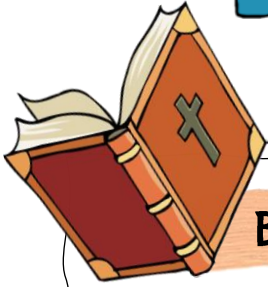


Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Daniel 2

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Daniel who trusted you and your promises even in difficult times.

Give us the faith to trust in you. Help us to listen to you and recognise when you are speaking to us. Help us to dream big dreams of how the world could be.

Thank you for our friends that support us and pray for us like Daniel's friends did.

We pray for the world that they would trust you to bring them through these difficult times.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What did Daniel do when he heard about the King's dream?

Daniel had faith – he trusted in God to tell him about the King's dream and explain what it meant, so he asked for an appointment with the King before anything else. Then Daniel went to his friends and asked them to pray that God would help them and explain the dream.

Can you see a pattern developing? Last week Daniel had faith that God would keep him strong and healthy without eating the King's food, this week he trusted in God to provide the answers that he needed.

Some questions for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you agreed to do something even though you were scared or knew it would take a lot of work to be ready?

Family Activity 1

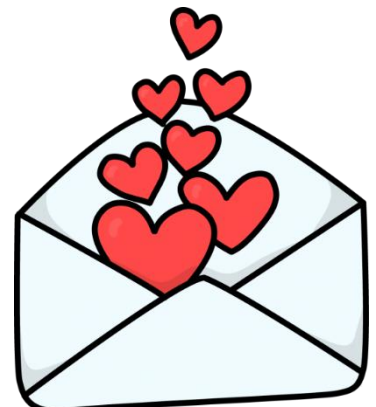
You will need: Paper, Drawing materials

Daniel had good friends around him. When he faced challenges, he knew he could call on them to support him and pray for him.

Can you think of somebody in your own life who is like that to you?

Spend some time writing or drawing a letter or card that you can send to a friend or another family. Why not include a prayer for your friend.

You might like to use the template on page 3 to send some love to another family.





A verse to remember

Galatians 6 v 2

“By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ.”

Try to learn this verse together, it is quite long so you may need to get creative - you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

Play a game of sleeping lions...

The aim of the game is to see who can lie down and stay the most still like they are asleep for the longest. Take it in turns to be the judge and keep an eye on the sleepers.

If your players are too good, why not try to make them laugh by telling some jokes!

You could also use the game as a time to think of all the people in the story who God spoke to while they were sleeping.



Family Activity 3

God can speak to us through our dreams just as he spoke to the King and Daniel. Why not make some time over breakfast this week to share with one another what you have dreamed about?



You could also pray before bed and ask God to speak to you in your dreams and help you remember what you dreamed about.

Active Prayer

You will need: Paper and pens

We don't have to be asleep to dream. Our prayer for the world is that God's kingdom would come... we can imagine what that would look like as we pray.

Draw your own prayer pictures of what you think the world would look like if everybody in it accepted God as their King and allowed God's power to rule in their lives.

As you draw your picture ask God to make your dream a reality.



Helping Older Children

It can be hard not having contact with friends who your children were used to seeing every day at school. It can also be hard to balance restricting time on devices and helping children to maintain contact with friends.

Why not encourage your children to try traditional communication methods such as letter writing to connect with their friends?

Encourage them to share prayer requests with church friends and spend time praying for the needs of the friends they can't meet with.

Our family...

...to you!



wanted to send some

Love



Draw your family here



Draw the people you are sending love to



One thing about you that we are thankful for is...

One happy memory we share is...

One thing that makes you special and amazing is...



A colouring page you could print and colour together

"BY HELPING EACH OTHER
WITH YOUR TROUBLES"



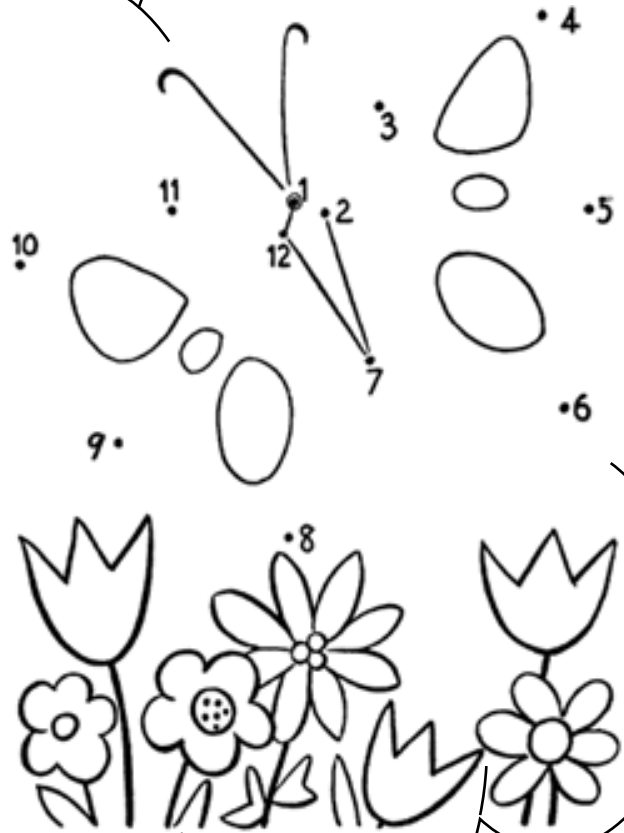
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Puzzle Sheet

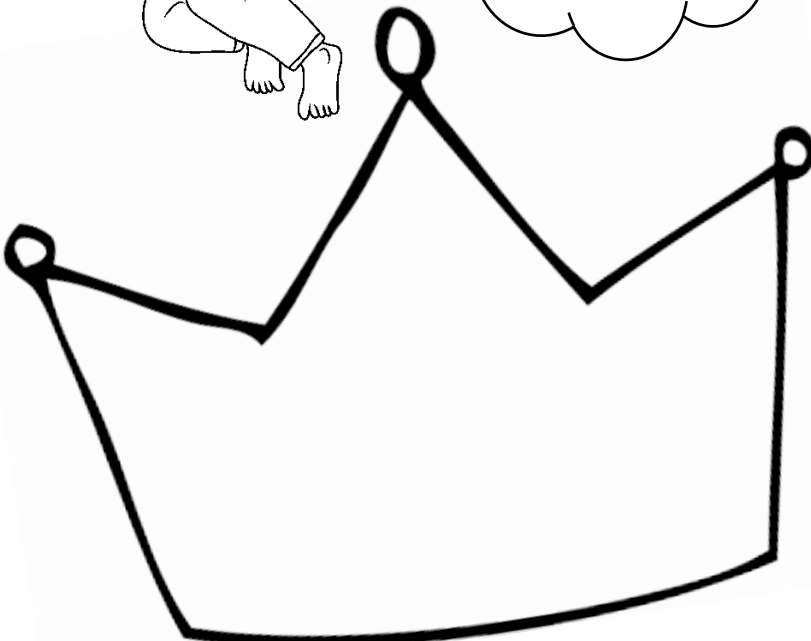
Join the dots from 1 to 12 to reveal what the little girl is dreaming about.

Draw your own picture in this dream bubble.



Decorate the crown to make it fit for a King.

Can you put the fallen letters back into the grid to spell out something that Daniel said to the King?



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Answer: There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.