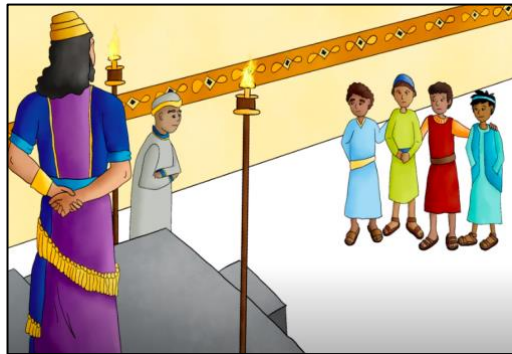


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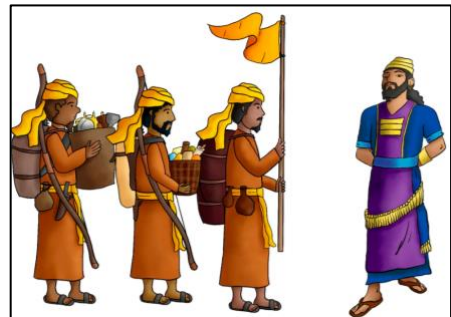
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Lesson #9: CAPTURED! DANIEL & 3 FRIENDS ARE TAKEN TO BABYLON (Daniel 1:1-7; 6:10; 9:1-20)



The Bible says that even though God’s prophets cried out to the people to stop sinning and turn back to God, they didn’t listen.

So, God had to discipline (punish) them. Their punishment was that God let a king from another land, Babylon, come and take over Judah. The Babylonian king’s name was Nebuchadnezzar. King Nebuchadnezzar would come three different times to take over Jerusalem.



The first time the king of Babylon came to God’s City, he took all of the strong, smart, young boys that he could find. He took them away to his land, Babylon.

Daniel and his three friends were some of the people taken far away from God’s City. They had to live in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar and do what he said.



They would never see their families again. But Daniel KNEW that God wanted to take care of him, and that God was very wise. So, Daniel talked to God every single day — in fact, he prayed to God all throughout the day!



There were many other boys who had been taken away from God's Land too. Most of the other boys started to forget to pray to God. But not Daniel. Most of the other boys started to break God's laws. But not Daniel. When those other boys didn't have their parents around to help them, they chose to forget and disobey God. But not Daniel. Not Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They did NOT forget.

Daniel and his three friends trusted God. They obeyed Him. They wouldn't eat the food from the King's kitchen. It was food that was forbidden by God. They ate only fruit and vegetables and drank only water, not the king's wine. They talked to God all the time!



Daniel didn't know it at the time, but he would never go back to his home in Jerusalem. He ended up serving 4 different kings throughout his life in Babylon. Daniel was very respectful and did his best serving the kings. Because of that, they respected Daniel. But even more importantly, these 4 kings all had chances to see and hear about the true God.

So even though at first it seemed like a hard thing for Daniel and his three friends to be taken away from their homes, God still had a plan for them. God saw that they would NOT FORGET about Him, even in a far-away land.

So, no matter what happens the rest of YOUR life — good, bad, scary, sad, happy — whatever happens, do not turn away from God. God wants YOU to always remember and serve Him every day. God loves you.



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

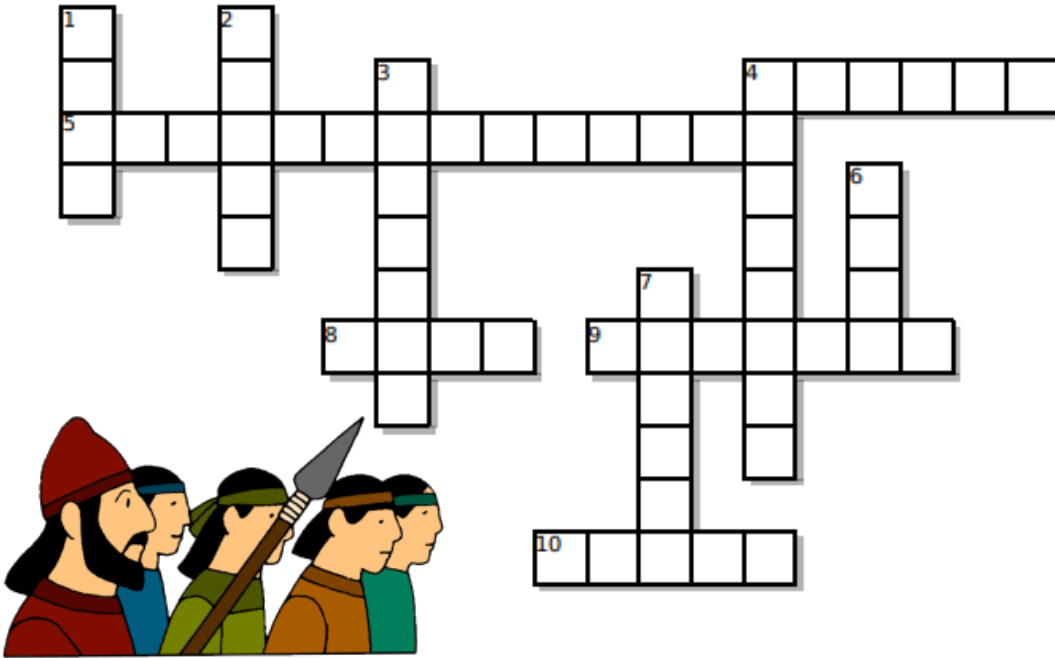
DANIEL THE CAPTIVITY

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



UPPER GRADES

DANIEL TAKEN CAPTIVE TO BABYON CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 4 Prophets said God would _____ His people if they didn't obey.
- 5 King of Babylon
- 8 All the smart young _____ were captured.
- 9 Daniel and his 3 _____ were taken away.
- 10 Country where Daniel was born

DOWN

- 1 Daniel and his friends had to _____ for the king.
- 2 Daniel and his 3 friends ate only _____ and vegetables.
- 3 The nation that captured Daniel and his 3 friends.
- 4 God sent _____ to tell His people to stop sinning.
- 6 Daniel and his friends wouldn't eat _____ from the king's kitchen.
- 7 Daniel _____ to God often.

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WORK	JUDAH	FRIENDS	NEBUCHADNEZZAR
FRUIT	PUNISH	BABYLON	FOOD
PRAYED	BOYS	PROPHETS	