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Make it fun!

The Prophet Daniel (Lesson 4)
A Reputation of Faith
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MEMORY WORK (6 minutes)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

Once again, play the "hangman" game with this familiar verse. After one of the kids is able to say the verse correctly, have everyone look it up in their own Bibles.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Last week we learned about when Daniel interpreted the hand-writing on the wall for king Belshazzar. The king died that same night, because he did not humble himself before God, and worshipped his gold and silver instead. But before he died, he made Daniel the third highest ruler in the kingdom. Now, Darius became king, and he showed much favor to Daniel. In fact, he wanted to make Daniel ruler over the entire kingdom. This naturally upset many others who were serving the king. They were already jealous of Daniel, because he was held such a high position and was only a captive from Judah. But this was too much. Finally, they came up with a very clever plan to get rid of Daniel. That's where our Bible story today begins.

Daniel 6:6-24 (Daniel in the Den of Lions)

Read the passage to the children as they follow along in their own Bible.

Discussion Questions:

1. How did the evil men know that Daniel would not give up his praying to God? (his reputation for being faithful to God)
2. Did the king want to throw Daniel in the den of lions? (no)
Then why did he? (he was bound by a written decree)
3. How did Daniel show he had faith in God after he heard the decree? (He went home and prayed anyway)
4. Daniel said he was saved because he was found innocent in God's sight, innocent of what? (being disobedient, not being faithful to God, etc.)
5. What are some situations in your life where having faith in God helps?380

CLASS EXERCISES (20 minutes)

Unseen Faith (Object Talk) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)

By Faith (Game)

Write each of the clues shown below on index cards. Divide the class into two teams, and play the charades game. Tell the kids that all of the answers are about events in the Bible that took great faith. (All of these examples of faith can be found in Hebrews chapter 11.)

Noah built an ark**The walls of Jericho fell down****Abraham offered his son as a sacrifice****David killed the giant Goliath****Moses parted the Red Sea****Daniel survived the den of lions****ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)****The Lion's Den Rap (Song)** [Click Here](#)**Application (3 minutes)**

So will faith save us? The Bible says we are saved by grace through faith. Daniel was one of the many great men of faith. Although he knew that disobeying a decree meant death, he would not give up his faith, even for his own life. We will never know if Daniel went into the lion's den believing he would survive. We do know that he prayed to God for help, but that could have been help to withstand the pain or to die quickly. In any case, we can know for sure because of his faith that he believed he was in God's care. Having faith in God means to allow Him to be in control of our lives. If we faithfully obey and give Him our praise, He will give us the courage to do whatever He wants us to do, or go wherever He wants us to go. But I hope it's not into a den of lions.

NEXT WEEK

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