LESSON PLAN

DANIEL AND THE KING'S DREAM

SERIES: Wisdom
THE POINT: I can Ask God for Wisdom
BIBLE STORY: Daniel and the King's Dream || John 1:43-51
AGE: Grade 3 - Grade 6

ABOUT THIS LESSON

In Week 2 of the "Wisdom" series, children explore the powerful story of Daniel and the king's dream. When King Nebuchadnezzar demanded an answer that no human could give, Daniel turned to God instead of panicking or relying on himself. God revealed the dream and its meaning, showing that true wisdom comes from Him alone. This lesson helps children understand that they can ask God for wisdom in any situation and trust that He will guide them.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Learn, understand and retell the story of Daniel and the king's dream
- Understand that, like Daniel, they can ask God for wisdom and trust Him to answer
- Recognise that true wisdom comes only from God and that we should rely solely on Him

BIBLE CONTEXT

Daniel 2 takes place during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The king has a troubling dream and demands that his wise men not only interpret the dream but also tell him what the dream was. When they are unable to do this, the king orders their execution. Daniel asks for time and gathers his friends to pray for mercy and wisdom from God. God reveals the mystery to Daniel in a vision, and Daniel gives God all the credit. This story shows that God reveals wisdom to those who seek Him and trust in Him.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Pages 2-4 have a variety of different activities to add onto the Link Crew Video!

Make this toolbox your own! Use it in whatever way helps your group dive deeper into the lesson. The goal is deep understanding and great discussions.

Page Number	Name	Activity Description
2	Discussion Guide	Discussions guides, application "Faith in Action" statements and prayer pointers to help facilitate a greater discussion.
3	Activities Page	Fun, topic based activities like a craft, game, quiz and Memory verse activity that bring the learning to life.
4	Dig Deeper	A theological dive that extends the learning past what is spoken about in the video.
5	Crew Daily	A daily devotional for the students to engage in around what was taught about in the lesson today.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

"What do you think the hardest thing you have ever solved before is? rubix cube? math problem?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 3 – 4

1. Daniel did not panic when he heard about the king's dream. Instead, he prayed. What does this teach you about what to do when something feels scary or confusing? When can you turn to God and ask for wisdom this week?

2. God answered Daniel's prayer and gave him wisdom. How does this story help you believe that God listens when you pray? How does it make you feel knowing God wants to give you the wisdom you ask for?

3. True wisdom comes from God, not from knowledge alone. How is wisdom different from being intelligent? Why do you think God's wisdom is more reliable than human ideas?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 5 – 6

1. Daniel did not rely on his own abilities or experience, he relied on God. Why is it sometimes hard to ask God for help instead of trying to fix things ourselves? How can learning to rely on God change the way you handle challenges?

2. Daniel gave God credit for the wisdom he received. Why is it important to thank God and give Him credit when things go well? How does gratitude help shape a wise heart?

3. Daniel used the wisdom God gave him to help others. How can you use wisdom to help people around you? What situations in your life need wisdom right now?

FAITH IN ACTION

When we face situations that feel too big, we can ask God for wisdom just like Daniel did. God loves to help His children when they rely on Him and His wisdom not on our own understanding. Think of one way you can ask God for wisdom this week.

- "I can pray to God and ask for wisdom before making a decision."
- "I can ask God for wisdom and help when I feel unsure or doubtful."
- "I can seek God's wisdom in His Word."
- "I can thank God and recognise His wisdom in my life when I make the correct decision."

Pray

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Remember to pray for the children to ask God and only God for wisdom. Give them listening ears to hear and a heart to put what God shares in action.

Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

Lesson Wrap-up

Daniel trusted God for wisdom when no one else could help. God answered Daniel's prayer and showed His power. When we ask God for wisdom and rely on Him, He will guide us too.

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ACTIVITIES PAGE

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ACTIVITY - PRAYER TIME

Have the children take some time to sit individually and pray to God for wisdom in areas of their life that they feel like they need some guidance in. can have someone draw a outline of their head on a piece of paper. Then the child can draw or write things in their head that makes them - them. Once this drawing is completed reinforce the point that God knows all this about you and more because he knows your future as well!

GAME - BIBLE STORY SCENE

Have the children break up into small groups and be given a bible story or scene that highlights wise people in the bible. (Solomon, Daniel, The Wise Men, Jesus ect…). In under 5 minutes have the children come up with a play that highlights that their wisdom has come from God himself.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. True or False: Daniel knew the dream but didn't know the meaning of the dream. (False)

2. Multiple Choice: What did Daniel do first when he heard about the king's dream? (b)
   a) Panicked
   b) Prayed to God
   c) Ran away

3. Short Answer: Who did Daniel pray with? (His friends.)

4. Multiple Choice: Who gave Daniel the wisdom to explain the dream? (God)

5. Multiple Choice: What is the main lesson of this story? (a)
   a) Wisdom comes from God
   b) Dreams are scary
   c) Kings are powerful

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: MEMORY VERSE DDR (DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION)

Memory Verse: Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Break the memory verse into phrases that will be easy enough for your children to remember (e.g. For the Lord / gives wisdom; / from his mouth / come knowledge and understanding). Then get each child to stand up and not having the ability to touch any other child by straightening their arms and spinning in a circle.

Provide the students with instructions to jump forward, left, right or backwards on what they think is the correct phrase. The easy version of this by splitting the verse into 4 phrases each phrase is a movement. (e.g. forward = For the Lord , Right = gives wisdom ect). Have the children all jump at the same time for each phrase and see if everyone chooses the correct way.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

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