

UNIT 1

LESSON 4

DANIEL- A MAN OF FAITHFUL PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

Someone tell me the 3 characters that we have gone over so far!! Ahab, Barnabas, and Cain. Today we are going to talk about Daniel. First let's think about what the word faithful means. What do you all think the word faithful means? I tend to think of the word as meaning that the task is persistently followed out, through difficulty, in spite of opposition, and without recognition. Well, Daniel was certainly faithful through his years in Babylon. Turn in your Bibles to Daniel and take a look at chapter 6 verse 1.

LESSON PASSAGE: DANIEL 6:1-28

- I. Background
 - A. Daniel had lived in Jerusalem and the Babylonians took the city captive.
 - B. Daniel was taken captive with other young boys to Babylon
 - C. Daniel eventually rose to a position of leadership.
 - D. Daniel was a man of consistent prayer.
- II. The Opposition
 - A. The men under Daniel's rule sought occasion to find fault against Daniel.
 - B. They brought a law before King Darius to sign. It simply stated that no one could pray to ANY god other than King Darius himself.
 - C. The law was signed and the evil men began to watch for Daniel to pray.
 - D. Daniel was caught and arrested.
- III. The Lion's Den
 - A. The King was very unhappy that this had happened. But he had to throw Daniel to the lions.
 - B. The King fasted all night as Daniel was with the lions.
 - C. In the morning, King Darius finds Daniel alive. The angel of the Lord had come and shut the lion's mouths.
 - D. Daniel was rescued and the evil men were cast into the lions.
 - E. The Bible says in verse 28 that Daniel prospered.
- IV. Application for the Students
 - A. Daniel was known as a faithful man. The king even referred to Daniel's God as the One that he served CONTINUALLY.
 - B. Daniel was faithful to keeping a godly testimony even in a land that worshipped other gods.
 - C. Daniel did not have anyone on his side. He had to stand alone. He chose to be obedient when it was not easy.

CONCLUSION:

There will be times in our lives when we will have to make choices whether to stand for God or not. There will no doubt be times that we will have to make that choice alone. God gives strength in those times, and as in the case of Daniel, God took special care of him because of his obedience. Standing for God is not always the easiest thing to do especially when you have to do it alone. But God promises in Isaiah that He will never leave us or forsake us. That means that He is always with you. He is a God that is everywhere at once!! You are never alone when God is in your heart. We should also learn from this story and example that we need to be spending time with God in prayer each day. It will affect your life!! Time with God should be a priority. These men that were after Daniel knew what he would be doing- praying. Your testimony needs to be one of a child of God that is faithful in his time with God. We must choose each day to be obedient to God, faithful, and standing for Him!! He has done so much for us!! You can't make a difference unless you decide to be different!!

PRAYER

VERSE: 1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

TEACH THE VERSE: Write the verse on the board. Read the verse aloud and have the kids say verse several times. Then erase the verse and have them say the verse several times again.