



All-Knowing - Lesson 3

2s and 3s

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...”

Key Point: God knows everything!

Bible Verse: Daniel 4

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures in sequential order on the table, floor, or in a pocket chart if available.
- Key Point

- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.

Activity

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from the Bible. **Daniel is a prophet from Israel and God uses him to understand dreams and tell others what they mean** (1). Daniel faithfully follows God, but **most of the people of Israel do not worship God. So, God allows them to be taken captive by the Babylonians** (2). **Nebuchadnezzar is the king of Babylon and he is very proud of himself** (3). He has built a beautiful city with large buildings and he rules over many people. **He often forgets that God is the One who gives him the ability** to do these things and **to be a powerful king** (4).

King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that he doesn't understand (5), it worries him. **He asks all the wise men** to come to his palace to tell him **what the dream means, but they are not able to understand it** (6). **Then Daniel goes to see the king and he tells Daniel about his dream. God allows Daniel to know what it means** (7). **Daniel tells the king that** God is sending him a warning.

Daniel tells him that his dream means that **God is going to take away Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom if he continues to brag** (8). **But** one day, while **King Nebuchadnezzar** is walking in the royal palace, he **continues to brag and** says, "Isn't this the great Babylon that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty!" King Nebuchadnezzar starts thinking he is the one who is powerful and in control, and **he forgets that he could not have done anything without God** (9).

So God speaks and **says**, "**Your kingdom has been taken from you and you will live with the beasts in the field!** You will be like this **until you know that God rules over all men and gives power to whomever he chooses!**" (10) After God declares this, Nebuchadnezzar doesn't live in his palace, sleep in a bed, or talk to other people for seven years! When we brag, it is not pleasing to God. When we are good at something and do something really great, it is easy to forget that God gave us those talents. God is the one in control. He knows everything!

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Review Questions

1. **Who did God use to tell King Nebuchadnezzar what his dream meant?** (Daniel.)
2. **Who was bragging about himself?** (King Nebuchadnezzar.)
3. **What happened when the king did not listen to God's warning?** (He lost his whole kingdom and had to eat grass like an animal.)
4. **Who gives us our talents, abilities, and wisdom?** (God, our creator.)
5. **Who should we give glory to for the things we are able to do?** (God.)
6. **Why should we give God the glory and listen to him, thank him, and praise him?** (Because God created us, he loves us, he wants to have a relationship with us, he provides for us, and he knows everything—he even knows us better than we know ourselves.)

ACTIVITIES:

Praying Hands

Supplies:

- "I will thank God" hand (one per child)
- "for the talents he gave me" hand (one per child)
- Craft sticks (two per child)
- Crayons
- Glue sticks

Have the children color the pictures and hands as you talk about the fact that without God, we would not have the abilities, gifts, and talents that we have to do these things (play sports, sing, cook, play video games, draw or paint, etc). Help kids glue a craft stick to the bottom of each hand and show children how they can put the hands together as if they are praying. Remind the kids that we should pray and thank God for all that he gives us; we are nothing apart from him.

***Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is. ***

Give God the Glory Beanbag Toss

Supplies

- Beanbags (three per bin)
- Set of signs - GIVE, GOD, the GLORY (one set per bin)

Discuss with the children that God not only asked King Nebuchadnezzar to give God the glory for the things he could do but that God asks that of us, too. Tell them whatever good we do is ALL because of God. Put the three pieces of paper (GIVE, GOD, the GLORY) on the floor, a short distance from the children. Have the children take turns throwing the three beanbags onto the paper with GIVE, GOD, and the GLORY.