





God Blesses Daniel

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Lesson Focus

The king of Babylon was hoping to brainwash Daniel and his three young friends. He wanted them to forget their home, their customs, and their God, and serve him. The four young men refused to eat the rich foods sacrificed to idols and instead asked to have only vegetables and water. God blessed their obedience to him and rewarded them with favor, knowledge, and wisdom.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Daniel 1:7–8, 1:12–17, 1:20

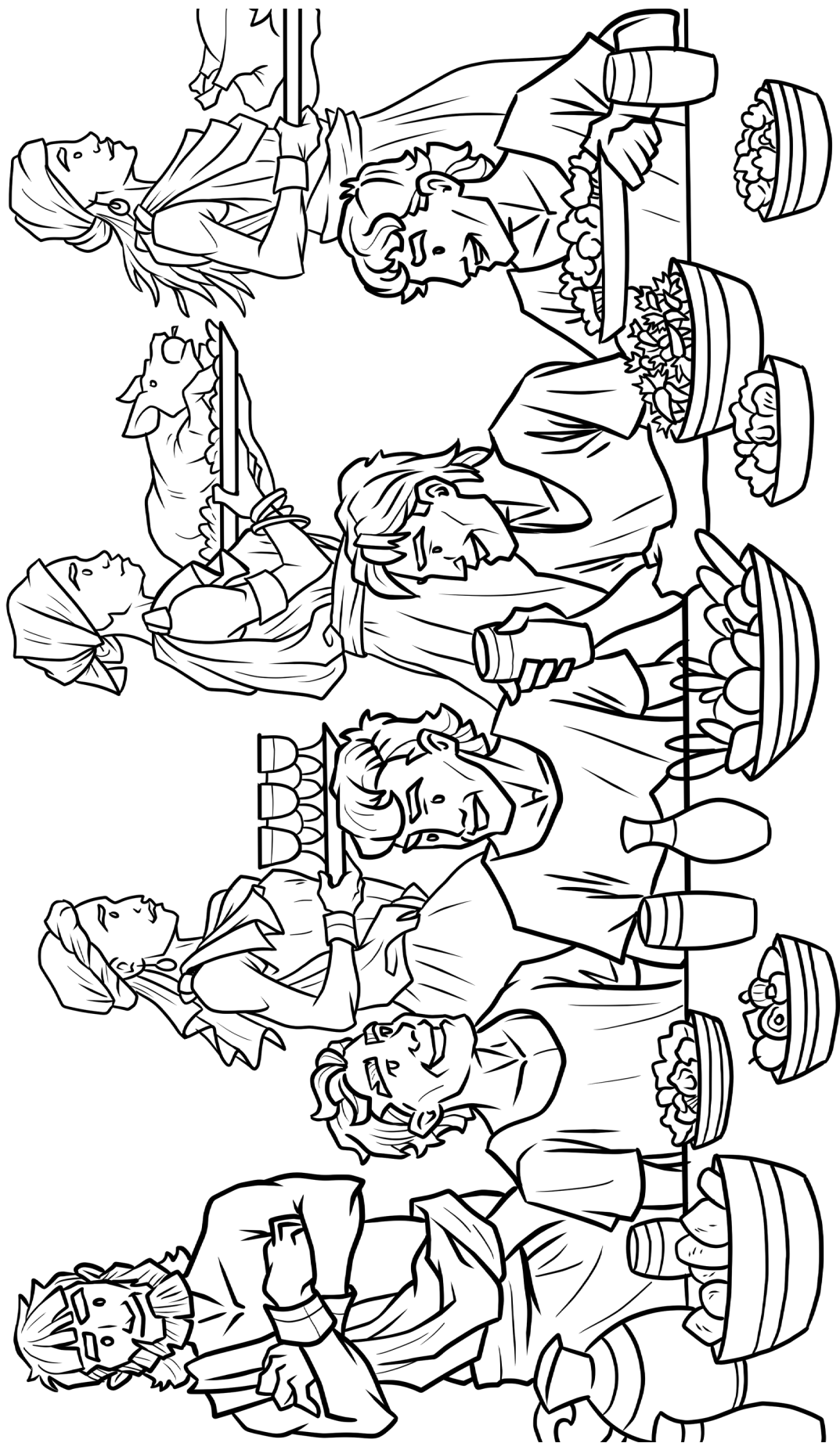
Grades 4–5: Daniel 1:7–20; John 16:33

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah obeyed God by refusing to eat foods forbidden by God and instead ate vegetables and drank water.
- ▶ God blessed the four young men with favor, good health, skill, wisdom, and positions within the palace.



Name _____



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Class Notes

1. Four young men were taken from Judah to _____.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar chose the four young men to be trained to _____ him.
3. The young men's _____ were changed so they would forget God and their country.
4. _____ was named Belteshazzar.
5. Hananiah was named _____.
6. Mishaël was named _____.
7. Azariah was named _____.
8. Daniel did not want to defile himself with the king's _____ and wine.
9. Daniel and his friends would eat only _____ and drink _____.
10. After 10 days, Daniel and his friends were _____ than the other men.
11. God blessed the young men with learning, skill, and _____.
12. Daniel could understand visions and _____.

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ABEDNEGO
BABYLON
BLESSES
DANIEL
DREAMS
FAITHFUL
FOOD
GOD
HEALTHIER
MESHACH
NAMES
PEOPLE
SERVE
SHADRACH
VEGETABLES
WATER
WISDOM

Class Notes Answer Key

1. Four young men were taken from Judah to Babylon.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar chose the four young men to be trained to serve him.
3. The young men's names were changed so they would forget God and their country.
4. Daniel was named Belteshazzar.
5. Hananiah was named Shadrach.
6. Mishaël was named Meshach.
7. Azariah was named Abednego.
8. Daniel did not want to defile himself with the king's food and wine.
9. Daniel and his friends would eat only vegetables and drink water.
10. After 10 days, Daniel and his friends were healthier than the other men.
11. God blessed the young men with learning, skill, and wisdom.
12. Daniel could understand visions and dreams.

SENTENCE: GOD BLESSES FAITHFUL PEOPLE.

Review Questions

1. Israelites often had names with special meanings about whom? *God*
2. Name one of Daniel's three friends. (Allow several students to answer.) *Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah.*
3. When Daniel and his friends got to Babylon, where were they taken? *The king's palace.*
4. Why were all the smart young men brought to the king's palace? *To be trained to serve the king.*
5. When Daniel and his friends were given new names, what did the king hope they would forget? *Their home country and their God.*
6. Is the book of Daniel one of the major or minor prophets? *Major.*
7. What was Daniel's new name: Belteshazzar, Baal, or Shadrach? *Belteshazzar.*
8. What new names were given to Daniel's three friends? *Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego.*
9. The meanings of the Babylonian names given to Daniel and his friends were about whom? *False Babylonian gods.*
10. What does the word defile mean: to make clean, to destroy, or to make unclean? *To make unclean.*
11. Why did Daniel not want to eat food from the king's table: he didn't like it, the food was too rich, or it was food God had commanded his people not to eat? *It was food God had commanded his people not to eat.*
12. What did Daniel suggest to the steward as a test? *For 10 days he and his friends would eat only vegetables and drink water.*
13. At the end of the test, how did Daniel and his friends look compared to the other young men? *Better looking; fatter/healthier.*
14. Why did Daniel and his friends have better health at the end of the test: they chose the right vegetables, they exercised, or God blessed them for their obedience? *God blessed them for their obedience.*
15. Name one of the other three blessings that God gave to these four men. (Allow several students to answer.) *Learning (knowledge), skill in literature, wisdom.*
16. God gave Daniel a special understanding of visions and what? *Dreams.*
17. True or false: At the end of the training period, the king thought Daniel and his friends weren't as good as his other servants. *False. They were 10 times better than all the others.*
18. Where is our memory verse found? *Isaiah 30:18.*



Daniel 1:7–8, 1:12–17, 1:20

I. Daniel and his friends were taken to this country. b o

2. He was given the name Belteshazzar. _____ e _____

3. What Daniel refused to eat. meat 0 from the king's
food

4. Daniel suggested eating only these for ten days.

5. During the ten days, the men drank only this. _____ + _____

6. How Daniel and his friends looked compared to the other men.
 _____ a _____ i _____

7. One blessing God gave all four young men. _____ d _____

8. Daniel was able to understand the meanings of these.
 a _____

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Answers: 1) Babylon, 2) Daniel, 3) food, table, 4) vegetables, 5) water, 6) healthier, 7) wisdom, 8) dreams



What You Heard *In the Word*

- Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah obeyed God by refusing to eat foods that God commanded them not to eat. Instead they ate vegetables and drank water.
- God blessed the four young men with good health, learning, skill, and wisdom, and they became special servants in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose you heard someone say that if a person becomes a Christian, he will have no more sickness, money troubles, or problems, but will have the best life ever. **What could you say?**

The Bible is clear that Christians will have a new life with Christ. Jesus said we will have life more abundantly. But that doesn't mean we will live longer and be richer. When you look at the whole Bible, you will see what Jesus was saying is that our life will be better because we know him and because he is with us in all we do. The Holy Spirit dwells in us to help us overcome sin. He gives us love and joy beyond measure. The things of this world pale in comparison to those things. And when we have troubles—and the Bible says we will—we can go to the Creator of the universe for help. Christians also have hope—the hope of life forever with God someday. That's life more abundant!

Justin & Jessie

As the Sharks cheered, the Tigers limped over to Coach Martin. “That was a hard game, guys, but you all did great! Now who will line up first to shake hands with the Sharks?”

The Tigers all looked at each other. None of them wanted to be anywhere near the Sharks.



After playing a tough game, will anyone on the Tigers team be willing to do the right thing? Find out what happens in “The Tigers & the Sharks.”

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