

HOME connection

ST Unit: Practicing Integrity, Lesson 3

D6 Family Theme:
INTEGRITY UNDER PRESSURE

Objectives:

Know: Daniel lived with constant integrity before God and the leaders of an idolatrous nation.

Think: Have the mindset that doing what is right is more important than comfort or pleasure.

Do: We must do what is right even if it costs us.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Daniel 1:1-21; 6:1-27; 9:1-23. Daniel's faithfulness to God puts even most New Testament believers to shame. His story in the book bearing his name is without blemish. Righteousness pours from the account of his life from Judah to Babylon. Clearly he was a son of Adam, though, so we know that he sinned. Yet Daniel's story shows that it is possible to live such a godly life in an ungodly culture that we honor God in all that we are and do. In his example, we see once more that a consistent relationship with the Lord is an indispensable part of integrity.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Have a plan for both personal and corporate Bible study. Take the time to encourage your kids to pray and read the Bible on their own. Pray that your family would find the time to study the Bible together.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: Daniel was taken away from his home and told to eat, drink, and believe the same as the Babylonians. He stood firm in his beliefs, and God blessed him by giving him the favor of the king. Crack open two eggs and wash out the 4 halves. Draw a line around the bottom of the shells, and cut the shell to make each half close to the same size. Place the 4 shells in a rectangle shape, and have your children place books on top of them one at a time. See how many books the shells can handle before they crack. Explain to them that with God, seemingly weak things can thrive under pressure.

Option 2: More than one time we've all taken what we thought was a shortcut only to realize soon that the shorter way wasn't the best way! Maybe even your GPS device pointed to a route that looked good on the map but just was not what it seemed. Have your family share a life episode when they experienced a letdown because of an apparent shorter way, which really turned out to be a difficult or frustrating route. Shortcuts can be costly. Just as it takes time to learn Scripture, it also takes time to build godly character. Integrity proves itself under pressure and over the long haul. It doesn't come suddenly or in an instant. A life of integrity grows and matures through a long process of commitment, dedication, and intentionality.

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned a priest came upon the injured traveler. Instead of stopping to help, he crossed to the other side of the road. Then a Levite came upon the hurt man. Levites are helpers to the priest. He also did not do the right thing, and he walked past the traveler. I can remember everyone is my neighbor, and **I Can Do What Is Right.**



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE



4 & 5
GRADE

Today your student learned about Daniel's devotion to God. He never compromised his beliefs and faithfulness to God regardless of the consequences. Daniel kept his integrity and became a great leader and example of someone who did great things for God. We can learn from Daniel's example to always remain committed to God, serve only God, and show our love to God through our actions.



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens saw that Daniel's integrity was rooted in a decision he had made long before it was tested. They were reminded of the importance of personal Bible study and prayer and saw how these things will be central to a person's life who is known for his or her integrity. Help your teen develop the habits of personal Bible study and prayer by modeling this behavior yourself. Memorize Daniel 1:8 as a family and remind your teen to remember the story of Daniel when he or she faces temptation.



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members studied the life of Daniel and were challenged to always do right, even when it's difficult.



ADULT

FUSION and *FUSION*Next groups examined how, like Daniel, they too can live with consistent integrity in a culture that pressures them to turn away from God and His ways.