

Chapter 18 – God Watches Over Daniel
Day One – Doing Right

Today's reading: Bottom of page 257 top of page 260

This reading covers: Daniel 6

Summary: Daniel did what was right before God and others.

Do together: Play a game in which you stand with your back to your children and they stand in a line behind you. They are to kneel and stand up repeatedly. When you turn around, if you catch any kneeling, they lose a point. Those standing receive a point. Do this until someone has five points.

Think about: Now discuss the fact that Daniel was caught kneeling in prayer and was going to be thrown into the lion's den. In Babylon, that was the law. However, in your house, those caught kneeling in prayer are to be praised. Surprise! Just like in the game of golf, the lowest score wins!

Also read: John 14:21

Prayer: Help me to do what is right just like Daniel. I want to live in a way that pleases you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 18 – God Watches Over Daniel Day Two – Staying Faithful

Today's reading: same section as Day One

This reading covers: Daniel 6

Summary: Daniel stayed faithful even though it would get him into trouble with the king.

Do together: Have the children be lions and one parent takes the part of Daniel. The other parent, or an older sibling, takes the part of the delivering angel. Someone narrates the story while the others act out the parts.

Think about: Discuss the story of Daniel in the lions' den. Questions:

1. Where were the Jews during this captivity?
2. Why was Daniel thrown into the lions' den?
3. How did the king respond when he heard Daniel had survived?

Also read: Psalm 20

Prayer: God, you are an awesome protector! Thank you for the story of Daniel where I learn that I can always trust you to take care of me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 18 – God Watches Over Daniel Day Three – Words of Hope

Today's reading: Break on page 260 through page 261

This reading covers: Jeremiah 29-31

Summary: While in a foreign land, God brought his people a message of hope.

Do together: Play a game of Hide and Seek, only this time call it "Captivity and Freedom."

Think about: Share a time when you felt captive, either in a job or a place. Then ask the children to talk about times when they felt trapped and alone. When we feel this way, we can always remember that God has great plans for our future.

Also read: Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer: Father, thank you that even in the dark times you are with me. I know I will be okay if I trust and follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen.