

Outline to Adventures with Daniel Interactive Kids Bible Software

A special resource for installing and teaching with the software

The Adventures with Daniel software is being provided to the members of Rotation.org for their free use at church and at home by Educational Publishing Concepts. While older, it is still fun to teach with, but you'll want to make two tweaks to do so, read on!

Note: Sunday Software developed and has donated a more detailed and richer interactive program about the Jonah story. Look for the Elijah and Jonah software and Jonah lesson plans at www.rotation.org.



Before teaching with the software, check to make sure the VIDEOS work in the Bible Time Theater. If the curtain just opens and closes without playing the video, you need to install Quicktime 2.1 from the downloaded software. Open the QT21 folder, RIGHT click the QT32 installer and select "Run as Admin," then run the installation. If Windows gives you a caution message, bypass it. The program is safe to install. If Quicktime asks to "check for other versions," select SKIP and continue.

To make the program appear BIGGER on your screen, you will want to adjust your Windows Display Scale setting to 150% before you start the software. To do so, read the instructions <https://www.rotation.org/topic/important-technical-notes-and-helps>

Notes on the Content

Take a quick look at the **Kids Application Notes summaries** in the Discover the Bible section of this outline. You'll see that the story of Daniel covers many subjects. Is the Fiery Furnace about friendship or faith? Is the Lion's Den about faith or fairness or courage? These are the two most familiar stories --but there are others such as the story of the handwriting on the wall and the prophecy of the end times which highlight the role of prophets in times of trouble. Then there are the sad characters of Nebuchadnezzar and Darius. The book of Daniel takes aim at those who wield power foolishly and in an ungodly manner.

The story of the Fiery Furnace isn't covered with a lot of multimedia in this program. It IS found in the Discover the Bible section as both a read aloud text with picture and a study note. Theologically speaking, the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den is essentially the same story.

In the Scripture Memory Game: A reminder that you must click on the words to make them *disappear* before clicking on TRY ME to start the fill-in-the-blank part of the game (experiment with this ahead of time so you're not confused during class).

Printing Study Notes or Art Center Pictures: The ART CENTER pictures and any other page from the program cannot be printed out through the program itself. However, in Windows you can press the Print Screen button on the keyboard and this will save it to the Windows clipboard. Open up a wordprocessor and select PASTE from the edit button, then...print out the page. For example...you might want to print the final study note in Daniel 12 which explains why he was able to be brave.

Outline of Adventures with Daniel Software

An Unfair Punishment (the main animated/interactive storybook section)

Animated Read-Aloud Story about Daniel and the Lion's Den and the events leading up to the "unfair punishment" given out by King Darius. This is a rather abbreviated telling of the story. Limit the amount of screen clicking in order to stay focused on the story.

There are many discussion points to be made: Here are a few to expand upon...

- 1) What was the purpose of the law about prayer?
- 2) Why were the others jealous of Daniel?
- 3) What gave Daniel the strength to stand up to the king's decree?
- 4) What could the king have done differently?
- 5) Who's responsible here? Was it fair that the king threw the others into the den and not himself when he realized he had done wrong?
- 6) How is Daniel a role model to those around him? (How can you be one?)

Discover the Bible – Daniel 1 - Daniel 12

Summaries of Life Application Notes

- Daniel 1:1 Life Then, Life Now --About Babylon, where it is.
- Daniel 1:4 Do the Right Thing --How to tackle a tough assignment. The example of Daniel and his friends.
- Daniel 1:7 Sticky Situations -- How Daniel (like you) was under great pressure to do something wrong.
- Daniel 1:11 Life Then, Life Now --Meals in Daniel's day. What they ate.
- Daniel 2:35 I Wonder -- How could Daniel know the dream without being told? God was working through him.
- Daniel 2:29 Life Then, Life Now -- About IDOLS and false gods.
- Daniel 3:4 I Wonder --Why did people worship idols?
- Daniel 3:14 Heroes and Villains --All about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego...true friendship defined.
- Daniel 3:17 Memory Verse -- What should I do if an adult tells me to do something wrong? "...obey God rather than men."
- Daniel 3:21 Amazing Facts --How they survived the fiery furnace (God).
- Daniel 3:26 I Wonder --Why didn't the 3 men just bow to the image/idol and tell God they didn't mean it?
- Daniel 4:31 Heroes and Villains --Nebuchadnezzar, thought too much of himself.
- Daniel 4:34 Amazing Facts -- Why Nebuchadnezzar once ate grass like a cow.
- Daniel 5:2 I Wonder --Who hand made the writing on the wall?
- Daniel 6:1 Life Then, Life Now -- Persian and Mede kings Daniel served.
- Daniel 6:9 Heroes and Villains -- A story about a boy joining a club who is asked to do wrong. Illustrates the difference between real bravery and foolishness. Really a nice study note for discussion.
- Daniel 6:16 Life Then, Life Now -- About lions back then.
- Daniel 6:21 Amazing Facts -- Summary of God saving prophet Daniel from Lion's Den.
- Daniel 6:28 I Wonder --Why did God send prophets to the people? What their messages were about.
- Daniel 12:9 Charts -- This is a GREAT discussion starting note. Five Questions the Daniel derived his courage from: Who created me? Who makes me feel safe? Who do I trust? Who tells me what is true? Who is in charge?

(fyi...When you jump to Daniel 12 keep clicking the 'hand.' This Bible note icon is toward the end. You might want to print out this screen ahead of time and make this a handout. See instructions in technical notes above for 'how to.')

Bible Time Theater

- 1) King Darius (the evil men ask Darius to make prayer to other gods punishable by death)
- 2) Daniel in the Lion's Den

Hall of Fame

The Life of Daniel Exhibit:

- Captivity of Judah in Babylon
- Daniel refuses to obey King
- Daniel interprets a dream
- King Nebuchadnezzar's statue
- King Neb.'s second dream
- Daniel reads the writing on the wall
- Daniel's success in prayer
- Daniel in the Lion's Den
- Daniel's Vision of the Future

People Daniel Knew Exhibit

- King Jehoacim (last in Judah)
- King Nebuchadnezzar
- Ashpenaz
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abenedgo
- King Belshazzar
- Darius the Mede

The Hall of Fame heroes are also mentioned in several other places in the program. You could create a "Wall of Fame" in your classroom and have students research the Hall of Fame characters starting at the Hall of Fame and then exploring the rest of the program.

The Bible Game Show

Covers all the content on the software in one gameshow quiz.

Fun and Games

Additional Lesson Ideas for the Daniel software:

Make a list of today's 'role models.' List their strengths and weaknesses. What makes someone a role model? (Have a discussion about sports heroes and the idea of 'who are your heroes?') How are you a positive or negative role model on the subjects of: going to church, sharing your faith, doing what's right, not gossiping, being polite, being cheerful, etc. Show a videotape about Daniel.

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