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*The Prophet Daniel (Lesson 1)*  
**A Reputation of Strength**  
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### LESSON OBJECTIVE

After completing this lesson, the children will learn that consistently living a pure and holy life builds a strong, Godly reputation. Bulletin Board Idea: [Don't Stain Your Reputation](#)

### AS KIDS ARRIVE ( 15 minutes )

#### What's My Reputation (Activity) [Click Here](#)

Print out enough copies of What's My Reputation to give to each child. After they complete the activity, explain to them how easy it is to get a reputation, and how some reputations are good and some bad. What is your reputation?

### OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES ( 5 minutes ) Further info? [Click Here](#)

### MEMORY WORK ( 6 minutes )

#### "Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right." Proverbs 20:11

Before class write each word of the verse on separate index cards. Say the verse together as a group several times. Divide the kids into two teams and have a race to see which team can put the verse in the correct order in the shortest amount of time.

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION ( 15 minutes )

#### Introduction:

Ask the class if anyone knows what "reputation" means. Have someone look up the word in a dictionary, or give this definition: "What people think of someone because of their attitude, actions or what they say." What would you do if some of your friends at school wanted you to try a cigarette? What would your first reaction be? (Allow time for discussion.) How about something not as harmful, but still wrong like a friend urging you to watch a PG13 movie without permission from your parent. Would you immediately say no? What we do at times like these gives us a reputation, either a good or bad one. If we give in and do what is wrong, our reputation for doing good is very weak. If we easily say no and stand firm for what is right, we build a strong reputation for doing good.

#### Daniel 1:1-21 (Daniel chooses to honor God)

Read the passage to the children as they follow along in their own Bible.  
(Eunuch: "An officer in charge of the household of a ruler or lord; steward")

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the servant want Daniel and his companions to eat the king's food?  
(So they would be strong and healthy like the others)
2. Because he didn't want to eat or drink anything unclean, what did Daniel ask to be served instead?  
(Vegetables and water)
3. How did Daniel prove he and his companions didn't need to eat the king's food?  
(After a 10 day test, they were stronger and looked better than those who ate the king's food.)
4. How was Daniel rewarded because he had a strong reputation for honoring God?  
(He was given knowledge and wisdom and allowed to serve before the king.)

5. In Daniels time certain foods were considered unclean and forbidden. What kind of things do we have in our life today that might be considered unclean and forbidden?

**CLASS EXERCISES (20 minutes)**

**Cutting Corners (Object Talk/Story)** [Click Here](#)

**ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)**

**Known By Our Fruits (Object Talk)** [Click Here](#)

**APPLICATION ( 2 minutes)**

Give each child a sheet a paper and a pencil, and ask them to write down at least ten ways they can build a strong reputation for doing good. If time permits you can write down each child's tenth item on the board. Also have them take this list home to show their parents. [Click here for an example](#)

Conclude the lesson with the following thought: A reputation is built by doing something over and over. If you do what is right over and over, you build a reputation for doing good. If you do what is not right over and over, you build a reputation for doing what is wrong. The stronger your reputation is for doing what is right, the closer you will feel to God, and the easier it will be to continue doing what is right. Also, others will see you as a strong Christian, someone they can look up to. Daniel's reputation was obvious that in whatever situation he found himself, he would honor God and not let anything evil become a part of his life. We can all learn a valuable lesson from Daniel about building a strong and Godly reputation. You may even want to take an extra serving of vegetables tonight at dinner.

**NEXT WEEK**

How can you make your friends fireproof? Find out next week.

**CLOSING PRAYER ( 2 minutes)** Further info? [Click Here](#)