.

16 LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

Taken from his homeland, Daniel confronted a huge decision. In the face of pressure to be like the others, would Daniel remain obedient to God's commands?

Daniel made the hard choice to uphold God's law, seeing God's favor as a result. As believers, we serve as beacons of light in a world often covered in darkness.

Despite the temptation to conform, we are called to radiate God's light, as stated in Matthew 5:16. Yielding to peer pressure diminishes our ability to show God's light to others.

Our purpose is not to look like the world but to illuminate it with the light of Christ. In moments of temptation to stop believing, we should look to the Lord, who empowers us to stand firm.

When we faithfully follow God's guidance and let our light shine, we reveal His love and goodness to others, bringing glory to His name.

OBJECT LESSON

The Covered Light

Light all the candles, then one by one, place the covers with labels over them, and explain how when we blend in, instead of standing up for who we believe in, we remove our ability to be a light to other people.

We are meant to share our light with others. But if we choose to cave into peer pressure, we lose our ability to be a light to them.