



1. LET'S GET STARTED

GAME: Play a game of Pictionary together. Just grab some paper and some pencils. One player gets given a word which they have to draw so that others can guess. Maybe play adults v kids or boys v girls!

SONG: Sing the words of the song *Brave* [here](#) to help you grow in your faith with God.



2. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

It's hard to imagine what it would be like to have our country invaded and to be taken prisoner and forced to live in a new place, but that's what happened to Daniel and his friends.

Like playing Pictionary, it would have been hard to understand what life was going to be like. It would have been confusing and a very sad time.

BIG QUESTION: When have you had to do something new? Maybe move to a new house or school or join a new team? What was it like? Did you just try to fit-in or did you do things your own way?



3. EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER

READ: Read the story of Daniel and his friends being taken prisoner and forced to move to a far away place in Daniel 1:1-21. This part of the Bible is written as a story, so it's a good chance to act it out, dress up as the characters or draw pictures so you can see what's happening.

WATCH: Also, you can watch a video [here](#) which provides an animation for a reading of Daniel 1.



4. WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

When Daniel and his friends were taken into exile, some Jews began living like everyone around them (and started worshipping different gods). Other Jews wanted to stand up and fight against the people who had taken them prisoner. Daniel and his friends did something completely different!

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Daniel and his friends follow God's rules without being violent?
2. What happened when they laid down their lives for God?

In the New Testament, Peter talks about Christians being like exiles (or aliens) living in the world. He describes our lifestyle as being both faithful to God (following Jesus) and doing good (loving our neighbour).

3. What is one thing you or your family can do this week to follow Jesus and love your neighbour?

THIS WEEK...

Daniel was famous for praying three times a day. Maybe this week you can plan three times during each day where you want to spend time with God. Talk to God about what's happening at those three times each day! Maybe you can make your own prayer jar to help remind you of things to pray about.



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MISSION
COMMUNITY

is becoming passionate and dependent children of God.
is becoming adventurous and influential representatives of God.
is becoming a generous and resilient family of God.

