



LESSON 6

REFERENCES: DANIEL 2:1-28, 46-49; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 491-502.

The King's Dream

Have you ever had a dream? Was it fun remembering it when you woke up? A long time ago a king had a strange dream.

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ing Nebuchadnezzar groaned and rolled over in his bed. He opened his eyes and looked around. It was still very dark. The king thought about the strange dream he had just had. He tried to go back to sleep. But it was no use. "Bring the wise men!" he called to his guards.



Memory Verse

"I want to . . . tell people the Good News about God's grace."

ACTS 20:24, ICB

The Message

We worship God when we tell others about Him.

Quickly the guards woke up some of the wise men and rushed them to the king. King Nebuchadnezzar frowned at the men. "I had a dream that troubles me," he said.

"O king," replied the men, "live forever! Please tell us your dream. Then we will tell you what it means."

"No!" King Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "You must tell me the dream. And then you must tell me what it means."

The wise men looked at each other. They did not smile. "No one can do what the king asks," they whispered.

King Nebuchadnezzar became angry. "Take them away! Take all the wise men away!" he ordered.

Daniel, one of the wise men, had not been awakened. He learned of the trouble when the guards came to take him away with the others. "What is troubling the king?" Daniel asked.

The guard explained, "The king has had a troubling dream. And the wise men couldn't tell him what it was."

"Please," Daniel said, "let me talk to the king."

Daniel bowed before the king. "Please give me some time," he asked politely. "I want to pray to my God and ask Him to tell me your dream and what it means."

King Nebuchadnezzar frowned, but he agreed.

Daniel hurried to his three best friends. Together they prayed that God would show Daniel this secret. That night God did tell Daniel the king's dream.

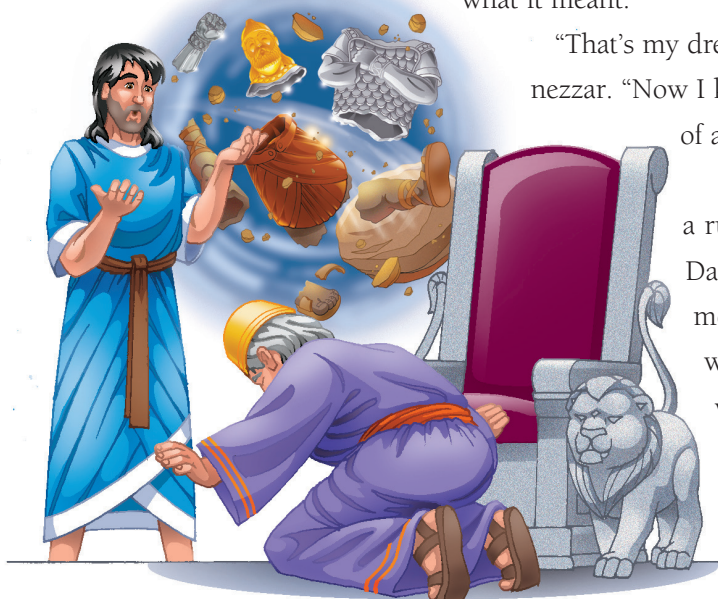
In the morning Daniel went back to King Nebuchadnezzar. "Can you tell me what I dreamed and what it means?" the king demanded.

"No," Daniel answered. "I can't. But there is a God in heaven who explains secret things."

And Daniel told the king exactly what he had dreamed, and what it meant.

"That's my dream!" shouted King Nebuchadnezzar. "Now I know that your God is the greatest of all!" he exclaimed.

Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel a ruler in the kingdom. And he put Daniel in charge of the other wise men. Daniel was happy to help. He was happy about helping the other wise men get out of trouble. But Daniel was happiest because the king now knew that the God of heaven is the true God.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together* and review the memory verse.

I want Point to self.

to . . . tell people Touch finger to mouth.

the Good News . Arms open wide.

about God's Point upward.
grace.

Acts 20:24 Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Encourage your child to share the door picture they made in Sabbath School. (Or help them draw and color a picture of your front door with Revelation 3:20 written on it: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me [NIV]."

MONDAY

Help your child bake cookies, draw a picture, or cut some flowers for a friend or neighbor and tell them that Jesus loves them.

Pray with your child that all their friends will learn to love Jesus.

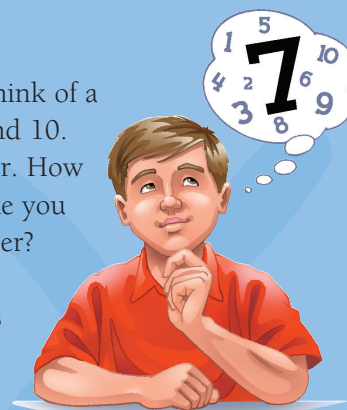
TUESDAY

Look at magazines or books to find ways people could tell others about Jesus (helping, listening, talking, etc.). Have your child act out ways they can share Jesus with others.



WEDNESDAY

Have your child think of a number between 1 and 10. You guess the number. How many tries does it take you to get the right number? Reverse. Talk about how only God knows our thoughts and dreams.



THURSDAY

Read Daniel 2:1-28 and 46-49 together. Ask: What did the king want his wise men to do? Why couldn't they? What did King Nebuchadnezzar learn about God? What can other people learn about God from you?

Help your child draw a picture of a dream they have had and tell about it. Tell your child about a happy dream you've had. Thank Jesus for happy dreams.

FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family for worship.

Play "God's Messenger" with your family. Think of good things to tell others about God and whisper them to each other around a circle.

* You may want to read *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 491-502, for your personal devotions this week.