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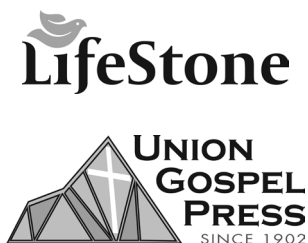
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Dear Primary Teacher,

Welcome to our new *Primary Bible Teacher*⁺. As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth. Our Plus Series contains the same robust Bible lessons and background information that you love, but they have been carefully crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Here are a few old favorites reimagined:

- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson (it replaces the Object in View in the old *Primary Bible Teacher*). This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
 - **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional (they replace Notes on the Lesson).
 - **Prepare the Room**, **Suggested Song**, and **Supplies** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time (they replace Planning Visual Aids).
 - **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible Lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
 - The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible Lesson (replaces Beginning the Lesson).
 - **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives (replaces Telling How to Live).
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THE OBJECT IN VIEW



Big Idea: God wants us to remember His blessings.

NOTES ON THE LESSON



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS



Prepare the Room

Suggested Song

Supplies

BEGINNING THE LESSON



Conversation Starter

TELLING HOW TO LIVE



Next Steps

Here are some new features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in bold the first time they appear.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- **Activities** help your students get their wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus activity pages** for your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



September 1, 2024 Lesson 1

DANIEL HONORS GOD'S LAW

Lesson Text: Daniel 1:8-21

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat" (Daniel 1:8).

BIG IDEA: Daniel and his three friends make a choice that pleases God.

OBEYING GOD'S RULES

Fill in the blanks below with the correct words (some words may be used twice).
FAITHFUL FOOD ISRAEL RULES TEN TRUSTED WATER

1. God's people _____ had rules to follow.
2. Daniel and his friends were told to eat some _____ (The God did not want them to eat).
3. Daniel and his friends chose to follow God's _____ rather than man's _____.
4. Daniel and his friends asked to have just vegetables and _____ God to help.
6. Daniel and his friends _____ (not obey Him).
6. After _____ days, they looked strong and healthy.
7. God was _____ and He took care of Daniel and his friends.

MEMORY HELPER

Sometimes rules are only for certain people. Daniel and his three friends chose to follow God's rules instead of the rules of people in the palace.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus' teachings tell us how to act in order to please God!

TALK ABOUT IT

Help your child obey God with his or her mouth, hands, and eyes this week. Celebrate when he or she was successful, especially when it was a hard choice.

Here's a peek at the new *Primary Bible Learner*:

- A **lesson recap** includes true and false questions, fill-in-the-blank puzzles, and much more to help ensure your students understood the lesson.
- The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.
- The **activity page** is bigger than ever and full color to get your students excited to solve puzzles and review the lesson.
- **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.
- Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

UNIT I:

Faithful Service of Daniel and Friends

Lesson 1: Daniel 1:8-21

Daniel Honors God's Law

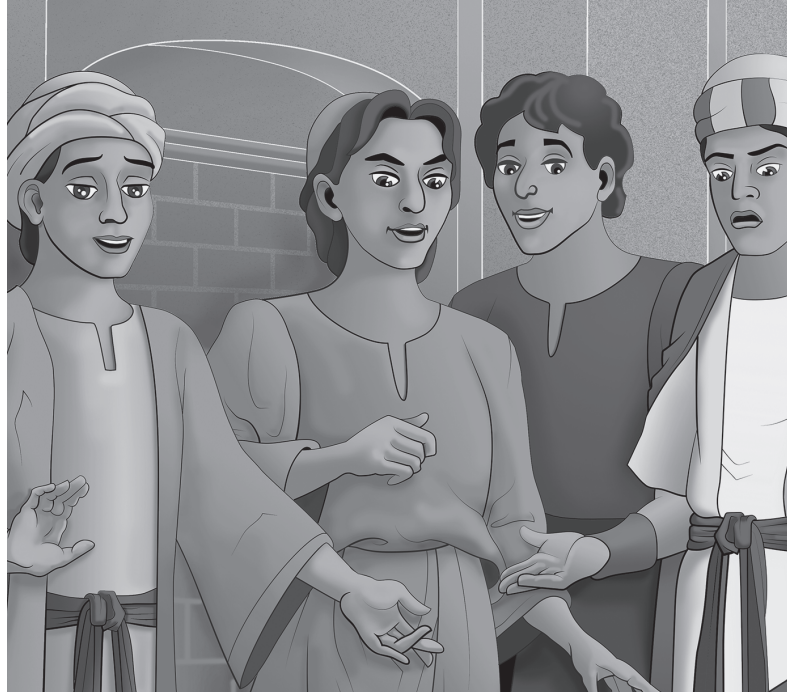
Lesson 2: Daniel 3:1, 8-18

Daniel's Friends Will Not Bow

Lesson 3: Daniel 3:19-28

Daniel's Friends Trust God

The children in your care have unlikely needed to take a stand for God at this stage of their lives. Preparing them now for the challenges the culture will bring to what they believe can only be to their advantage in the years to come. Although Scripture does not give us the backstory of how the parents of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah trained them from a young age, we can see the results of their solid foundation of faith in this unit's lessons.





But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat (Daniel 1:8).



Big Idea: Daniel and his three friends make a choice that pleases God.

DANIEL 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Prepare Your Mind

The decisions made by Daniel and his friends can be confusing. Why accept foreign names and the study of idolatry but refuse food and wine? Commentators have different opinions, but there are undeniable truths. First, Daniel and his friends made the decision to follow God's law, knowing it might lead to a horrific death. Daniel and his friends counted obedience to God more important than physical safety. Second, they wanted to surrender completely to God's will. When asking to try the different diet, they trusted God to keep their appearance healthy—which He did.

Prepare Your Heart

In today's world, the risk of faithfulness to God may not be death. However, it could be the loss of customers, employment, reputation, money, or more. In a world that celebrates and embraces sin, choosing to follow God's leading can be a hard path. Yet God is faithful, and He has overcome this world (John 16:33). Just as Daniel and his friends could not see where their decisions would lead, we cannot know where following God's direction will lead in this life. However, we do know where following God's direction will lead us in the next life—an eternity of worshipping Him!



Supplies

- markers
- paper
- scissors
- two bins
- table
- two baskets
- paper plates
- vegetable templates on page 47
- white construction paper
- markers/crayons
- stapler
- brown crinkle paper



Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

"Oh, Be Careful" (Unknown)



Glossary

sin: anything that goes against God's rules; sin separates us from God