

1st-3rd Grade Lesson Plan

Sunday, June 7

UNIT 16 | SESSION 4

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES

DANIEL 7-12

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: Daniel's visions pointed to the truth that God is more powerful than all earthly kingdoms. Jesus, the Son of Man, rules over the kings of the earth, and His kingdom will never end. One day, all who trust in Him will be with God forever.

CATECHISM QUESTION : Q. What does it mean to believe in Christ? A. To trust in Christ alone for salvation. (*John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12*)

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 - "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit: The people were far away from the land God had given them, but they were not far from God. The Lord was with His people even while they were in exile. He watched over them and promised that they would one day return to the land. When they did, they would return to Him as well.

Volunteer Huddle | **8:45 a.m.**

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | **8:50 a.m.**

- Put out activity pages (**in Activity Box**) and markers (in Teacher Box) on desks.
- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.

- You can push tables back or to the sides to make space in the center or front of the room for activities.

Fellowship Time | 9:00 - 9:15 am

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Greet families at the door as they arrive. Allow children time to engage with one another and catch up. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week? If you’d like a prompting question for discussion, you can use the one below:

SAY: *Do you ever have dreams when you sleep? What is a strange dream you can remember?*

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead children to choose a desk and give them **an Activity Page and markers** (in Activity Box). You can also give them blank paper to draw or some playdough (in Teacher Box) if you prefer.

SAY: *Today, we will learn about some visions or dreams Daniel had which showed how God’s kingdom is the greatest.*

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

Group Activity | 9:10/9:15 am

STRANGE DRAWINGS

Provide each kid with a **paper plate** and a pen or marker (in Activity Box). Lead kids to place the paper plate on their head. Then prompt kids to draw on their plates a picture of something simple like a tree or a house. Tell kids their plate must remain on top of their head as they draw their picture. Then allow kids to reveal their drawings.

SAY How did your drawings turn out? Do you think anyone would be able to understand what you drew? [Allow responses.] Today, we will see how Daniel was given some dreams by God. Daniel saw many things he didn't understand. Let's learn how God helped Daniel understand what these dreams meant.

Lesson | 9:20 am

Ask students to return to their desks and pass out **Bibles** (in Teacher Box). Let them know of your expectations during the lesson: listening to the teacher, sitting quietly with hands and feet to themselves, etc.

1. Introduce the Lesson + Pray

SAY Hi, kids! I'm glad you're here for our last week of Sunday School! If you brought your Bible, will you please take it out? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one. Invite kids to turn to Daniel 7.] Today, we'll learn how God gave Daniel visions or dreams about His kingdom and the kingdoms of this world. We'll see that Daniel's visions showed that God's kingdom will last forever. Let's pray.

2. Using Bibles

SAY: Today, we will again be in the book of DANIEL. You can turn in your Bibles to DANIEL 7. Let's hear this true story from God's Word.

3. Tell the Bible Story

Open your **Bible** to **DANIEL 7** and ask children to turn in their Bibles.

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES



While Daniel was in captivity in Babylon, God gave him visions and dreams. In these visions, God gave Daniel truth that would comfort God's people in times of trouble. This truth showed that God is ultimately in control, and that He would one day rule over the world and save His people, no matter how powerful the nations of the world appear.

In the first year Belshazzar was king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions as he lay in his bed. He saw great winds stir up a great sea, and four huge beasts came out of the sea.

The first beast was a lion with eagle's wings. The second beast looked like a bear, and it had three ribs in its mouth. The third beast was like a leopard with four heads and four wings on its back. But the fourth beast was the most frightening of all. This beast had ten horns, large iron teeth, and was incredibly strong.

After these four beasts came out of the sea, Daniel saw God, the Ancient of Days, take His seat on a throne. His clothing was white as snow, and His hair was like white wool. The throne was made of fire, and a river of fire was coming out from Him. God destroyed the fourth, most terrifying beast, and He took away the power of the other three beasts.

Then, one like a son of man came to God. God gave the son of man power, glory, and a kingdom, so that every people, nation, and language would serve him. His kingdom will last forever and never be destroyed.

Daniel was confused by this dream. Thankfully, an angelic messenger explained the dream to him. Daniel learned that the four beasts were four kings who ruled over four kingdoms. They looked powerful, but they were not as powerful as God. God would give His people the kingdom, and they would possess it forever.

Daniel had more visions as well. In these visions, Daniel saw how the beasts of the earth fought for power and acted wickedly. Daniel prayed to God and asked God to be merciful to His people. God said there will be many troubles in the future. But even through the troubles, God will make His people pure.

These visions told the same truth: God is more powerful than all the kingdoms on earth. Even though things may look bad, God's people can be patient in hope. God will one day put all things right when He brings His rule over all the earth, forever.

4. Christ Connection

SAY: *Daniel's visions pointed to the truth that God is more powerful than all earthly kingdoms. Jesus, the Son of Man, rules over the kings of the earth, and His kingdom will never end. One day, all who trust in Him will be with God forever.*

Review & Video | 9:30 am

Bible Story Video

If you'd like, watch the **Bible lesson video** on the YouTube app on the TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids* (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom).

Review the Bible Story

Invite children to **open their Bibles to DANIEL 7:9-14.**

SAY - Let's review a section of scripture from our Bible lesson today. Please turn to **DANIEL 7:9-14. Have a volunteer read the passage.**

1. How is the Ancient of Days described in verses 9-10?

- a. *His clothing and hair is bright white like snow. His throne had fiery flames and a stream of fire came out of the throne. Thousands upon thousands of people served him.*

2. What happened to the beasts?

- a. *The great beast was killed and the other beasts' dominion was taken away.*

3. What happened when the Son of Man approached the Ancient of Days?

- a. *The son of man was given an everlasting kingdom. All peoples, nations and languages will serve him.*

4. Who is the Son of Man?

- a. *Jesus is the Son of Man who came to defeat sin and evil once and for all. Jesus is the King of kings, the Prince of peace, and the Alpha and Omega. One day, Jesus will return and set up His perfect, eternal kingdom.*

Pray

Ask students if they have any **prayer requests**. Pray about what you learned in the lesson and for any requests.

Catechism Question

Use the **Catechism Question** posters to review previous questions and learn the new one for this week (in Activity Box).

SAY: *Today we will review our catechism question:*

Q. What does it mean to believe in Christ?

A. *To trust in Christ alone for salvation.*

Let's review all of the catechism questions again:

Q) What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A) *A life of perfect obedience to the Law of God*

Q. What does Christ do for His people?

A. *He does the work of a prophet, a priest, and a king.*

Q. What does it mean to believe in Christ?

A. *To trust in Christ alone for salvation.*

Memory Verse | 9:40 am

Show the **memory verse poster** (in Activity Box). Open your Bible to **1 CORINTHIANS 10:31** and lead the kids to read the verses together. You can also write the verse on the whiteboard so that children can see it more clearly.

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

WRITE THE VERSE

Form kids into two teams. Provide the first kid on each team with a **dry erase marker** (In Activity Box), and on the shout of “Go” have them run to their dry erase board and write the first word of the verse. Then have them return to their team and pass the dry erase marker to the second person who will write the second word of the verse on the board. Continue down the line until the whole verse is complete. The team that finishes writing the verse correctly first wins. The teacher or assistant can stand at the white board with the memory verse poster to help kids remember the verse as they write.

SAY: *God is the greatest, and He deserves all the glory! In everything we do, we can do it for the Lord, remembering that He is the King.*

Extra Activity

FROM BEGINNING TO END

Invite kids to sit in a circle. Choose one kid to begin by asking him or her to say a sentence that begins a story. For example, he may say something like, “Once a kid went for a bike ride.” Then the kid to his right will say the next sentence of the story. Continue around the circle until it’s the last kid’s turn. He or she will say a sentence to complete the story. If time allows, repeat this activity, allowing another kid to begin a story.

SAY: *That was an interesting story! But you know what? We didn’t really know where the story was going. We had to wait for each person to share before we could learn how the story would end. But we don’t have to guess how God’s story will end! God’s Word, the Bible, shares His story from beginning to end. As Daniel saw visions from God, he learned that God will defeat all earthly kingdoms. When Jesus comes back, He will set up His kingdom forever. And Jesus invites you to be a part of His Kingdom by trusting in Him. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will live in His kingdom forever.*



Dismissal | 9:50 am

As parents arrive,

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent's tag to the child's tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- **Give feedback!** Tell parents how the student did that morning.

Clean Up

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with activities. [Magic eraser sponges can erase markings on desks.]
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box.
- Place the TV remote in the white holder on the dry erase board.
- Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.