

CITY SG – October 14-16, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Keeping the Faith (Daniel's Integrity with Food) • *Daniel 1*

Today's Bottom Line: Do what's right wherever you are.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Anyone who lives without blame walks away safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIRV)

1. Dough Review

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Play-Doh (a little for each child), paper plates (one per child), and a Bible

What You Do:

- Give each kid a ball of dough and a plate.
- Encourage the kids to shape their dough into their favorite food.
- As they are shaping their dough, read Daniel chapter 1 to the group.
- Ask:
 - Why didn't Daniel want to eat food from the king's table? (*eating the king's food would dishonor God*)
 - What happened when Daniel and his friends only ate vegetables for 10 days? (*They looked healthy and well fed—they looked better than the men who ate the king's food.*)
 - What is one thing you learned from this story about Daniel and his friends?
 - What helps us stand strong when we're tempted to make a bad choice?
- Let kids share their favorite food with the group.

2. Hop-to-It Verse

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: "Memory Verse Cards" (1 set per group) and Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- Lay out the "Memory Verse Cards" randomly on the floor.
- Instruct the kids to take turns hopping from one word or phrase to the next as the rest of the kids who aren't jumping say the words or phrases out loud when the kid lands on it.
- Once a kid finishes jumping, instruct them to move the cards around a bit—still making sure a kid can hop from one to the other—for the next kid.
- Repeat until every kid has a chance to hop through the course and say the verse.
- Say, "This verse reminds us that when we choose integrity, we'll be walking along a straight path! But when we don't, when we make unwise choices, it's like getting stuck on a crooked path with lots of scary twists and turns."

3. The Places You'll Go!

Application Activity

What You Need: "People You're with Cards" (1-2 sets per group) and "Places You Go Cards" (1-2 set per group)

What You Do:

- Shuffle the "People You're with Cards" and the "Places You Go Cards," keeping them in separate piles.
- Place both piles in the center of your group.
- Instruct one child to select one card from the "People You're with Cards" stack and one card from the "Places You Go Cards" stack.
- Ask the group to come up with an example of someone NOT showing integrity that includes that person and place.
 - For example: If they drew the "brother" card and "playground" card, they might say, "You told your brother the swing was broken so you could swing on it first."
- Then Instruct the kids to come up with how to change the action so the person is making a choice that DOES show integrity.
- Continue letting other kids choose cards.

4. Pray

- Dear God, thank You for always hearing us when we pray. This week, when we go to (*Pause as kids name their place.*), help us to do what's right, even when it's hard, even if we're the ONLY one making the right choice. Remind us that You are with us and You will help us live with integrity. We love You God, and we trust that Your way is the best way. We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, let them know we learned about how God can help us do what's right and to ask their child about the story of Daniel from today.