

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

You Don't
Have To
Be Weird

MEMORY VERSE:

Daniel 1:8 (NIV)

"Daniel decided not to make himself 'unclean' by eating the King's food and drinking his wine. So he asked the chief official for a favor. He wanted permission not to make himself 'unclean' with the king's food and wine."

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 what it's like to be a Christian in their school. Affirm their belief in God. Let them know that you're proud of them for being a Christian.



TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS the children started the four-week unit, "Making Good Choices." Throughout this unit the junior soldiers will learn about the experiences of Daniel while he was living in Babylon. Daniel is a wonderful example of being a faithful servant to God.

It's important for all Christians to know what it means to be faithful, and to understand how to be a faithful servant of God. King Nebuchadnezzar picked a number of strong, smart Hebrew young men to be trained to serve in the palace. Four of the young men chosen were Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. They were only about 15 years old when they were taken to Babylon.

Today's lesson was about how Daniel and his friends were captured from Judah and taken to Babylon. When they first arrived they didn't want to eat the food from the king's table because it was against Jewish law. Daniel came up with a plan to honor God by not eating the king's food. God cared for and protected Daniel and his friends because they obeyed God's commands.

Over the next few weeks, the children will learn about how Daniel and his friends remained faithful to God in difficult situations. They'll learn that it's okay to be different for Jesus Christ.



INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers understand that sometimes following God isn't the popular choice. By studying the example of Daniel they learned that it's okay to stand up for their faith in God.