

WEEK 1

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's training in Babylon** reveals how to choose God.

- **BIG IDEA:** God helps us choose wisely.
- **BIBLE:** Daniel 1

ASK THIS

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

- **What did Daniel eat instead of the royal food?**
- **Who can help you make wise choices?**

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 **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** reveals how God rescued them from a fiery furnace.

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 | Pick A Card

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this object lesson, watch a video like [this one](#) (0:23–4:09), or something like it, to learn this simple card trick to help retell the Bible story. Then, prepare a deck of playing cards by separating the four jacks from the deck and hiding three random cards behind them. Have extra decks of cards for kids to learn the story with the trick afterward.
 - Not feeling magically savvy? That's okay—show [this video](#) to your kids instead!
 - We always suggest viewing the clip beforehand to ensure you think it's a video that will be a good fit for your context! [Read this](#) for more information on legally using copyrighted material for educational purposes!
- Let's recap the Bible story using a card trick. Keep your eyes wide open so you don't miss it! I'll teach you how to do this trick at the end so that you can tell others the Bible story with a deck of cards, too.
 - Display the jacks, making sure not to reveal the hidden cards.
 - These four jacks represent Daniel and his three friends.
 - Show the deck.
 - This deck of cards represents Babylon.
- Daniel and his friends were taken from their homes all the way to Babylon.
 - Place the four jacks and three hidden cards face down on the top of the deck. The hidden cards should now be at the top of the deck.
 - They had to learn a lot about Babylon, like the language and their way of life. They were even given new names.
 - Take the top card and slide it into the middle of the deck as you talk about them assimilating. Do this again for the next two cards, making sure the kids can't see the face of the cards you're moving.
- But the friends never forgot about God. They were offered royal food that was probably offered to false gods. Eating that food would not honor God.
 - So, Daniel spoke up.
 - Flip over and show the kids the next top card, which should be a jack to represent Daniel.
 - He asked permission to eat vegetables and water instead of the royal food. That was a wise choice!
- After ten days, the friends looked healthier than the rest of the young men. It was all because of God!
 - After this, God gave them even more wisdom. In fact...
 - Snap your fingers or tap the deck with a wand, then flip over the top cards one at a time until all four jacks are displayed.
 - ...they rose to the top when it came to giving the king advice.
- Daniel and his friends chose what was best so they could honor God. We can do the same, too! God helps us choose wisely!

