



Digging Deeper:

Read Daniel 2:24-49

The Future According to God

Talk about the word prophet. Let everyone contribute as you define what a prophet is and why you think God used prophets. If you want a little extra resource to help in your discussion try: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/sam-storms-what-does-scripture-teach-about-office-prophet-gift-prophecy/>

From pastor Jim's sermon review the interpretation of the king's dream (try to simplify). The goal here is to help your kids understand that God was telling of what was to come through his dream. They don't have to fully understand exactly what it all means.

- 1) Golden head = Babylon
- 2) Silver chest/arms = 2nd Kingdom (Medo-Persia)
- 3) Bronze middle/thighs = 3rd Kingdom (Greece)
- 4) Iron legs & Iron/clay feet = 4th Kingdom (Rome)
- 5) Stone = Christ's Kingdom

Activity:

Credit where credit is due....

Have a family talent share. Have each person tell a joke, share a talent, etc. Make sure to give each person a rousing round of applause.

When do we give out applause? (Wait for responses.) Usually we applaud people when they do something really great and wonderful.

Have you ever applauded God? Ask a child to read Psalm 29:2.

We want to be like Daniel giving God the glory due his name.

Point 1: Giving glory to God is kind of like applauding God and praising Him for who He is. God is full of everything that is holy, good and lovely. He is glorious! What are some other things we can glorify God for?

Point 2: Sometimes we applaud and praise our friends. That's OK, but never ever forget that everything good and wonderful about you or your friends only comes from God. There's nothing that you have that God did not give you.

Point 3: So, be careful to be humble before God. In other words never ever think you are better than God. Philippians 4:13 says that you can do all things, but only because Jesus gives you the strength to do them. There's nothing wrong with receiving applause and encouragement from your friends. But when you do, be sure to thank God for the blessings He's given you and give Him all the glory due His name.