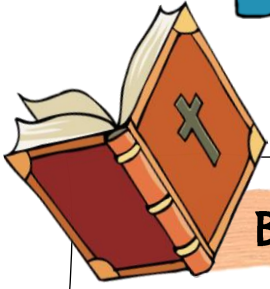


T Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Daniel 4

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream – thank you that you can use even our most difficult times to help us learn more about you.

Help us to look for you and opportunities to tell others about you even in our most embarrassing and tough times.

There are many people facing challenging and difficult times at the moment, we pray that at the end of these times they will be able to look back and give you praise for bringing them through.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Who did King Nebuchadnezzar share his story with?

Verse 1 tells us that King Nebuchadnezzar wrote a letter to everybody in the world! He wanted everybody to know what God had done, even though King Nebuchadnezzar had made mistakes and been punished, even though it must have been embarrassing for others to know about the seven years when he was eating grass and not cutting his hair! King Nebuchadnezzar wanted everybody to know that God had kept his promise and brought him out of that strange time and returned him to his position as King. Even our most difficult and embarrassing times can be used by God to help others learn more about Him.

Some questions for children to ask adults

Can you think of a really embarrassing story from your own life? What lessons did it teach you?

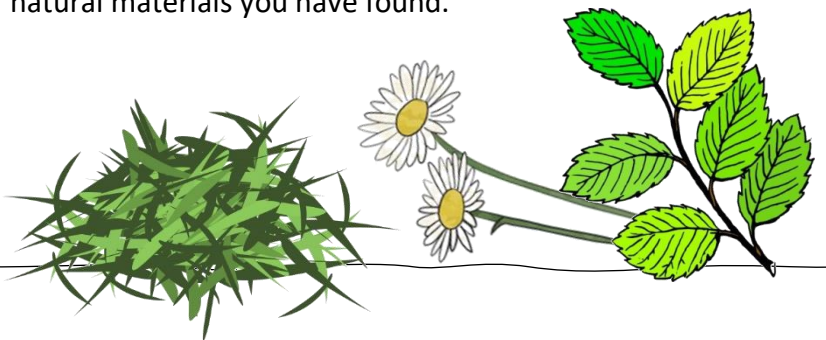
Family Activity 1

You will need: a piece of card e.g. a cereal box, glue, or tape

Create a feast fit for a King (who eats grass)!

Either from your garden or on your daily walk collect some grass, flowers, and leaves. Use them to create your own collage together. Tape or glue what you have collected into your own picture.

Perhaps you could make your a picture of King Nebuchadnezzar in the story of make a crown from the natural materials you have found.





A verse to remember

2 Corinthians 5 v 17

“If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!”

Just like King Nebuchadnezzar, all of us have the opportunity of a fresh start as a friend of God. Because Jesus died and rose again for us, we all have our own story to share with others about the new life God has given us. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

Tell your story...

Spend some time sharing your own stories of your most embarrassing moment! If you have action figures, Lego, playdough, or cuddly toys around that you could use why not use them to share the story – or even ask your family to help you act it out!

Can you use items you have around the house to re-enact the story of King Nebuchadnezzar and his second dream? Just don't eat any real grass!



Active Prayer

King Nebuchadnezzar wrote a letter to be shared far and wide – he wanted everybody to know how God had brought him through his most difficult and messy time. He included the best and worst bits.

Write out a story of a day in the life of your family in your own words – you could even illustrate it with your own drawings. Include even the messy and embarrassing bits – as you write it think about how God was with you at each point in your day.

Why not share the story with another family either by sending them pictures or by posting your story through their letterbox?

Pray for all those who read your story that they would learn more about God's love by reading it.



Helping Older Children

Older children might question the fact that King Nebuchadnezzar was punished by God for his wrong behaviour. It may feel like our current situation is a punishment from God; but we know that even though we make mistakes the price has already been paid and Jesus has already taken the punishment that should have been ours.

We can believe and trust that God has good plans for our future. We may not know how long it will take but we do know that God has a future for us beyond this pandemic. We also know that God's heart for us is that we would be healthy and happy – coronavirus is not something that has come from God.

A colouring page you could print and colour together

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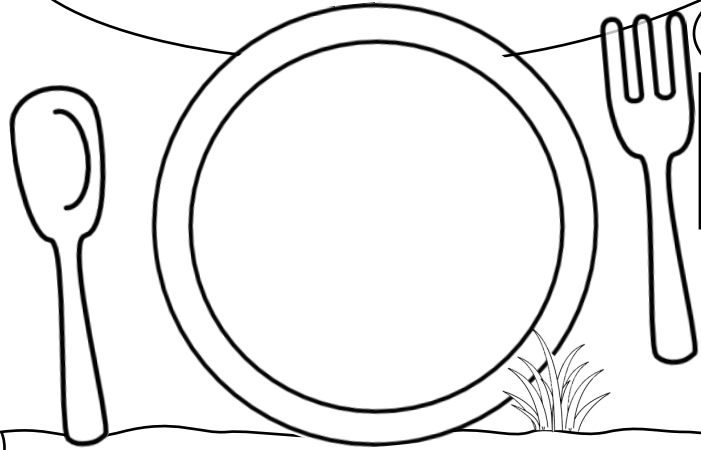
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Puzzle Sheet

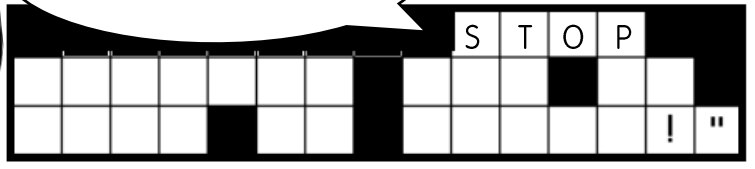
How many patches of grass can you count on the page?

For seven years the King only ate grass and plants! Imagine what his first meal back in his palace might have looked like... draw it here.



Daniel told the King that God wanted him to...

Can you put the fallen letters back in the right place? The first word has been done for you.



W I A T N S A N T O P
 S H N N I I G R S G H D O
 I D T

In the King's dream the tree was cut down leaving only a stump. God gave the King back his kingdom after seven years – can you complete this picture to show the whole tree?



Answer: There are 11 patches of grass on the page!