

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus rescues us so we can be with God forever.

Preschool Christ Connection: God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire. Jesus came to save us in an even better way. Jesus died so we wouldn't be punished for our sin. He was punished instead. When we know and love Jesus, Jesus saves us so we can be with God forever.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

We can talk to God.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire.

Gospel Gems:

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved only God.
- God kept them safe from the fire.
- Only Jesus rescues us from our wrong choices.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 4

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus is greater than anything or anyone.

Preschool Christ Connection: Pride is thinking you are great. God showed the king that only God is truly great. Jesus is the King of kings who came to earth and died on the cross. Jesus saves sinners so we can show others that He is greatest of all.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

We can talk to God.

Story Point for Preschoolers: King Nebuchadnezzar learned that God is greatest of all.

Gospel Gems:

- Nebuchadnezzar thought he was better than God.
- God made Nebuchadnezzar think and act like an animal.
- We praise God because He is great.

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus rescues us from sin and death.

Preschool Christ Connection: God saved Daniel from the lions. God is powerful! God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from something more dangerous than lions. Jesus rescues us from sin and death.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

We can talk to God.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God saved Daniel from the lions.

Gospel Gems:

- Daniel would not pray to anyone but God.
- God kept Daniel safe from the lions.
- God helps us make right choices even when it is hard.

Jesus Was Born

Matthew 1; Luke 2

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus will always be with us.

Preschool Christ Connection: Jesus was born like God said He would be. Jesus is Immanuel—God with us. God's Son came into the world to save people from sin so we can be with God forever.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

We can talk to God.

Story Point for Preschoolers: Jesus is God with us.

Gospel Gems:

- God gave Jesus a family on earth.
- Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus is a man.
- Jesus is God with us.

Daniel's Dream

Daniel 7

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus will come back as our King forever.

Preschool Christ Connection: Jesus is King over everything. God lets people rule for a short time, but one day Jesus will come back and set up His perfect kingdom. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be in His kingdom, and it will last forever.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

We can talk to God.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God showed Daniel that God's Son will rule forever.

Gospel Gems:

- God showed Daniel in a dream what would happen.
- Daniel saw God on His throne.
- Jesus is God's Son and will rule forever.

Obadiah the Prophet

Obadiah

Key Passage: Jeremiah 29:11

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

One day, Jesus will make wrong things right.

Preschool Christ Connection: The people of Edom mistreated God's people. Later, God's people mistreated His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to be punished for His people's sin. We can trust Jesus to make wrong things right.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

The prophets told about Jesus.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God promised to take care of His people.

Gospel Gems:

- Edom was happy when God punished Judah.
- Obadiah said God would bring His people back to their land.
- Jesus will be king over God's people forever.

The Captives Came Home

Ezra 1-3

Key Passage: Jeremiah 29:11

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus will give us a home with Him.

Preschool Christ Connection: Zerubbabel led God's people home to fix the temple. Jesus came to earth to save God's people. One day Jesus will come back. He will fix up a greater home for all of God's people, and we will live with Him forever.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

The prophets told about Jesus.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God kept His promise to bring His people home.

Gospel Gems:

- God brought His people back to their land.
- Zerubbabel led the people to build the temple.
- Jesus brings us to God.

The Temple Was Rebuilt

Ezra 4-6; Haggai

Key Passage: Jeremiah 29:11

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus is with us wherever we go.

Preschool Christ Connection: God's people rebuilt the temple so they would have a place to worship God. Years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be with His people on earth. Jesus gave us something better than the temple; He gave us Himself. Jesus is with us wherever we go.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

The prophets told about Jesus.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God's people rebuilt the temple.

Gospel Gems:

- God helped His people rebuild the temple.
- Haggai said God was with them.
- Because of Jesus, we can worship God anywhere.

Zechariah the Prophet

Zechariah

Key Passage: Jeremiah 29:11

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

God kept His promise to send Jesus.

Preschool Christ Connection: Zechariah saw that God was going to help His people and give them a special king. Jesus is the King who came humbly on a donkey, just like Zechariah said. God kept His promise to send Jesus. We can trust in Jesus to forgive our sins.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

The prophets told about Jesus.

Story Point for Preschoolers: Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.

Gospel Gems:

- Zechariah said that God would send a special King.
- Jesus is the special King whom God promised to send.
- One day, Jesus will live with His people forever.

Esther Saved Her People

Esther

Key Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus died and rose again to do God's plan.

Preschool Christ Connection: God's plan was to send the Messiah into the world through Abraham's family. Haman's evil plan could not stop God. God had a plan for Esther to rescue His people. By saving the Jews, God made the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

Nothing can stop God's good plan.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God used Esther to rescue God's people from their enemies.

Gospel Gems:

- God made Esther queen of Persia.
- God used Esther to rescue His people.
- Jesus rescues us from sin and death.

The Walls Rebuilt

Nehemiah 1-6

Key Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus protects us from our enemies.

Preschool Christ Connection: Nehemiah helped God's people fix the walls around their city. The walls protected the people from their enemies. Jesus protects us from our enemies. When we know and love Jesus, He keeps us safe from sin and we will live with Him forever.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

Nothing can stop God's good plan.

Story Point for Preschoolers: Nehemiah led God's people to rebuild the walls.

Gospel Gems:

- Nehemiah led the people to rebuild Jerusalem's walls.
- God kept His people safe as they worked.
- Jesus keeps us safe from sin when we trust in Him.

God's People Repented

Nehemiah 8-13

Key Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

The Bible tells us God's plan to rescue us.

Preschool Christ Connection: The Bible teaches us about God and Jesus. It helps us know the right things to do. We do wrong things a lot, but God can change our hearts and help us say no to sin. Jesus died to rescue us from sin.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

Nothing can stop God's good plan.

Story Point for Preschoolers: God's people promised to obey God.

Gospel Gems:

- Ezra read God's words to the people.
- The people heard God's words and turned back to God.
- The Bible is God's words to us.

Malachi the Prophet

Malachi

Key Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

Babies & Toddlers Christ Connection:

Jesus came to give us good news.

Preschool Christ Connection: Malachi was a messenger for God. He said another messenger was coming. That messenger was John the Baptist. John's job was to get people ready for the last Messenger, Jesus! Jesus is God's Son. He came to rescue people from sin.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Story Point for Babies & Toddlers:

Nothing can stop God's good plan.

Story Point for Preschoolers: Malachi said a messenger would get people ready for the Messiah.

Gospel Gems:

- Malachi told people God's words.
- God promised to send a messenger before the Messiah.
- Jesus is God's Son, the Messiah.