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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 16 • Session 1

## DANIEL OBEYED GOD

Daniel 1

**HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?  
WE CAN GLORIFY GOD BY LOVING HIM AND OBEYING HIM.**

When Jehoiakim was king of Judah—before Judah was destroyed—God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar (neb yoo kad NEZ uhr) to attack Jerusalem and win. He brought back some of the strongest and smartest young men from the royal and noble families. The king planned for these young men to be trained in the ways of Babylon.

One of the young men who was captured and brought to Babylon was named Daniel. Daniel knew that the food the king had provided him to eat went against God's commandment. So, Daniel asked permission from the king's chief servant to eat something else. The chief servant was afraid of the king. "What if he sees you looking less healthy?" The chief servant said. "The king might punish me!"

Daniel said, "Let me and my friends eat vegetables and drink water, so that we do not disobey the law of our God. Then examine how we look compared to the other young men."

Daniel and his friends who ate vegetables and drank water were better and healthier than all the other young men. So, the guard continued to allow them to eat only what God had commanded.

God rewarded these young men for their obedience. He gave them knowledge and understanding. He also gave Daniel the ability to understand visions and dreams. The king appointed them as his attendants.

**Christ Connection:** Daniel was faithful to obey God, even in the small matters like eating the correct foods. Jesus was faithful to obey God in every way. When we trust in Jesus as Savior, God credits us with the perfect life Jesus lived.

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