

Family Devotional

From November 13, 2016

Supplies: Bible

Read: Daniel 6 or "Daniel and the Scary Sleepover" from *The Jesus Story Book Bible* page 152

Reflect:

Why didn't the other palace helpers like Daniel? When they spied on him what did they find? Dan 6:4

So what did they decide to do? Dan 6: 6-8

King Darius was flattered by their idea: he liked the idea of everyone praying to him. However, Daniel knew he shouldn't pray to anyone but God. Who did Daniel choose to obey: God's law or man's law?

Have someone read Romans 13: 1-7 & Acts 5:29.

These verses show us that God wants us to respect and obey those in authority over us, but when their laws contradict God's laws we need to obey God first.

Do you think this was an easy choice for Daniel? What would you have been thinking?

Following God's law is always the right choice but it doesn't mean we won't face any consequences. What was the punishment for not following the new rule? Dan 6:7

God could have rescued Daniel before he ever went into the lion's den, but God had a bigger plan. What did the king say to Daniel as he was being put in the den? Dan 6:16

King Darius, who did not serve God at that point, was waiting and hoping Daniel was right and his God would protect him! What happened in the Lion's Den? Dan 6:22

How did the king react? Was he upset or Happy? Dan 6:23

King Darius not only chose to trust in God himself, but he shared the truth he found with the whole world.

Because of Daniel's faithfulness to God many others came to trust in God too. Our actions have power! When we choose to "Love the Lord our God" with every part of us we bring glory to God and point others to him.

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Deuteronomy 6:5 this week.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength." (NIV)

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond:

"Dear God, thank you for loving and protecting us just like you protected Daniel in the lion's den. Help us to love you with our whole heart, soul, and strength. Help us always obey your laws even when it is difficult..... Amen!"