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Daniel: Ten times better



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Introduction

Our hero of the month is Daniel! What a brilliant example of faithfulness and steadfastness. We trust that each child will be empowered to live their life fearlessly loyal to the purpose of God for their lives

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach the children principles to make them ten times better
- Teach the children an effective prayer model

Lesson Context:

- The story takes place in Babylon, where Daniel and his friends were in exile.
- The characters involved are: God, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah and King Nebuchadnezzar.
- Daniel and his friends decided to remain faithful to God and not to become unclean by following the customs of Babylon. Their faithfulness made them ten times better and wiser than anyone else.

Read in advance:

- Daniel 1
- Daniel 6

Memorize the Word:

"He found they were ten times better than all the fortune-tellers and magicians in his kingdom."

Daniel 1:20 NLT

This week's Declaration:

I grow ten times better as I am faithful!

Word of the week:

Faithful



Opening Activity:

Ask the children what things/traits they most admire in a person. Eg: "I admire people who are brave and honest."

Say: Today our hero for the month Daniel, will show how important it is that we remain faithful and prayerful as we live our daily lives in a challenging world.

Opening Prayer:

"Father God, thank You for a new day. Thank You for an opportunity to learn from Your word so I can grow in faithfulness as Your child. In Jesus name. Amen"

Daniel 1:8 - “Daniel decided not to eat the king’s food and wine because that would make him unclean. So he asked Ashpenaz for permission not to make himself unclean in this way”



Daniel 6:10b - “Three times each day Daniel got down on his knees and prayed. He prayed and thanked God, just as he always had done”

Daniel 1:20 - “Every time the king asked them about something important, they showed much wisdom and understanding. He found they were ten times better than all the fortune-tellers and magicians in his kingdom”

We can become ten times better through:

- Faithfulness (Daniel 1:8): Daniel refused to enjoy the royal food, which were not in keeping with Jewish law, because he knew that being faithful to God would help him become stronger and healthier than others.

A hero is faithful in every season!

- Prayer (Daniel 6:10): Even though there was a law that banned prayer for thirty days, Daniel never stopped praying because he knew that his strength came from God. A hero becomes the best when they pray every day

A hero becomes the best when they pray everyday!

Application

Daniel was able to become a great hero because he was consistent and effective in prayer. It is important that we learn how to pray to bring about positive results.

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Our Father, thank You for choosing me to be ten times better like Daniel. I will be faithful and will seek You in prayer every day. In the name of Jesus, amen

Declare together: I grow ten times better as I am faithful!

Instruction:

Learn to pray the Lord's prayer – not as repetition but as a way to speak to the Father.



Remember we have age specific devotionals for the kids to help consolidate the lesson.