

LESSON 1

DANIEL'S DREAM

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Will Send a Forever King

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7

GOD'S BIG STORY: While in Babylonian exile, one night Daniel dreams of four fierce beasts who would bring chaos. But the dream ends with God's everlasting King bringing order through His eternal reign.

Activity: Dreaming Daniel

Activity: Name the Animal

Worship

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Activity: Find the Crown

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Intro Activity: Dreaming Daniel

SUPPLIES: blankets; pillows; pots, pans, spoons, or other items that can be used to make noise

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Hi, everyone! I'm so glad to see you today!

Show the kids the blankets and pillows. **Today we're going to learn about how Daniel in the Bible had a dream. Can you help make a bed for Daniel?** Encourage the toddlers to spread out the blankets and put the pillows on them. **Great job!**

In our story, Daniel is asleep. Can we all pretend to be sleeping? Encourage the kids to pretend to sleep. **Time for Daniel to wake up! How do the people who take care of you wake you up?** Allow the kids to respond. **Let's make some noise to wake up sleeping Daniel!** Point out the pots, pans, and spoons. Invite the kids to bang on them to wake Daniel up.

Wow, that was noisy! I think we woke Daniel up! Today we're going to learn about how Daniel had a dream and saw Jesus, the forever King!

Activity: Name the Animal

SUPPLIES: variety of stuffed animals, paper or plastic crown

Today we're going to learn about how Daniel had a crazy dream. He saw lots of different animals and then He saw the forever King—Jesus!

I have some animals here with me today. Can you help tell me what they are? Hold up the stuffed animals one at a time. Ask kids to tell you what the animal is. **Great job! What noises do these animals make?** Invite the kids to share animal sounds as you hold each one up.

Wonderful! Daniel saw lots of animals in his dream. They weren't normal though; they were crazy looking and scary!

Hold up the crown. **Does anyone know what this is?** Invite responses. **Yes! This is a crown—kings wear crowns. In his dream, Daniel saw Jesus—our forever King!**

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD WILL SEND A FOREVER KING.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD WILL SEND—Point a finger out ahead of you.

A FOREVER KING—Pretend to place a crown on your head.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Waiting for the King Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning that God will send a forever King. We will learn in God's big story that Daniel had a dream and saw that Jesus is King always!

Play songs from the [Waiting for the King Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Daniel. Encourage the kids to say, "Daniel." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Daniel!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

Daniel was one of God's people. God let Daniel understand what dreams meant. One night, Daniel had a dream so important he wrote it all down. Encourage all of the kids to pretend to sleep. **Some parts were scary, but an angel told Daniel what the dream meant.**

In Daniel's dream, four powerful beasts came out of the sea. Help the preschoolers hold up four fingers. **They were powerful, but not as powerful as God! God would always be more powerful.** Encourage the kids to flex their muscles.

Suddenly, Daniel saw in his dream that everyone got calm and peaceful. He saw God on the throne, in charge of everything. The beasts were gone, and God had won! Invite all the kids to cheer.

Then Daniel saw the king who will rule forever. Encourage the kids to cup their hands around their eyes like they are looking for the king. **Daniel watched as people of all nations worshiped this King who would be in charge forever, just like God promised.**

Who was the King that Daniel saw in his vision? Invite the kids to shout out "Jesus!" **When Daniel woke up, he knew that God will send a forever King.** Encourage the kids to cheer.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God.

God, thank You for sending Jesus to be King forever. Thank You that He loves us so much. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to be your forever King!

Activity: Find the Crown

SUPPLIES: plastic or cardboard crown

Ahead of time, put the crown somewhere in the room. It should be slightly visible, so the kids can find it.

God sent Jesus to be King forever. Kings wear crowns. Can you help me find the crown in this room? When you find it, let's say, "Jesus is the King!"

Encourage the kids to search for the crown together. When they find it, encourage them to say, "Jesus is the King!" Play a few rounds as long as the kids are interested.

Leader Tip: Try not to let the kids put the crown on their head. If kids try on the crown, make sure to clean it after each child puts it on for sanitary reasons.

Great job finding the crown! Jesus might wear a crown because He is our King. We can remember that God will send a forever King!