

DANIEL 4 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

KIDS' LIFEGROUP GUIDE

WEEK: 11/10/19 - 11/16/19

OVERVIEW:

- **Part 1:** Catch Up On Life (15 Minutes)
- **Part 2:** Kidtown Lesson Review (15 Minutes)
- **Part 3:** Reflection (15 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3a: Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3b: Snack (5 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3c: Sing (5 Minutes)
- **Part 4:** Prayer Time! (15 Minutes)

PART 1: CATCH UP ON LIFE (15 minutes)

Setting: Sit in a circle with kids and adults interspersed! Adults sitting amongst the kids helps everyone engage and pay attention. Parents - you are always responsible for your kids, but you're also looking to engage with other kids in your group.

- *Leader Note: If your group eats dinner with your kids, this is the best part of the guide to do together while you eat. Add 15 minutes for everyone to get their plates and start eating. Then shift into intentional conversation as the kids are starting to finish their food.*

Vision: God calls the church -- and our LifeGroup -- to be family! Because of this, we want our kids to know our adults and our adults to know our kids. The best way to get to know each other is to ask each other questions and tell each other about our lives.

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, you can ask kids if they remember why we ask each other questions. Help them to remember that God's making us family, so we want to get to know each other.*

Questions:

- 1.) What was your high and low from the week?
- 2.) **Kids Pick!** Let each kid ask the adults in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Kids to ask Adults if they're having a hard time thinking of any.
- 3.) **Adults Pick!** Have each adult ask the kids in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Adults to ask Kids if they're having a hard time think of any.

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (15 minutes)

Vision: God uses the Bible to show Himself to us. He also uses it to help us love Him and others better. We don't only want to learn *about* the Bible; we're also called to apply it to our lives -- to change the way we think (Head), what we love and value (Heart) and what we do (Hands).

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, ask kids if they remember why we study the Bible.*

Lesson: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Bible Passage: Daniel 4

REVIEW:

- 1.) **Kids what do you remember from the story you learned about on Sunday?** (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)
- 2.) **Can anyone remember the main characters?**
 - God/Jesus! (*Leader Note: Almost always a right answer. Helps reinforce that the entire Bible is about God and points forward to Jesus*)
 - King Nebuchadnezzar (nickname - King Nebby)
 - Daniel
- 3.) **Ok, does anyone remember any of the story points?**

Story Point #1: God warns King Nebuchadnezzar with a dream!
Story Point #2: Nebuchadnezzar forgot about God's warning.
Story Point #3: God humbled Nebuchadnezzar powerfully.
Story Point #4: God restored Nebuchadnezzar from his pride.
- 4.) **Awesome! And can anyone remember how this story connected to Jesus?**
Christ Connection: Jesus humbled Himself to restore us from our pride.

Transition: That was awesome! Ya'll did a great job remembering. Ok let's watch the video and see if we remember anything we forgot or notice anything new this time.

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click [here](#) to watch the Gospel Project Video Story.

TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS:

Leader Note: If your kids are younger, it helps to give them journals. For each question, have them write their answers first and then go around the circle and share.

Leader Note: Say each story point and have the kids repeat it.

Story Point #1: God warns King Nebuchadnezzar with a dream!

- Question: Why did God warn King Nebby with a dream?
- Teach: God warns King Nebby (and us!) because He's gracious. He's trying to help protect us from pain and damage that sin causes.
- Question: Do your parents ever give you warnings? Can you think of a specific example?
- Teach: That's awesome! That must be because they care about you a lot.

Story Point #2: Nebuchadnezzar forgot about God's warning.

- Question: Have you ever forgotten about something really important? What happened?
- Question: Why do you think King Nebby forgot God's warning when it was so important?

Story Point #3: God humbled Nebuchadnezzar powerfully.

- How did God humble King Nebby? (Answer: He kind of went crazy! The kingdom was taken from him, he was driven away from people, he lived with the beasts of the field and ate grass like them.)
- Why did God humble King Nebby? (Answer: Nebuchadnezzar took all the credit and glory for building the kingdom instead of giving God the credit and glory.)

Story Point #4: God restored Nebuchadnezzar from his pride.

- Teach: How awesome is that, that after humbling King Nebby - after King Nebby forgot God's warning - God still restored him?! God is so kind and merciful!
- Did God have to restore King Nebby? No!

REVIEW THE CHRIST CONNECTION AND APPLY IT:

Christ Connection: Jesus humbled Himself to restore us from our pride.

- Adults - how is that good news to you?

Main Application(s): Pride shows up in a lot of different ways in our lives. We need Jesus to set us free from our pride and help us live humble, beautiful, loving lives.

- Adults first then kids - Where in your life are you most tempted to give into pride - to thinking that you are the most important person?
 - How can you repent and grow in giving God the credit He deserves for all of the good things in your life?

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE:

Ask any of the kids if they can remember the key passage. Help lead them through it leaving out words and see if they can fill them in.

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PART 3: REFLECTION (10 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child or tell them to get their journals. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- What is one thing I need to do in light of this story? (Help the kids think of ways they can grow, how they might pray for help or practical steps of repentance they can take.)

After the kids have had time to write down their reflection questions, go around the circle and share one at a time (kids and adults).

As well, have everyone (kids and adults) share an area in their life that they need God's help. Have the person sitting to their right pray for them.

OPTIONAL - PART 3a: LESSON ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

“In my dream, there was a ...”

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. The first kid will start by saying, “In my dream, there was a ____.” and will finish the phrase with a word that starts with the same letter as his name. Subsequent children will say the introductory phrase and then repeat what previous kids said before adding their own parts to the dream.

Say • Sometimes dreams are silly or scary. Often dreams don’t really mean much of anything. In today’s Bible story, we heard about a dream that did mean something. In fact, Nebuchadnezzar’s dream was about something that would happen to him in the future!

OPTIONAL - PART 3b: SNACK (5 minutes)

If your group doesn’t eat dinner together, now is a great time to stop for a snack break before spending time praying together and talking about living on mission. For Kidtown we keep snacks simple with Goldfish for most kids and Gummy snacks in case a kid has Gluten allergies.

OPTIONAL - PART 3c: SING (5 minutes)

Play this video of [Jesus Christ is Lord](#) by Seeds Family Worship and sing and dance along!

PART 4: PRAY FOR THE MISSION (15 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to share with others the good news of Jesus. This means that we try to love others with our actions and with our words. We want all our friends to know about Jesus and His great love for them.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God’s love this week to someone who might not know Him?
- Who could we invite to do something fun with our LifeGroup friends this month?

Pray: Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else’s friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!