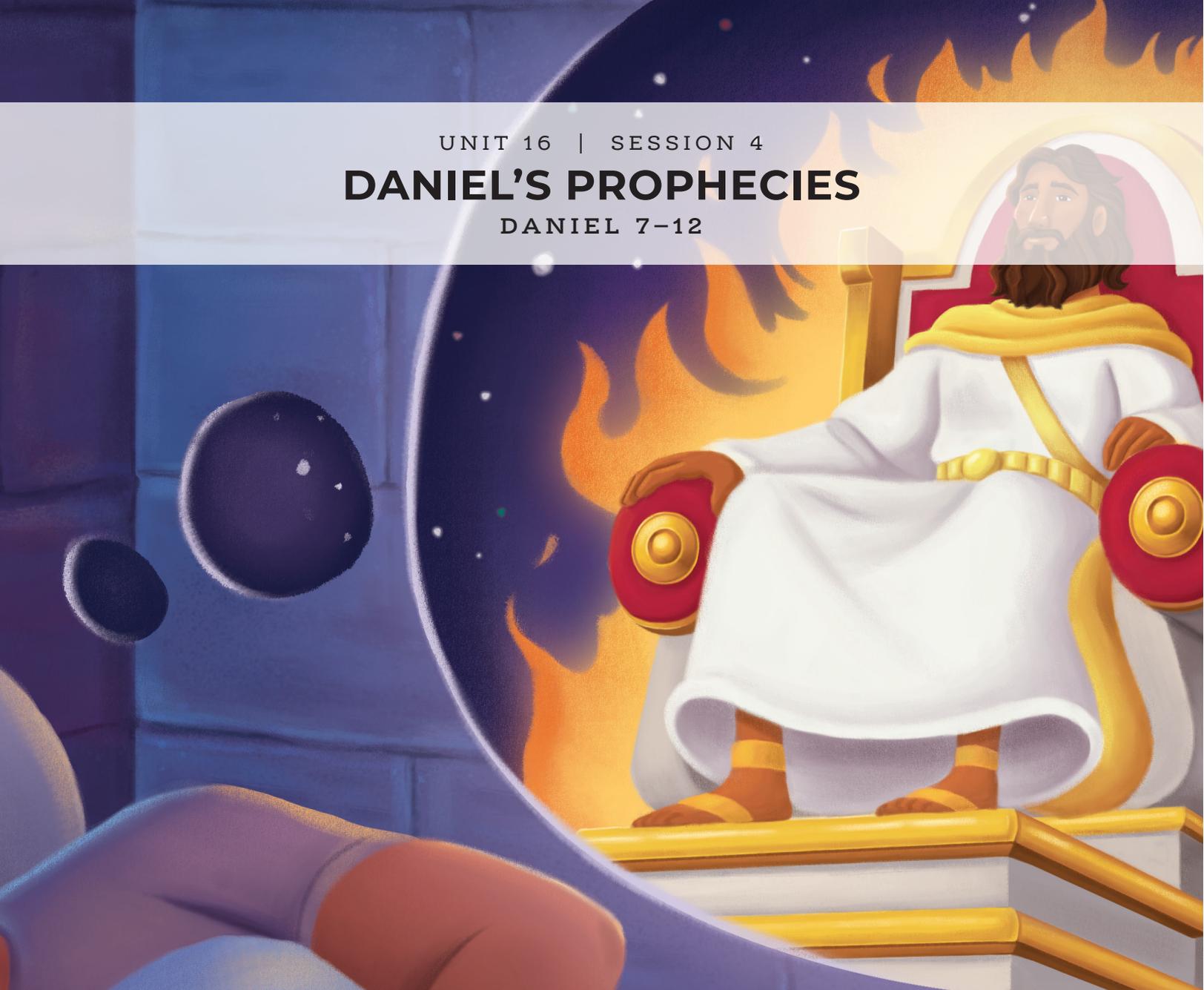


DANIEL'S PROPHECIES

DANIEL 7-12



CHRIST CONNECTION: Daniel's dreams pointed to Jesus. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with God forever.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God gave Daniel special dreams.
- God showed Daniel that God is always in charge, and He will take care of His people.
- We can also trust that God will make everything right and take care of us forever.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: While Daniel was in Babylon, God gave him special dreams. God showed Daniel that He is always in charge and will take care of His people. In one dream, Daniel saw four big animals come out of the sea. Then he saw God sitting on a fiery throne. God's clothes were as white as snow, and His hair was white like wool. Then Daniel saw a man come to God. The man was given the power to take care of everything forever. Daniel had more dreams that showed the same thing: God is stronger than anything. We can trust that God will make everything right and take care of us forever.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Daniel 7. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”:

“Do, do everything.
Do, do everything.
Do, do everything.
Do everything for the glory of God.”

SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘Do everything for the glory of God.’ We bring God glory when we point others to Jesus. ”

2 PAT THE PHRASE

Draw and cut out a heart shape from construction paper. Write *God cares for us* on each heart. Place the heart inside a large ziplock bag with washable paint for the babies to “paint” with. Seal each opening with duct tape, and use masking tape or painter’s tape to secure the edges to the floor or table. Sit babies in leaders’ laps or in horseshoe-shaped pillows and repeat, “God cares for us” to the babies. On the word *God*, assist babies in pointing up, and on the word *us*, assist babies in patting their bags. Repeat as interest allows. Read the gospel gems as the babies play.

SAY “ Who does God care for? Yes, us! We can trust that God will make everything right and take care of us forever. ”

3 SING AND SLEEP

Provide blankets and pillows for the babies. Dim the lights as you sing the following words to the tune of “Are You Sleeping, Brother John?”: “Are you sleeping? / Are you sleeping, Daniel, Daniel? / God will give you special dreams. / They point us to Jesus. / Daniel, Daniel.” Rest your head on your hands to pretend to sleep and wake up when you say Daniel’s name.

SAY “ God gave Daniel special dreams. Daniel’s dreams pointed to Jesus. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with God forever. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s Big Picture Card. Repeat the Christ Connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Daniel 7. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

2 DRAW ANIMALS

Give the toddlers a piece of blank paper and a sheet of blue tissue paper. Invite toddlers to tear small pieces of tissue paper, ball them up, and glue them at the bottom of their papers. Explain that this will be the "sea." Encourage toddlers to use their imaginations to "draw" any four animals they would like coming out of the sea. Write on the paper Daniel saw four big animals come out of the sea. Review the Bible story as the toddlers draw.

SAY “ How many animals came out of the sea? Yes, four! God gave Daniel special dreams that pointed to Jesus. ”

3 SHOW HOW WE CARE

Talk with the toddlers about what it means to care for something. Display items we care for (baby dolls, toy animals, and so forth). Invite the toddlers to show you how to care for these items (rock them, play easy with them, pet them gently, and so forth). Hold up the Bible and show the toddlers how to hold it and gently turn the pages. Talk with the toddlers about how we can care for God's Word. Open the Bible to Daniel 7, and review the Bible story.

SAY “ God showed Daniel that God will care for His people. Does God care for us? Yes! How can we show we care about God? Yes! We can point others to Jesus and God's Word—the Bible. ”

4 TOUCH AND GUESS

Gather a large gift bag. Place Bible-story related items in the bag (four animals, blue scarf, cotton or wool-like material, and so forth). Call on one toddler. Invite him to look away as he places one hand in the bag, touches one item, and removes his hand from the bag. Allow him to guess the item by touching it. Allow all toddlers to have a turn. Encourage the toddlers to describe how the item feels for the rest of the group to guess the item. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ Did we always know what we were touching in the bag? No! Daniel had special dreams, and sometimes needed help knowing what they meant. Daniel trusted God and we can too! ”

5 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”: “Do, do everything. / Do, do everything. / Do, do everything. / Do everything for the glory of God.”

SAY “ When we sing, do we bring glory to God? Yes! When we are kind, do we bring glory to God? Yes! Our key passage phrase says we are to do everything to bring glory to God! ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY "SIMON SAYS"

Play a "Simon Says" type of activity. Explain that everyone will get a chance to be "in charge." Encourage toddlers to do a movement or give instructions for the other toddlers to follow. Include situations where the toddlers do not say "Simon Says" before giving the instruction.

SAY "In our game, one person was in charge, but who is really in charge of all things? Yes, God! God is always in charge, and He will take care of His people!"

2 SING A FAMILIAR SONG

Sing or play "My God Is So Big" from an electronic device. Allow children to be creative to use any movements they think show "strong" and "powerful" arms as they sing. Retell the Bible story.

SAY "Who is stronger than anything? Yes, God! Daniel had dreams that showed how God is stronger than anything. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with God forever."

3 FILL THE LETTERS

Write LORD in block letters on each toddler's paper. Instruct the toddlers to glue cotton balls inside the letters as you retell the Bible story. Talk about how Daniel had a dream. In his dream, he saw God! God's clothes were as white as snow, and His hair was white like wool.

SAY "Who had a special dream? Yes, Daniel! In his dream, God's clothes were as white as snow, and His hair was white like wool."

4 SCOOP OUT THE ANIMALS

Place various types of plastic animals inside a shallow container or bin filled with a small amount of water. Using shovels or cups, invite toddlers to play and fish out the animals. Keep a towel handy for easy cleanup. Review the Bible story about Daniel's dream and the animals in the sea as the toddlers play.

SAY "How many animals did Daniel see in his dream? Yes, four! In his dream, Daniel saw four big animals come out of the sea. Daniel had special dreams that pointed to Jesus. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with God forever."

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's Big Picture Card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, and gospel gems throughout the week.