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DAILY STUDY

P-E-A-C-E helps us stay in touch
with the Word and with the LORD.

When you read the Bible, is there any **P**romise to claim or
Praise to offer God? **E**xample to follow or avoid?
Action or **A**ttitude to adopt or change? **C**ommand to obey?
Error to avoid?

Week of August 27

- M. Daniel 2:23
- T. Daniel 2:1-9
- W. Daniel 2:10-16
- T. Daniel 2:17-23
- F. Daniel 2:24-30
- S. Daniel 2:23

Week of September 24

- M. Exodus 3:7-8a
- T. Exodus 1:8-10
- W. Exodus 1:11-13
- T. Exodus 3:7-8
- F. Exodus 3:9-10
- S. Exodus 3:7-8a

Week of September 3

- M. Daniel 7:17-18
- T. Daniel 7:1-8
- W. Daniel 7:9-14
- T. Daniel 7:15-22
- F. Daniel 7:23-28
- S. Daniel 7:17-18

Week of October 1

- M. Exodus 12:13
- T. Exodus 11:1-6
- W. Exodus 11:7-9
- T. Exodus 12:1-5
- F. Exodus 12:6-13
- S. Exodus 12:13

Week of September 10

- M. Daniel 9:3
- T. Daniel 9:1-3
- W. Daniel 9:4-14
- T. Daniel 9:15-19
- F. Daniel 9:20-23
- S. Daniel 9:3

Week of October 8

- M. Exodus 14:14
- T. Exodus 14:5-14
- W. Exodus 14:15-20
- T. Exodus 14:21-28
- F. Exodus 14:29-31
- S. Exodus 14:14

Week of September 17

- M. Ephesians 6:12
- T. Daniel 10:1-14
- W. Daniel 10:15-20
- T. Ephesians 6:10-12
- F. Ephesians 6:13-18
- S. Ephesians 6:12

Week of October 15

- M. Exodus 25:22
- T. Exodus 25:1-9
- W. Exodus 25:10-16
- T. Exodus 25:17-22
- F. Hebrews 10:19-22
- S. Exodus 25:22

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Meet Our Writers



SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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Prophecies and Revelations



September 3
A Man of Integrity

September 10
Beasts and Kingdoms

September 17
Prayer for a Nation

September 24
The Unseen Battle

Unit Overview: The Unit, Prophecies and Revelations, shows the relationship between devotion to God and gaining understanding from God. It will lead youth to examine Daniel's deep devotion to God, commitment to prayer and the strong concern he had for his people to be the people of God they were meant to be. Additionally, it will aid youth in examining prophecy and seeing God's purposes in revealing them to us.

Unit Central Truth: God has a plan for dealing with humankind, and parts of that plan are revealed through biblical dreams and prophecy.

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A Man of Integrity

Memory Verse – I thank and praise You, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, You have made known to me what we asked of You, You have made known to us the dream of the king.

Daniel 2:23 (NIV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



Tanya and Courtney shared a desk during math class. As soon as the bell rang, Courtney hurriedly packed his bag, left the classroom and ran to the lunch line.

At lunch, Tanya approached Courtney and asked him if he had her protractor. Courtney replied that he did not have it. Tanya asked him to see if it had slipped into his bag by accident. Courtney declined to look as he knew he did not take up the protractor. After repeated requests by Tanya, Courtney reluctantly looked in his bag, and did not find the protractor. Tanya asked Courtney to let her know should he see it anywhere. Courtney was adamant that he did not have it and told Tanya to stop annoying him.

That night when Courtney unpacked his bag, he found the protractor in his math book.

How do you think Courtney felt when he found the protractor?

What should Courtney do now that he has found the protractor?

Bible Focus
Daniel 2:1-30

CENTRAL TRUTH
God expects us to be people of integrity.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

What does it mean to live with integrity?

How do I live with integrity?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

Daniel 2:1-30

A simple definition of integrity is honesty. God expects His people to live with integrity. The Book of Daniel tells us about Israelites who were forcibly removed from their homeland to live in Babylon. Daniel and his friends were among the exiles and they worked as advisers to King Nebuchadnezzar.

One day when the king had a troubling dream, he called on his wise men not only to interpret the dream but also to tell him what the dream was about. When some of the wise men expressed that no one could fulfill such a task, the king became upset and ordered the death of all the wise men. When Daniel heard of this, he asked the king for more time to interpret the dream. Then, Daniel and his friends prayed asking God's mercy so that they would not be executed. That night, God revealed to Daniel the dream and its interpretation. Daniel awoke and praised and thanked God for God's wisdom and power. Before he told the king his dream and its interpretation, Daniel made it clear that this revelation was not due to his wisdom but because of God's power. Daniel shows us that even in dangerous situations, we must maintain our integrity and rely on God.



BIBLE SEARCH

A. Read **Bible Focus Daniel 2:1-30** and indicate whether the statement is True (T) or False (F).

- | | T | F | |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | King Nebuchadnezzar had dreams, His mind was troubled and he could not sleep. |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The king tried to interpret his dream himself. |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The astrologers' response to the king was "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it." |
| 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The king replied, "If you tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces." |
| 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The king was pleased because the astrologers were able to tell him his dream and interpret it. |
| 6. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The king ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. |
| 7. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When Arioch, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. |
| 8. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | After Arioch explained the matter to Daniel, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for the king. |
| 9. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Daniel returned to his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery. |
| 10. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision |
| 11. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Daniel went to Arioch, who took him at once to see the king. |
| 12. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Daniel told the king that no wise man could explain to him what he asked, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. |

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



A. Read the following scenarios and comment on what the person should do to display integrity in each situation.

1. James has enough money to buy lunch and for one bus ride, which he will use to get to school tomorrow. This evening he will have to walk for an hour to get home and there will be no lunch tomorrow. After he purchases his lunch, he realizes that he has received extra change. There is even enough for the ride home and lunch tomorrow.
2. Jalen is using an app on her phone to read the Bible during Sunday School. At the top of her screen, she sees a notification of a friend's social media post. She knows it has nothing to do with the Sunday School class, but she is really interested in seeing what her friend posted.

B. Read the **Bible Focus, Daniel 2:1-30** and state three things we can learn from Daniel that will help us in being persons of integrity.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C. Reflect on the things you do each week and state three things you will do to live with integrity. One example has been done for you.

1. I will admit when I am wrong and accept the consequences.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The Lesson and Me

God expects us to live with integrity. It is sometimes hard to be honest when we are in a position to benefit from dishonesty. It is also hard to be honest when it will carry painful consequences. We can depend on God to guide and assist us in doing what is right.

Beasts and Kingdoms

Memory Verse – *The four beasts are four earthly kingdoms. But God Most High will give His kingdom to His chosen ones, and it will be theirs forever and ever.*

Daniel 7:17-18 (CEV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



Kerron and her family were in the living room watching the television. It was the night of the general election and everyone was speculating who would be the next Prime Minister. Kerron's father, grandfather and grandmother had all voted for the ruling party. The opposition party's whole campaign focused on reducing government spending and removing many of the social services on which people in her community depended.

That election was the closest one they had held in a long while. Of the 53 parliamentary seats available, the ruling party had 26 and the current opposition party had 24. Now, the whole nation waited to see who would get the last three seats in Parliament.

When the final votes were counted, the result was in favour of the opposition. There would be a new Prime Minister. A wave of sadness and despair seemed to hang over the living room. How would they be able to survive with that party in power?

Why was Kerron's family in despair at the election results?

What are some of the possible negative outcomes that supporters of a losing party may face after an election?

Bible Focus

Daniel 7:1-28

CENTRAL TRUTH

The kingdoms of Earth will fail, but the kingdom of heaven with God on His throne will reign forever.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

What do I believe about the sovereignty of God?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

Daniel 7:1-28

Daniel chapter 7 records a dream that Daniel had during the reign of Belshazzar, king of Babylon. In the dream, Daniel witnessed four beasts emerging from the sea. The fourth beast is described as *terrifying and frightening and very powerful...different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns* (v. 7 NIV). Among the horns, a small horn appeared with eyes and a mouth like a human and it spoke boastfully. As Daniel looked, a courtroom was set up and seated was the *Ancient of Days* (v. 9 NIV). The fourth beast was killed and thrown into the fire while the other beasts were *stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time* (v. 12 NIV). Then entered *one like a Son of Man* (v. 13 NIV), He was given authority and everlasting dominion over all nations. He was worshipped by all people and His kingdom will never be destroyed.

The four beasts are powerful kingdoms that would rule on Earth. The *Ancient of Days* and *one like a Son of Man* represent God and Jesus. The interpretation of the dream reveals that in the end, all earthly kingdoms will fall, but God will establish an everlasting kingdom.



BIBLE SEARCH

Read **Daniel 7:1-14 (NIV)** and fill in the blanks to complete the sentences below.

1. In the first year of _____ king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream.
2. There before him were the four winds of _____ churning up the great sea.
3. Four great _____, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. The first was like a _____; the second beast looked like a _____; and there was another beast, that looked like a _____.
4. Then a fourth beast—terrifying and _____ and very powerful. It had _____ horns and a little horn with eyes like a human being and a _____.
5. Then thrones were set in place, and the _____ took his seat. The court was _____, and the books were opened.
6. The fourth beast was _____ and thrown into the blazing fire.
7. Then one like a _____ approached the Ancient of Days. He was given authority, glory and _____ power; all nations and peoples of every language _____ him.
8. His dominion is an _____ dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will _____ be destroyed.

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



A. Read **Daniel 7:1-28**. State three things you have learnt from Daniel's prophecy and its interpretation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. i. In Daniel's vision, the four beasts represented powerful kingdoms which challenged God's sovereignty and persecuted God's people. In your opinion, what are some powerful forces that now challenge God's sovereignty and persecute God's people? List them below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ii. Write a short prayer praising God for His sovereignty. Ask God to help you to know when evil forces are at play and thank Him for His protection.

The Lesson and Me

All power and authority in this world belongs to God. Though various individuals and 'world powers' may make decisions that have far reaching effect on the world, no person or system is more powerful than God. I can be confident that God is in control and I place my trust in God.

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