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# DANIEL'S PROPHECIES

DANIEL 7-12

## CHRIST CONNECTION

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## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

## MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 10:31



## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Prophecy passages are often some of the most difficult passages in all of Scripture to understand. As verses are filled with mysterious visions and future descriptions, we might be challenged to determine what the symbols represent and how we should think about them in relation to the past, present, and future. And while specific interpretations for prophecies can be disputed, the point of prophecy in Scripture is clear—God is in absolute control of everything, past, present, and future.

Daniel's prophecies, in particular, are interesting because they contain such detailed descriptions of the rise and fall of earthly kingdoms. Strange apocalyptic visions are mixed with real-world historical prophecies to form a complex understanding of God's power over the present and His plan for the future. God uses prophecy literature to remind us that even though we don't know the future, He does.

These chapters in Daniel remind us that God is completely sovereign over the affairs and government of men. Daniel sees visions that represent great kingdoms of the world. All of them pale in comparison, however, to the greatness of the kingdom that God will establish and that the Son of Man will rule over. God's reign is not temporary or limited. Daniel reminds us that we can trust God—who controls all of history—with whatever may be happening in our own lives.

Additionally, Daniel 10 points to the reality of spiritual warfare. An angel revealed that Daniel's prayer had been heard, but that a delay had happened in the spiritual realm. If we are honest, most of us live without a thought about the spiritual battles happening around us. The delay of the angel showed that the battle in the spiritual realm was intense and real. And while the battle may rage, even the most powerful forces of the spiritual world offer no real opposition to the will and power of God. Even when answers seem distant or delayed, God is working in ways we may never be able to comprehend to bring about His good plan.

Encourage kids to remember the Ancient of Days, who is ruling over every part of their lives for His glory and the good of His people. Point them to the King of kings whose kingdom will never end.

# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

## MEMORY VERSE

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 10:31, ESV**

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's Memory Verse folder to review the verse with the kids. A hand motion video is also available to learn and review on your room's TV.

*Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on February 22!*



# LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

## DANIEL'S PROPHECIES

While Daniel was in captivity in Babylon, God gave him visions and dreams. In these visions, God gave Daniel truth that would comfort God's people in times of trouble. This truth showed that God is ultimately in control, and that He would one day rule over the world and save His people, no matter how powerful the nations of the world appear.

In the first year Belshazzar was king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions as he lay in his bed. He saw great winds stir up a great sea, and four huge beasts came out of the sea.

The first beast was a lion with eagle's wings. The second beast looked like a bear, and it had three ribs in its mouth. The third beast was like a leopard with four heads and four wings on its back. But the fourth beast was the most frightening of all. This beast had ten horns, large iron teeth, and was incredibly strong.

After these four beasts came out of the sea, Daniel saw God, the Ancient of Days, take His seat on a throne. His clothing was white as snow, and His hair was like white wool. The throne was made of fire, and a river of fire was coming out from Him. God destroyed the fourth, most terrifying beast, and He took away the power of the other three beasts.

Then, one like a son of man came to God. God gave the son of man power, glory, and a kingdom, so that every people, nation, and language would serve him. His kingdom will last forever and never be destroyed.

Daniel was confused by this dream. Thankfully, an angelic messenger explained the dream to him. Daniel learned that the four beasts were four kings who ruled over four kingdoms. They looked powerful, but they were not as powerful as God. God would give His people the kingdom, and they would possess it forever.

Daniel had more visions as well. In these visions, Daniel saw how the beasts of the earth fought for power and acted wickedly. Daniel prayed to God and asked God to be merciful to His people. God said there will be many troubles in the future. But even through the troubles, God will make His people pure. These visions told the same truth: God is more powerful than all the kingdoms on earth. Even though things may look bad, God's people can be patient in hope. God will one day put all things right when He brings His rule over all the earth, forever.

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# ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

## MAIN ACTIVITY

Provide each kid with a piece of paper and a pencil. Challenge kids to listen carefully to what you say and draw what they hear. Read the following steps below out loud to challenge kids to draw a crown—but don't tell them the drawing should be a crown!

1. Draw a straight line across your paper.
2. On each end of the straight line, draw a line going up.
3. Place your pencil on one of the lines going up that you just drew.
4. From that point, draw a zig-zag line to the other line going up.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



What did you draw? The words I shared were meant to help you draw a crown. But it was confusing to clearly understand what you were meant to be drawing, wasn't it? In our story today, Daniel saw dreams that confused him. He needed someone to help explain that the dream pointed to the one true King—Jesus!



## BIBLE SKILLS

The past couple of weeks, we've been introducing kids to the Bible Timeline. Review the timeline again and invite kids to put the eras of the timeline in the correct order.

After that, begin to expand on the timeline and how the different stories of the Bible fit into the bigger overall story of Scripture. Using the provided resource page, have kids figure out what era the listed stories, people, and events took place in.

For example, the ten plagues were a part of the Slavery and Exodus era, Paul's missionary trips were a part of the Early Church era, etc.

# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

**Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.**

1. What did you learn about God through our story?
2. What can you do when you feel scared and uncertain?
3. How do Daniel's visions remind us that God is always in control?
4. How will God one day make everything right?
5. How should we live, knowing one day King Jesus will return?

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**