



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

December 11, 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we learn that **"Daniel Served God"** (Daniel 5). *The king of Babylon thought he was better than God. No one is better than God. God punished the king. Jesus obeyed God and gave His life to rescue us from sin. God raised up Jesus to give Him honor as the true King forever and ever.*

Review the story and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind them that the king of Babylon failed to show his need for the Lord. Then, lead your child in a prayer, praising God for Jesus' humble death on the cross for our sin.

Encourage kids by telling them that Jesus is the eternal King who saves all who trust in Him.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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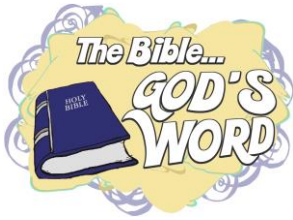
Daniel Served God

BIBLE PASSAGE: **Daniel 5**

KEY PASSAGE: **Zephaniah 3:17**

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: **Where is God?**

God is in all places at all times and is always with His people.



King Belshazzar, the ruler of Babylon, had a big feast. A thousand guests came to eat and drink with the king. During the party, King Belshazzar brought out gold and silver containers for his guests to drink from. The containers had been taken from God's temple in Jerusalem; the king was misusing them. While the king and his guests drank, they worshiped their false gods—gods made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Suddenly, the feast was interrupted. A hand appeared at the wall, and its fingers began writing a message. The king watched the hand, and he was very afraid! His face was pale, and his legs shook. The king stared at the message on the wall, but he didn't understand what it meant.

The king called for the wise men in his kingdom. "If anyone can tell me what this message means, I will give him gifts and an important job in my kingdom," he said. The wise men came, but none of them knew what the message meant.

Then the queen remembered Daniel. Daniel was wise, so Daniel was called to the palace. Daniel saw the message and understood what it meant.

The message was from God. Daniel reminded the king about what happened to his relative, King Nebuchadnezzar (NEB yoo kad NEZ uhr).





“God made King Nebuchadnezzar great,” Daniel said. “But King Nebuchadnezzar thought too much of himself, so God punished him.” King Belshazzar had not learned from Nebuchadnezzar’s mistakes. King Belshazzar did not love God; he loved himself the most and he worshiped false gods.

Then Daniel read the message aloud and told the king what the words meant. The words on the wall were *MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN*. *MENE* meant that God had counted the days of the kingdom. The king wasn’t going to be king anymore. The next word, *TEKEL*, meant that God had given the king a report card, and he had failed. The word *PARSIN* meant that Babylon would be split up and taken over by its enemies. That night, God’s message came true. King Belshazzar was killed, and a new king named Darius took over Babylon.

God humbled the proud king of Babylon by taking away his kingdom. King Jesus willingly humbled Himself by dying on the cross for our sin. God raised up Jesus and gave Him honor forever. When we humble ourselves and trust in Jesus, God will raise us up to enjoy Jesus in His kingdom forever.

Key Passage



**The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.**

« Zephaniah 3:17 »



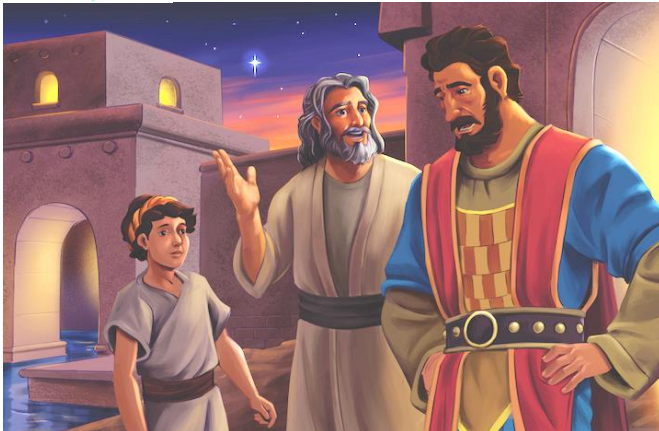
REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ There is a practice for the children's cell Christmas performance every Lord's Day.
- ✓ There will be no Children's Cell Services on December 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023. All children attend the main service with their parents.
- ✓ The Children's Cell Bible Writing Event for 2023 will start again on January 1, 2023.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



“God Is Present with Us” (Isaiah 7)



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