



WEEK 2

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)



Charades

Before start of play, prepare: Think of a list of words that you can act out. (You can opt to come up with a list of words that have something in common or just a list of random words.) You decide how many words you want to play. The more words there are, the more fun the game will be! Prepare pieces of paper and write one word on each piece of paper.

Example: Things that are round - coin, ball, earth, frisbee, wheels, head, moon, button, lifesaver, etc.

How to play:

1. First person will pick a piece of paper and act out the word written on it. All other players will try to guess the word.
2. Set your own rules as to what is allowed and what is not (e.g. no pointing to specific objects, no spelling of words, no mouthing of words, etc)
3. The person who guesses the most words wins the game.
4. Every member of the family should have the chance to act out a word.

Was it easy to guess the words that were acted out? Some words were easy to guess while others required a bit more thinking and imagination. Now, what if I were to just stand in front of you and you have to guess what I'm thinking of, without any clues. Do you think you can do it?

This is what the king of Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar demanded from his men. Let's see what happened in Daniel 2.



Read the Word

Daniel 2:1-6

1 "One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. 2 He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, 3 he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

4 Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means." 5 But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! 6 But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors."

Of course, no one could tell the king what his dream was. No one, no matter how smart he may be, can do that! The king got furious and ordered all the wise men to be killed.

14 "When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. 15 He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. 16 Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. 17 Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. 18 He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. 19 That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision."

Even someone as wise as Daniel could not tell the king what his dream was. But God can! Daniel sought God and God revealed it to him. And both the king and Daniel praised God!

27 Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. 28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future."

47 The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

Daniel was about to be killed. But He turned to God and God delivered him. God revealed the king's dream. This is something no one can ever do. But God did it to deliver Daniel and his friends from death.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Do you remember any of your dreams? Tell your family about it.

7-12 years old

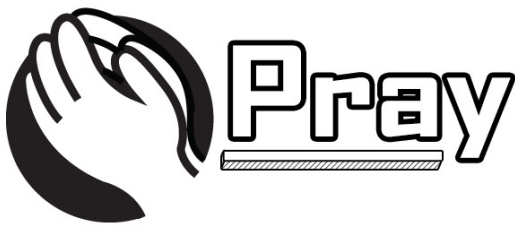
- Have you had a dream that you can still remember until now? Share your dream.

Kid/s to Parent:

- Are there situations in life that you don't understand? What do you do?

You may never be in a situation as tight as Daniel was in but there will be times when you meet a situation and you just feel like there's nothing you can do. So, what then? As bleak and hopeless as his situation was, Daniel turned to God. Nobody would have thought that Daniel could come up with what the king's dream was but he did. And it was not by his own efforts but it was all God!

You see, God is sovereign and there is nothing that he does not know about. So in all things that we do, you can always come to God. Let's seek Him and ask Him what He wants us to do. As you seek Him, God will reveal His heart to you.



Dear God,

We come to you in everything that we do. We pray that our hearts will always come to seek You especially when we feel helpless or when things are difficult. We trust and believe that as we seek You, You will give us wisdom to know what to do, Thank You, God, because our hope is in You, God. In Jesus' name,

Amen!



Do you know that 95% of your dreams are forgotten after you wake up? One of the big reasons for this is because the areas in our brain that play a big part in forming memories are inactive when we are asleep.

Other factors that play a role include our levels of anxiety when we go to bed, medications and health problems and our gender and personality.

The probability of being able to tell what another person dreamt of is almost zero. Yet Daniel did it because God revealed it to him. Isn't that awesome?

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