

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

You Can Make A Difference

MEMORY VERSE:

Daniel 2:47 (NIV)

"The king said to Daniel, 'I'm sure *your God is the greatest God of all. He is the Lord of kings.* He explains mysteries. That's why you were able to explain the mystery of my dream.'"

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week. The portion of the memory verse printed in *italics* is the portion of the verse for younger junior soldiers to memorize.

PARENT POINT:

Ask your child how praying helped Daniel. Tell them about a time when you prayed to God for help or guidance.



THIS WEEK, the second week of the unit "Making Good Choices," junior soldiers learned about how Daniel and his friends prayed to God for help during a difficult time.

During the second year of King Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Daniel (Belteshazzar), Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego) graduated from their course of Babylonian training, and served in the palace. Through everything they'd remained faithful to God, and God protected them.

One evening King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. None of the wise men could tell the king about his dream. They told the king that only "divine beings" could accomplish what he asked. This made King Nebuchadnezzar furious. He ordered all the wise men in the palace (including Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) be executed.

When the guards came to get Daniel for the execution, Daniel pleaded for more time. He prayed with his friends. Daniel praised God for the meaning of the dream, and asked the guard to take him to the king.

After telling King Nebuchadnezzar what happened in the dream, Daniel shared the meaning with the king. King Nebuchadnezzar paid honor to Daniel. He said, "I'm sure your God is the greatest God of all. He is the Lord of kings. He explains mysteries. That's why you were able to explain the mystery of my dream" (Daniel 2:47 NIV).

The king promoted Daniel to a high position on the royal court, and placed him in charge of all the wise men. Daniel asked the king to appoint Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as administrators over the province of Babylon.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers understand that as Christians they're different from the world, and they should make a difference in the world. This lesson helped junior soldiers strengthen their identities as Christians.