

WEEK 3

GROW AT HOME

NOW YOU
SEE ME

Hey families! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids so you can help them continue to grow at home during the week.

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This week, the story of Daniel interpreting the writing on the wall reveals how to follow God's words.

- **BIG IDEA:** God's words show us what to do.
- **BIBLE:** Daniel 5

ASK THIS

Because sometimes you and your kid need a conversation-starter that isn't, "So ... how was church?"

- **What strange thing happened during King Belshazzar's party?**
- **If you feel like you need help to understand God's words, who is someone you can ask?**

REMEMBER THIS

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse **1 Chronicles 16:25**, in case you want to work on them together.

NEXT WEEK

Next week, the story of **Daniel in the lions' den** reveals how to stand up for God.

MEMORY VERSE: "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." 1 Chronicles 16:25 (NIV)

[Scan the QR code](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!



OBJECT LESSON | Colorful Choices

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this object lesson, learn a simple forcing trick with crayons to help retell the Bible story! Forcing is a technique used to make it seem like a participant has a free choice, but you actually guide the trick to its predetermined outcome. You will need a piece of paper, two crayons of the same color, and seven more crayons in different colors. Write "MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN" on the paper with the color crayon that has a double. Hide that crayon inside the paper by folding it up inside, never letting the kids see this color until it's revealed later. Place the rest of the crayons on a table. Have extra crayons for kids to learn the story with the trick afterward.*
 - *Note: You can recruit a kid or volunteer to be in on the trick with you by "randomly choosing" that crayon from a box and writing the message for you, so it seems like you don't know what color it is either.*
 - *Not feeling magically savvy? That's okay—show [this video](#) to your kids instead!*
- Let's recap the Bible story using a trick with crayons! I'll teach you how to do this trick at the end so that you can tell others the Bible story with just a few crayons, too.
 - One day, King Belshazzar had a huge party and decided to use the special gold and silver cups from God's temple for his party. Those cups were only to be used for God, so using them for the party was a *big* no-no.
 - Suddenly a hand appeared and wrote on the wall! The king was terrified as he watched the hand.
 - The king summoned his wise men and asked them to read the writing and tell him what it meant. None of them could understand it, until Daniel entered the scene.
- These crayons represent the wise men, and one of them is Daniel. You don't know which color crayon was used to write the message, but only the Daniel crayon will match the color and read the message. But let's see if you can figure out which crayon is Daniel.
- Name four colors.
 - *Pick those crayons up as the kids name them. If they say colors other than your hidden color, put those crayons to the side. Or if they say the same color crayon as your hidden one, push all the other crayons to the side.*
- Yep, those wise men had no clue what the message said. Now, choose two colors.
 - *Do the same process as above in order to keep the crayon that matches your hidden one in the mix.*
- Now, choose one color.
 - *Repeat the same process as before. The one left should match the hidden crayon.*
- Only one last man standing... and believe it or not, my friends, you have figured it out! This is the Daniel crayon.
 - *Unfold the paper to reveal the message and the matching hidden crayon.*
- God sent a mysterious hand to write this message on the wall. The other wise men, who didn't follow God, couldn't read it. But Daniel, who trusted God and received wisdom, was able to reveal what it meant.
- Daniel reminded King Belshazzar of the amazing things God had done. Even though the king knew how real and powerful God was, he chose to dishonor God by using the cups from the holy temple.
 - God gave Daniel the ability to read and interpret the message "Mene, mene, tekel, parsin." This meant Belshazzar was no longer worthy to be king and that the kingdom would be given to the Medes and Persians.
 - That very night, Belshazzar was attacked, and the kingdom was taken over by Darius the Mede.
- Daniel trusted and obeyed God. This story reminds us that God's words show us what to do.

