



Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)

Suggested uses: during family devotions, meal time, long family car rides, etc.

Follow-Up to KidsQuest Online
October 4, 2020

Truth (Daniel 1: Daniel's Integrity)

A long time ago in Babylon there was a king named King Nebuchadnezzar who conquered Judah, the land of God's people. To ensure that the people would not fight back he gave an order to take several strong men to serve at his palace where they would get a new name and be taught a new language. They did this to make them forget they were God's people! Daniel and some of his friend were among these men and were renamed Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

At the palace, they were told to eat from the King's table, but this food was different and did not honor God. So, Daniel asked that he and his friends be put on a 10-day test of having only vegetables, grains, and water, and then seeing if they were any weaker than the other men. After this time Daniel and his friends looked healthy and well-fed; in fact they looked better than the other men! They were allowed to keep eating vegetables and grains. By the end of their training Daniel and his friends were brought before the king and he could not find anyone as strong and smart as they were! They eventually became the king's most trusted advisors but never stopped standing strong for the One True God in everything they did. They lived with integrity and trusted God no matter what.

Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. What does integrity mean? Choosing to be truthful and upright in everything you do
2. How do we see Daniel and his friends having integrity in this story? They did not change who they were or how they acted when living in Babylon; they still stayed true to God.
3. How did God help Daniel and his friends? By making them stronger than the other men who were eating meat while Daniel and his friends were eating vegetables and grains. He also gave them knowledge and wisdom.
4. How does Jesus show integrity? When being tempted throughout the Bible Jesus never sins. He is without blemish, completely truthful, and always upright.

Accountability

1. Daniel trusted God with his situation. How has your trust in God been?
2. In what areas have you been struggling to show integrity?
3. Have you been truthful recently in your speech?



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Mission

It might have been tempting for Daniel to just eat the food that was not honoring to God. Everyone else was doing it! But Daniel worked hard to come up with a plan where he was still able to honor God in front of others. How can you give honor to God in front of others at:

1. Home?
2. School?
3. With your friends?

Supplication

1. Do you have any prayer requests?
2. "God, thank you for ALWAYS being truthful in what you say and do. We can put ALL our trust in you because you keep your promises. This week, help us choose the straight path. When we're tempted to do the wrong thing, remind us to have integrity in your name. Give us the strength to be honest with our words AND our actions so others can trust us too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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You find \$10 dollars in the sofa cushion. You check to see if anyone is watching, then stick in your pocket.

The cashier at the store only charges you for two candy bars, but you have three in your hand. When you realize the mistake, you walk back into the store to pay for the third candy bar.

Your promised you would clean your room. You quickly shove everything under the bed.

You said you would finish your homework. You sit down and finish it even though you'd rather play outside.

Your brother left his new iPad® on his bed, and you've used all your screen time for the day. You sneak in his room and download your favorite app onto it.

You are at a friend's house when they start watching a movie that you know you're not allowed to watch. You suggest a different movie, and everyone agrees to watch it instead.

Your Mom asks if you've brushed your teeth. You tell her "yes," but you didn't really brush them.

You're outside playing when your brother accidentally kicks you. All adults are inside and can't see what you're doing. You kick your brother back, hard.

You have a substitute teacher. You act like you've never been in your classroom before and ignore all the rules.

You're playing with blocks and pick up your sister's latest creation. A big chunk breaks off, and you can't fix it on your own. You show your sister what happened and tell her you're really sorry.

Your Mom sets her work laptop on the counter. You accidentally spill an entire cup of water all over it. You clean up all the water without telling your Mom what happened.

What to Do: Use these scenarios to help your kids understand integrity. Read each scenario and determine together if the response was "truthful with everything that was said and done."