

## LESSON PLAN

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

#### Daniel 2

**Lesson Memory Verse:** Daniel 2:20 – “Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.”

**Lesson Aim:** We are to learn to look to God for wisdom and understanding when we have problems.

**Lesson Plan:** Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

**KEY (for Attention):** Can you tell me about a dream that you remember quite well? (Let the children share their dreams.) Sometimes we have dreams that we cannot forget, because they are so real to us. Before God gave us the whole Bible to tell us His thoughts, He sometimes used dreams to speak to people. That is how He spoke to Nebuchadnezzar and we are going to learn what God said to him in this lesson. His dream will tell us about the wisdom and power that God has.

**HE (for Authority):** Our memory verse tells us that we should bless God because wisdom and might belong to Him. We bless God when we praise Him. We will praise Him forever and ever. Why? Because all wisdom and might belong to Him. If we need wisdom about some work that we need to do, we should go to God. He can show us how to do the work the correct way. If we need help in solving a problem, we should go to God and He will show us how to solve it the right way. Wisdom belongs to God. It is His possession and He will share some of it with those who trust in Him. But our memory verse also tells us that might belongs to Him. He is called Almighty. All might and power belong to Him. When we need power to do a work for God, we should go to God and ask Him for His power to do it. He showed His power when He created heaven and earth. He showed His power when He opened a way for the Israelites to go through the Red Sea and then He closed it on the Egyptians so they drowned and could not bring them back to Egypt. But He showed His greatest power when He raised Jesus from the dead after He took all of our sins and He lifted up to the highest place in Heaven to sit next to His throne.

**SEE (for Apperception and WE (for Application):** PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. Our Bible story will tell us how Daniel was able to tell King Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed and what God was telling him in his dream.

#### I. Problem of Daniel - 2:1-16

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of an image made of different metals, but he did not know what it meant. So he sent for his wise men to interpret it for him. He wanted to be sure that they were telling him the truth so he demanded that they first tell him what he had dreamed and then interpret it for Him. If they could not tell him what he had dreamed, they would be killed. He quickly discovered that his wise men were not so wise after all. None of them could tell the king what he had dreamed. Why? All wisdom belongs to God and they did not know God, so they did not know what the king had dreamed. So the king ordered all of his wise men to be killed. The decree included all the young men that were being trained to be wise men, so Daniel and his three friends were included with those to be killed. When the captain of the king's guard came to get Daniel, he asked the captain why the decree was being carried out so quickly. He asked for permission to speak to the king and it was granted. When he saw the king, he asked for a little time and he would tell everything that the king demanded. Daniel was given the time he needed to get the information that he needed to satisfy the king. Daniel depended on God's wisdom

**WE:** We will have many problems in life, but those problems can be solved by the wisdom that God has. If you believe this, you will have confidence, like Daniel that God will give you the wisdom you need.

#### II. Prayer of Daniel - 2:17-23

Daniel went to his three friends and told them that they needed to seek the mercies of God and ask Him to reveal to them the king's dream and what it meant. That night God revealed it all to Daniel in a vision. Daniel praised God for His wisdom and power and thanked Him for the king's dream and its meaning. Now Daniel was ready to meet with the king..

**WE:** When we have a problem, we do not need to worry, if we know God. He has all the wisdom and power we need to solve our problem and He wants to share His wisdom and power with us. But we must

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learn to ask Him for these gifts. We have not, because we ask not (see James 4:2). Then we need to thank Him when He gives us His wisdom and power to solve our problem.

### III. Poise of Daniel – 2:24-30

Now Daniel told the captain of the guard that that he was ready to interpret the dream for the king. The king looked at this young boy and asked him, “Are you able to make known to me the dream...and the interpretation of it?” Daniel told him that the wise men could not do it, but there is a God in Heaven that reveals secrets and He will make known to the king what will happen in the future. God is in charge of all kings. Daniel was the servant of the all wise and powerful God, so he was confident and ready to tell the king what he had dreamed and the interpretation of it.

**WE:** When we know what God has said in the Bible, we can be confident that our message is true. We are God’s servants to tell the people what God wants them to know about the future.

### IV. Prophecy of Daniel - 2:31-45

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar what the dream was and what it meant. It was a dream of a great image that was made of different metals from its head to its feet. The head was of gold and represented Nebuchadnezzar; the remainder of the image from the head to the feet was made of silver, brass, iron and the feet were a mixture of iron and clay (pottery). Each metal represented a future kingdom that at some time would be hostile against God’s people (Israel) and try to destroy them. The final kingdom represented by the feet would be the most hostile toward Israel and then Christ would come down from Heaven like a stone to destroy this kingdom and its leaders (Antichrist, the False Prophet and Satan) and all people remaining from the other hostile kingdoms. Then Christ’s Kingdom will rule the whole earth and bring honor to God in Heaven.

**WE:** Today, we are expecting the last kingdom of the image, led by Antichrist, to rise up in Europe, North Africa or the Middle East (the old Roman Empire). Antichrist will try to destroy Israel during the last 3½ years of the Tribulation, but Jesus Christ like a stone will crush his kingdom and stop him from doing it. All that God revealed to Nebuchadnezzar in the dream will be done. But before this happens, Jesus Christ will take all of His true followers from the earth in the Rapture and bring them to Heaven (1 Th 4:13-17).

### V. Promotion of Daniel - 2:46-49

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed and faithfully interpreted it for him so he would know the wisdom and power of the true God in Heaven. The king was so impressed with God’s message to him and Daniel’s interpretation of the dream that he gave him many great gifts and made him the ruler over the whole province of Babylon and was chief of all the wise men. He was still a young man about 17 years old. Daniel also helped his three friends get important positions over Babylon.

**WE:** We need tell people about the wisdom and power of God whenever we can, whether they honor or dishonor us. We know that God will honor us. He loves us and many times He will allow us to be rewarded far beyond our expectation.

**BE (for Action):** How did Daniel and his three friends show that they believed wisdom and might belonged to God? (They prayed that God would show them what the king had dreamed and what the dream meant) How will we show that we believe wisdom and might belong to God? (We will ask God for His wisdom and power to solve our problems) Ask the children to share any problems that they have. Then ask them. “Do you believe God will give you wisdom and power to solve your problems when you earnestly pray for His help, like Daniel and his three friends did?” If they say that they do, then ask them to begin praying for God’s wisdom and power now and you, as their teacher, pray with them. Do this for a whole week and have them tell the results of their prayers the next week.