

Age 3 and 4 and Kindergarten Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Follow the Rules Game p. 9	crayons
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Shena. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Find and Sort Toy Food: p. 15	Toy Food
	Worksheet/Coloring Page	



WELCOME Preschoolers

Post an Allergy Alert, if needed. Set out supplies to engage preschoolers as they arrive. Play music as you welcome preschoolers. Greet children by name at eye level. Follow your church's security procedures.

1 ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete "Find It" on the Activity Page.

SAY "You did a great job finding all the vegetables and water. In our Bible story, we will hear about a man named Daniel and his friends. They tried to follow God's rules no matter what! In order to follow God's rules in Babylon, they choose to only eat vegetables and drink water. Can you imagine doing that?"

2 SESSION STARTER

Use one or both of the following options to engage curiosity about today's Bible story.

PLAY A FOLLOW THE RULES GAME



Lay out a variety of crayons in front of the children. Encourage the children to follow simple instructions using the crayons such as "place two crayons in front of you," "make a triangle with your crayons," and "find a blue and a red crayon." Assist children as needed to complete the tasks.

SAY "You did great following directions. I gave you a lot of different rules, and you listened and obeyed. Our story today is about a man named Daniel and some of his friends. They followed God's rules even when the king told them to do something else. I can't wait to tell you all about it in our Bible story today!"

TAKE THE TREASURE

On a table, lay out a variety of large craft jewels and gems. Give each child a cup and tongs. Encourage the children to use their tongs to pick up as many jewels as they can and place the jewels in their cups. Consider providing craft pom-poms for preschoolers who may have difficulty picking up the gems.

SAY "What a fun game! You used your tongs and took all the treasure you could. In our story today, there is a king named Nebuchadnezzar. Can you say Nebuchadnezzar? [Allow responses.] He attacked Jerusalem and took some of the treasures from God's temple. He took some of God's people too. But that's not the end of the story. I can't wait to tell you more!"

3 TRANSITION TO LEARN

Gain preschoolers' attention by showing the countdown video, turning the lights off and on, or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy. Invite preschoolers to show their muscles as they transition to Learn.

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

STAMP WITH VEGETABLES



Post an Allergy Alert outside the classroom door. Before the session, write *Daniel followed God* on a piece of paper for each child. Cover a table with a plastic tablecloth and set out paper plates with different colors of washable paint. Place a pre-cut vegetable for stamping on each plate. Assist the children with putting on a paint smock. Demonstrate how to take each vegetable and stamp it in the paint and then on the paper. Encourage the children to use the vegetables to stamp on their page as you review the Bible story together. (Note: Remind children to not put the vegetables in their mouths.)

SAY “Look at your vegetable stamps; they look fantastic! King Nebuchadnezzar wanted Daniel to eat the king’s food, but Daniel knew that was against God’s rules. So, Daniel asked the king’s servant if he could eat only vegetables and drink only water. After ten days, Daniel and his friends looked better and healthier than the others! **DANIEL FOLLOWED GOD, AND GOD MADE HIM WISE.** The king was pleased with this and made Daniel and his friends his special helpers. Daniel obeyed God even in small things, like what he ate. Jesus obeyed God in everything.”

FIND AND SORT TOY FOOD



Hide a variety of toy food around the room (be sure to include toy vegetables). Lay two large plastic hoops on the floor. Encourage the children to find all the food and sort it in the hoops. Explain that the toy vegetables should go in one hoop, and the food Daniel and his friends did not eat should go in the other hoop.

SAY “You remembered that Daniel and his friends obeyed God and only ate vegetables. **DANIEL FOLLOWED GOD, AND GOD MADE HIM WISE.** God made Daniel and his friends the best and the smartest of all the king’s helpers. Daniel glorified God when he obeyed Him. Jesus is the only person who glorified God all the time. Our big picture question says, **How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.**”

2 TRANSITION

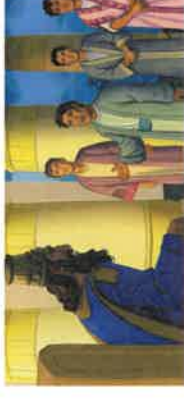
Invite preschoolers to complete their coloring pages. Consider leading preschoolers to sing the key passage song or involving them in a simple game to practice the key passage or big picture question. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Give parents the completed Activity Page. Distribute the Big Picture Cards for Families. Encourage parents to review the Bible story and engage with the family discussion starters during the week.

Find It

INSTRUCTIONS: Daniel followed God, and God made him wise. Find and circle the vegetables and water. Cross out everything else.



NAME:



Daniel Obeyed God

Daniel 1

STORY POINT:

Daniel followed God, and God made him wise.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Daniel obeyed God even in small things, like what he ate. Jesus obeyed God in everything. When we trust in Jesus, God sees us as if we lived a perfect life, just like Jesus did.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 10:31

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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



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