**The Bible wk 10**

**Daniel**

**Welcome to kids church – introduce junior and freedom riders leaders for the morning.**

**Intro**

We are in a series called the Bible adventure! We are learning about what the bible is and will be exploring the wonderful things inside! We are exploring books of the bible like the books of Daniel where we learn about Daniel.

**Juniors & Seniors**

**Introduction**

Today we are looking at an ancient story from the old testament about someone called Daniel. Daniel was only a teenager when he was taken as a prisoner in another land. Even though Daniel’s family loved God, God’s people had turned away from Him so he had allowed their enemies to come into their land and capture them. Because Daniel and his friends were strong and smart, they were chosen to work for the King.

The king didn’t want Daniel and his friends to love God or keep living the healthy lives they were living. He even changed their names to try and make them forget who they used to be!

*Do you know what your name means?*

Well Daniel didn’t forget his name which means ‘God is judge.’ Daniel didn’t forget to pray to God every day and he didn’t do the bad things the King tried to make him do. God blessed Daniel and eventually the King saw that Daniel’s way was best!

Let’s listen to a story about Daniel now.

**Snack and story**Read ‘A Roaring rescue’ from Bible for Kids app or story of Daniel and the lions from a favourite book.

**Activity - Fizz prayers**

**Intro to activity**Daniel and his friends refused to pray to other gods and eat the unhealthy food the King served.
*Do you ever refuse to do things you know are not a good choice even though others are doing them?*
Daniel prayed three times a day and God gave him love, strength and good ideas.
*Can you think of a time God has given you strength, love or a good idea?*(At this point the leader can share about how praying to God has given them strength, love or good idea for a certain situation)

**Closing prayer**Thankyou God that you know the best ways for us. Thank you for giving us good ideas. Help us to pray every day and make good choices even when it is hard, just like Daniel. Amen.

**Extra prayer for Seniors**
Read psalm 19. A song that reminds us about obeying God.
<http://www.essex1.com/people/paul/psalm19.html>

We are going to do something now that reminds us that God always listens when we pray and his Spirit changes things and fills us with God’s love, strength and ideas.

**Idea from here:** [**http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com.au/2014/06/come-holy-spirit-fizzy-explosion-prayers.html**](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com.au/2014/06/come-holy-spirit-fizzy-explosion-prayers.html)

*Materials: Bicarbonate of soda, white vinegar, food colouring, eye droppers, tray.*

Mix food colouring into white vinegar to colour it.  Keep each colour of vinegar in a separate cup and add a dropper to each cup.  Cover the bottom of a baking tray with bicarbonate of soda.

Invite the kids to drop a drop of coloured vinegar onto the soda and watch the explosion!
Talk about the power of the Spirit and how God can transform our lives if we pray for the Spirit to come.  Compare this to the power of the explosion that happens when the vinegar hits the soda.
Talk about how God always listens when we pray and his Spirit changes things and fills us with God’s love and strength.

**Extra:**
Ask children to choose a colour of vinegar that represents either themselves or someone they would like to pray for.  As they drop the vinegar onto the soda, pray that the Holy Spirit will come to that person and transform their lives (or fill their lives with good things.)

**Extra game for Juniors:** Musical statues.

**Extra game for Seniors: (Wooden) Chopsticks and Marbles.**

Place about 30 marbles in a large bowl with water in it.

Each kid has 2 mins to pick out the marbles using the chopsticks in one hand and transfer them into a smaller bowl.

The player who moves the most marbles is the winner!

**Extra: Colouring pages for free play time.**

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