

# Daniel Prays

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### Lesson Text

Daniel 6:1-14

### Scripture Memory Verse

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*Daniel 6:10*

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Daniel Figure

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Daniel's Prayer Life

Life Application: Making God Happy

Craft: Inside Daniel's Room

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



## Pre class



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## Daniel Lesson 3

### Daniel Figure

The children will make a large Daniel picture to be used during the Bible story.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- markers or crayons
- decorative items: cloth scraps, buttons, yarn
- glue sticks

*For the teacher:*

- large cardboard box
- butcher paper or newsprint
- pencil
- marker
- sandpaper

#### Preparation

1. Have an adult lie on the butcher paper and trace around their body with a pencil.
2. Darken the outline with a marker.

#### Instructions

1. Tell the children that they are going to make a large figure of Daniel to be used during the Bible story.
2. Have the children color and decorate Daniel using the markers and other materials.
3. Have the children glue the sandpaper onto Daniel's knees. Explain that Daniel was known for praying a lot on his knees so his knees were most likely rough like sandpaper.
4. Give the finished Daniel figure to the Bible story teacher.

#### Teacher Tips

- Use a large piece of cardboard instead of paper to make a sturdier figure.
- Encourage those that are working well together.



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## Daniel's Prayer Life

The children will hear the story of Daniel and his relationship with God.

### Lesson Text

Daniel 6:1-14

### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- Daniel figure from the Preclass Activity
- tape
- Bible

### Preparation

1. Tape the Daniel image to the wall next to you.
2. Familiarize yourself with the story.

### A Prayer Warrior

Open your Bible to Daniel 6. Introduce the children to Daniel. *This is Daniel. There is a book in the Bible named Daniel. Why do you think that it is named Daniel? Yes, because it's about a man named Daniel.*

*Let me tell you a story about Daniel. A long, long time ago soldiers of the king came to Daniel's home and took him and his friends to be trained to serve the king in his palace. They didn't want to leave home, but they had to obey the king's orders. What would you do if you were moving away from your home for a long time? Would you be afraid? Take answers.*

*Daniel was probably afraid, too. So do you know what Daniel would do when he was afraid? He would pray to God. Daniel loved God and prayed to him all the time. He worked hard to obey God and to obey his new king. What do you think he prayed about? Let the children answer. Yes, he probably thanked God for taking care of him and prayed that God would help him to obey the king. He worked very hard for the king. Do you thank God and do your best to make God happy like Daniel? Take the children's responses.*

*Because God was helping Daniel to do his best, the king chose him for a very special job (Daniel 6:3). Maybe God was so happy that Daniel was obeying that he made the king become his friend!*

*Some other people were jealous and angry that Daniel was such a good friend to the king. They tricked the king into making a new law. The new law said that no one could pray to anyone except the king. Anyone who disobeyed this new law would be thrown into the lions' den, a place where hungry lions lived (Daniel 6:4-9).*

*The men wanted the king to make this law because they knew that Daniel prayed to God three times a day! Look at Daniel's knees. Have the children look at and touch the knees on the Daniel figure. Look at how rough they look. That's because he was always kneeling and praying to God.*

*When Daniel heard about this new law, he went home to his upstairs room and prayed in front of the window. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed giving thanks to God, just as he had always done before (Daniel 6:10). Daniel didn't try to hide that he was praying. He prayed right in front of his window, just as he always did.*

*How do you think this made God feel? Yes, I think it made him happy. God wants us to obey him no matter what other people say. But the men who made the law knew that they could get Daniel in trouble for not obeying the new law. So they went to his house and saw him praying in front of the window.*

*When they saw him, they told the king (Daniel 6:11-13). The king was so sad that Daniel had been praying to God because now he had to put his friend into the lions' den. Even the king had to obey his own law! The king was so upset that he didn't eat or sleep at all that night (Daniel 6:14).*

*Does anyone know how the story ends? Don't tell us. We're going to find out the ending in our next Bible class.*

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## Conclusion

Review the story by asking the following questions:

- What was the name of the man in the story? (Daniel)
- What was the law the king made? (you can only pray to the king)
- Why did the men want the king to make this new law? (so they could catch Daniel)
- What did Daniel do when he found out about the law? (He went to his room and prayed.)
- Why did Daniel go and pray when he heard the new law? (He wanted to obey God.)
- Do you think God was happy Daniel kept on praying? (yes)
- Why was God happy with Daniel? (Because he trusted and obeyed God even when no one else did.)
- Would you have been afraid?

## Teacher Tips

- Be very expressive as you tell this story.
- Bring in any additional props that will add to the story, e.g., a crown for the king or a picture of a lion.



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## Making God Happy

The children will list one thing they can do this week to make God happy.

### Scripture Memory Verse

Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God.

*Daniel 6:10*

### Materials

For the teacher:

- large writing surface
- marker

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

1. Have the children sit in a circle. *Our story today is about a man named Daniel. He made God happy by obeying when no one else would. We can make God happy just like Daniel did.*
2. Put the writing surface on the floor in the middle of the circle. Write on the surface, "God is happy when" and put a circle around it.
3. Read what you just wrote to the children. *It made God happy when Daniel obeyed him. What can you do this week to make God happy?*
4. Give an example of something that you can do. Write your example on the writing surface, and then draw a small, simple picture of it. Circle the words and picture and draw a line to "God is happy when" in the center of the writing surface.
5. Give each child a chance to answer.
6. Write and draw their responses as you did with your own.

Listed below are some potential answers:

- Obey my parent the first time.
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### Scripture Memory Activity

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### Conclusion

*Let's be like Daniel and pray about all of the ways that we are going to make God happy this week. Have the children get on their knees.*

Briefly pray for the things that the children mentioned. Be sure to say each child's name. Finish the prayer by asking God to help the children to tell their friends about how great he is.

### Teacher Tips

- Be sure to respond in a positive way to all of the children's answers.
- Help any children who cannot think of anything by prompting them with questions, e.g., what if your mother asks you to do something you don't want to do?
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## Inside Daniel's Room

The children will make a three-dimensional scene of Daniel praying in his room.

### Scripture Memory Verse

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*Daniel 6:10*

### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 sheet of construction paper
- crayons
- glue stick

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- marker
- glue

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

### Preparation

1. Prepare a "room" for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut the construction paper into a 9" square.
  - B. Fold the paper in half, and then fold it in half again making four equal sections, as shown in Figure A.
  - C. Cut a slit between the two bottom sections, see Figure B.
  - D. Slide the two bottom sections together, as shown in Figure C.
  - E. Glue the sections on top of each other to form the floor of the room. See Figure D.
2. Cut out the scripture memory verses, the windows and the Daniel figures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Show the children your model. Explain to the children that the Bible story is about Daniel who was known for praying to God. Demonstrate how the Daniel figure can bend down and pray to God.
2. Help the children prepare "Daniel" as follows:
  - A. Give each child both figures of Daniel to color.
  - B. Have each child glue the figures back-to-back.
  - C. Help the children to fold their figures along the dotted lines accordion style, as shown in Figure E.
3. Give each child a window to color and a Scripture Memory Verse.
4. Give the children each a room, and then have them glue the window and the Scripture Memory Verse to the "walls" of the room.
5. Help the child glue the bottom front section of the Daniel figure to the floor so that it can bend at the waist and knees. See Figure F.
6. Help the children write their names on their crafts.

### Conclusion

Read the Scripture Memory Verse to them, and then talk about how Daniel prayed to God many times a day.

### Teacher Tips

- If there is time, have the children color and draw inside of Daniel's room.



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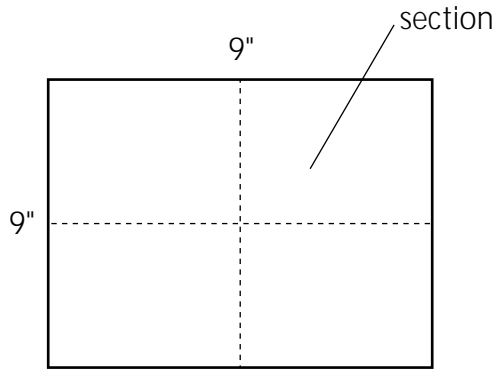


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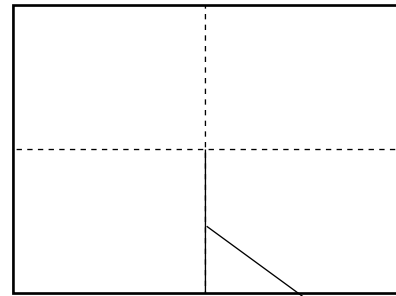


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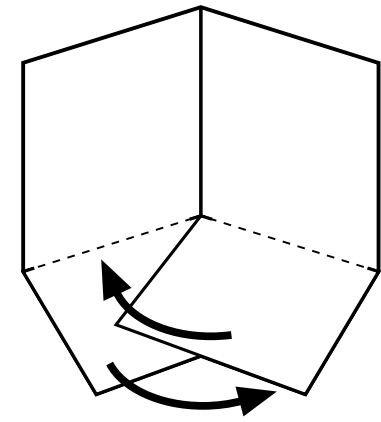


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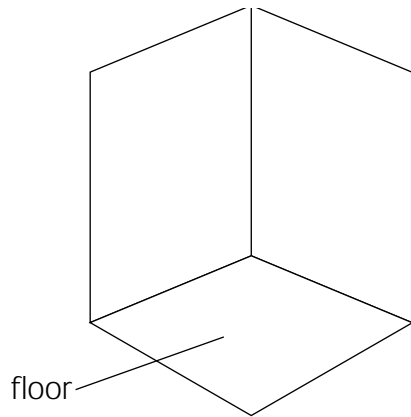


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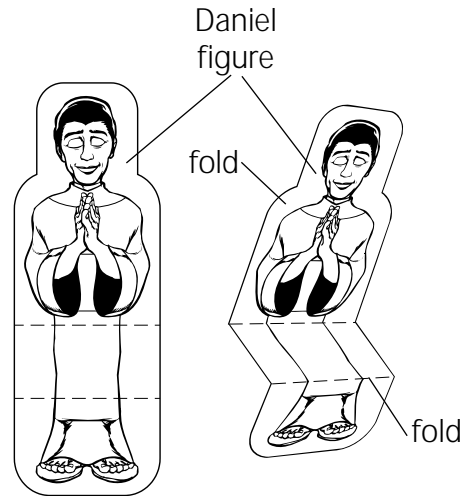


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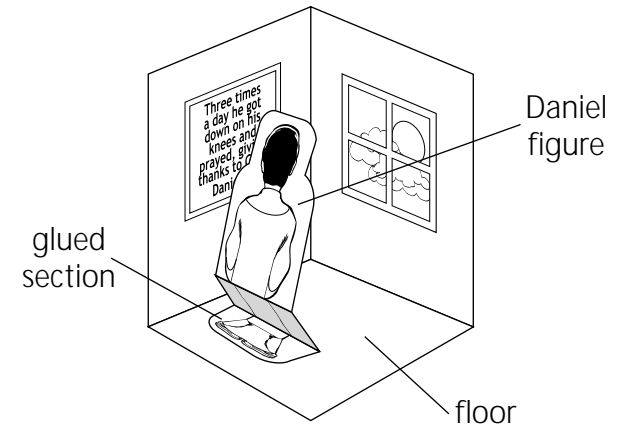


Figure F







Pre class



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## Daniel Lesson 3

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### Praying Hands

This activity will remind the children of Daniel who was known for how often he prayed to God.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 piece of construction paper
- crayons
- glue stick

*For the teacher:*

- newspapers, magazines
- scissors
- marker

#### Preparation

1. Cut out pictures from the magazines of things the children are thankful for, e.g., people, cars, schools, clothes, food, toys, homes, animals, etc. Cut out at least 6 items for each child.

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Praying Hands

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Big Toss

Craft: Window Wheel

Life Application: Making God Happy

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

2. Across the top of each piece of construction paper write " \_\_\_\_\_ is thankful for: ".

#### Instructions

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper with " \_\_\_\_\_ is thankful for: " written on it.
2. Have the children glue pictures of things that they are thankful for on their papers.
3. As the children are working, trace their hands on the opposite side of their papers as follows:
  - A. Trace the right hand on the left side of the paper.
  - B. Trace the left hand on the right side of the paper.

NOTE: Trace the hands so that the smallest fingers are next to each other.

4. Have the children color their hands.
5. Help the children to write their names on the line at the top of their papers.
6. Have the children fold their papers in half so that the hand tracings are on the outside.

#### Conclusion

Remind the children of Daniel who prayed on his knees three times a day. Talk about how thankful Daniel was and all the things we can be thankful for, too!

#### Teacher Tips

- Some children may want to draw pictures of things that they are thankful for.



### Big Toss

The children will practice obeying, as Daniel did, while they play this game.

#### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- square box, 2' x 2'
- black and white paint
- paint brush



#### Preparation

1. Prepare the six sides of the box as follows:
  - A. Paint the entire box white, and then let it dry.
  - B. Paint the four sides as follows:
    - 1) Paint one black circle on the two opposing sides.
    - 2) Paint two black circles on the other two opposing sides.
  - C. Paint three black circles on the bottom and top.
2. Make a list of simple things that the children can do in the class to obey. For example: give another child a hug; say thank you to the teacher for teaching today; touch your toes; tell someone in class one thing you learned today, etc.



#### Instructions

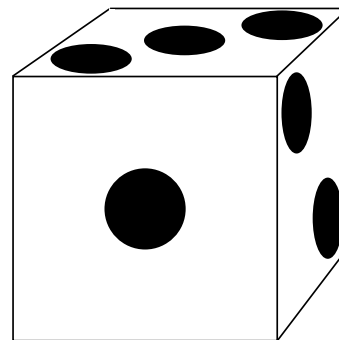
1. Have the children stand in a circle. Remind them of the Bible story in which Daniel obeyed God even when other people did not. Explain that this is an obeying game.
2. Choose a child to roll the box.
3. Choose from your list something for the child to do and have him do it the number of times shown on the box. For example: Two circles are showing on the box. Have the child hug two children in the group.
4. Continue around the circle, letting each child take a turn.

#### Conclusion

Remind the children how easy and fun it is to obey.

#### Teacher Tips

- If you don't have paint, use construction paper circles.





## Window Wheel

This craft will remind the children that Daniel prayed to God throughout his day.

### Materials

*For each child*

- 1 piece of construction paper
- 1 brass fastener
- crayons
- glue stick

*For the teacher*

- scissors
- utility knife
- poster board
- glue stick

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page B, 2 copies for the teacher
- Page C, 1 copy for each child

### Preparation

1. Cut out the window pictures and the scripture text boxes from the copies of Reproducible Page C.
2. Prepare a wheel stencil from one of the copies of Reproducible Page B as follows:
  - A. Cut along the outer circle making your wheel stencil.
  - B. Using the utility knife, poke a hole in the center of the wheel stencil.
3. Prepare a window stencil from the other copy of Reproducible Page B as follows:
  - A. Cut out the outer circle and the window making your window stencil.
  - B. Using the utility knife, poke a hole in the center of the window stencil.
4. Make a wheel for each child as follows:
  - A. Using the wheel stencil, trace and cut out a wheel from poster board.
  - B. Glue the window picture to the center of the wheel.
  - C. Using the utility knife, poke a hole in the center of the window picture. See Figure A.

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5. Make a card for each child as follows:
  - A. Align the construction paper vertically, and then fold the paper in half from top to bottom. Fold the paper in half again from left to right forming a 4½" x 6" card. See Figure B.
  - B. Align the window stencil on the inside right panel of the card so that it can be turned from the edge of the card. See Figure C.
  - C. Trace the window and the center hole of the window stencil onto the inside right panel of the card.
  - D. Cut out the window and poke a hole through the card. See Figure D. NOTE: Cut through only the top layer of paper.
6. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Show the children your model. *Do you remember how many times each day Daniel prayed to God? The Bible says he prayed three times a day. Daniel prayed in the morning, at noon, and at night. This craft will remind you that Daniel made God happy when he prayed. Remember that you can make God happy by praying!*
2. Give each child a wheel to color.
3. Help the children attach the wheel to the card as follows:
  - A. Give each child a card.
  - B. Help the children to place the wheel in between the construction paper so that the wheel shows through the window. See Figure E.
  - C. Push a brass fastener through the holes in the construction paper, the wheel and through the other side of the construction paper. See Figure F. Flatten the side wings against the back of the card.
4. Have the children draw pictures of themselves praying on the inside left panel of the card.
5. Give each child a memory verse to glue to the front of the card.
6. Help the children to write their names on their cards.

### Conclusion

Ask the children to show you when they usually pray by turning the wheels in their cards.



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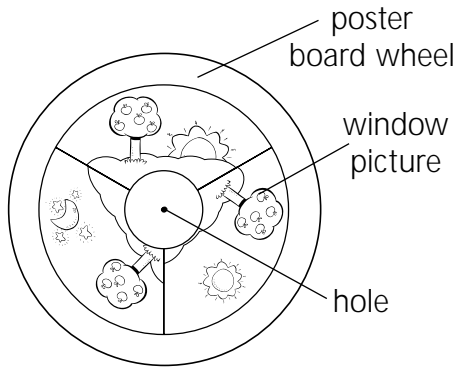


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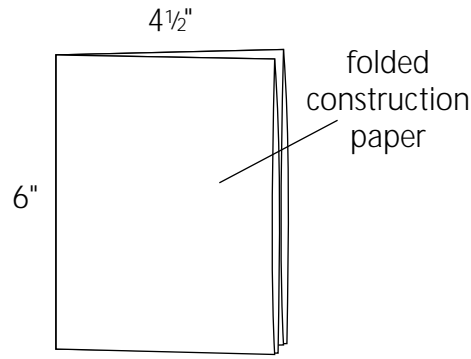


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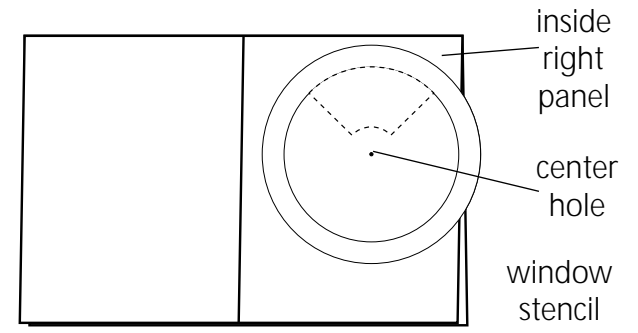


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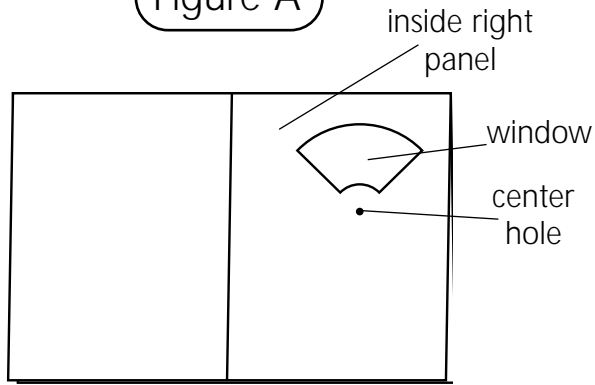


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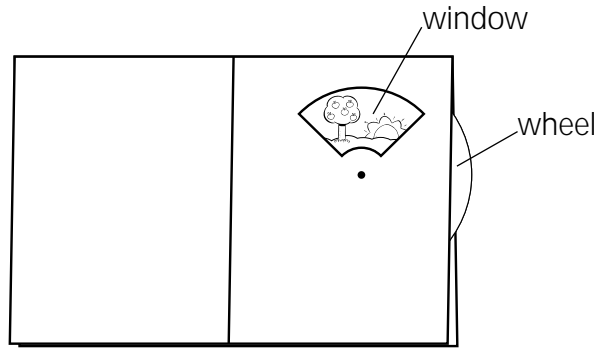


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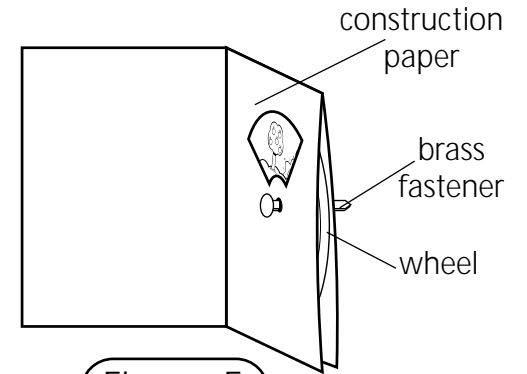
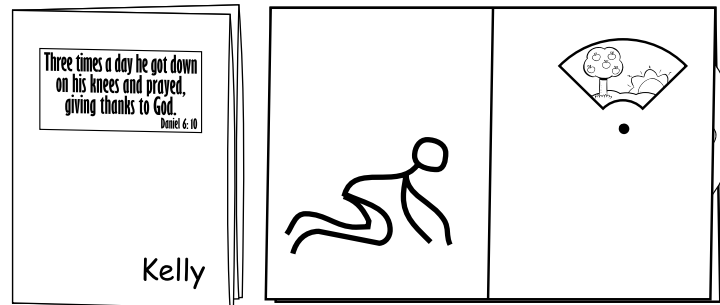


Figure F



Finished Craft



## Making God Happy

The children will list one thing they can do this week to make God happy.

### Scripture Memory Verse

Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God.

*Daniel 6:10*

### Materials

For the teacher:

- large writing surface
- marker

### Preparation

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### Instructions

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- Use kind words.
- Pray with my family.
- Share with my friend.
- Stay in bed at night.
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Daniel 6:10

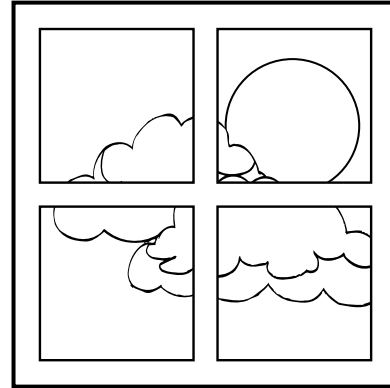


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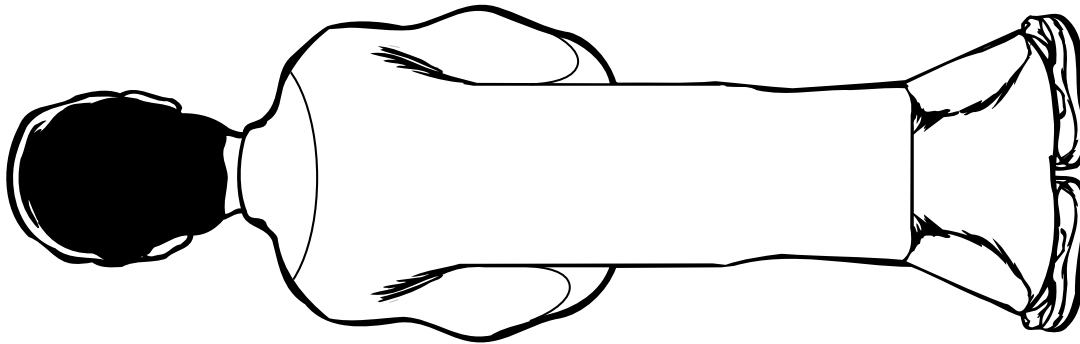
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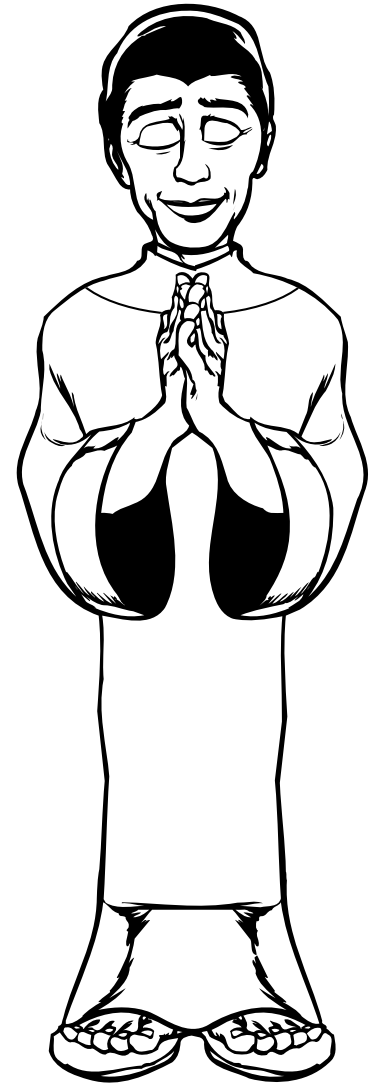
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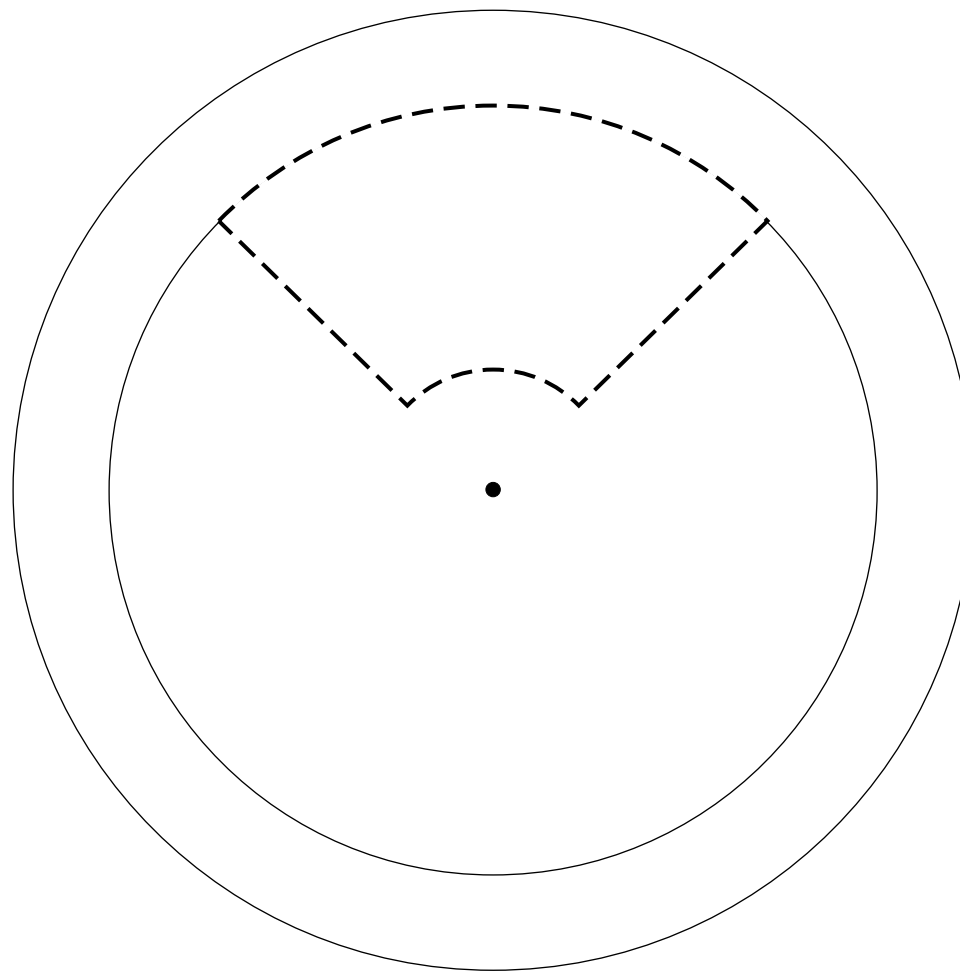


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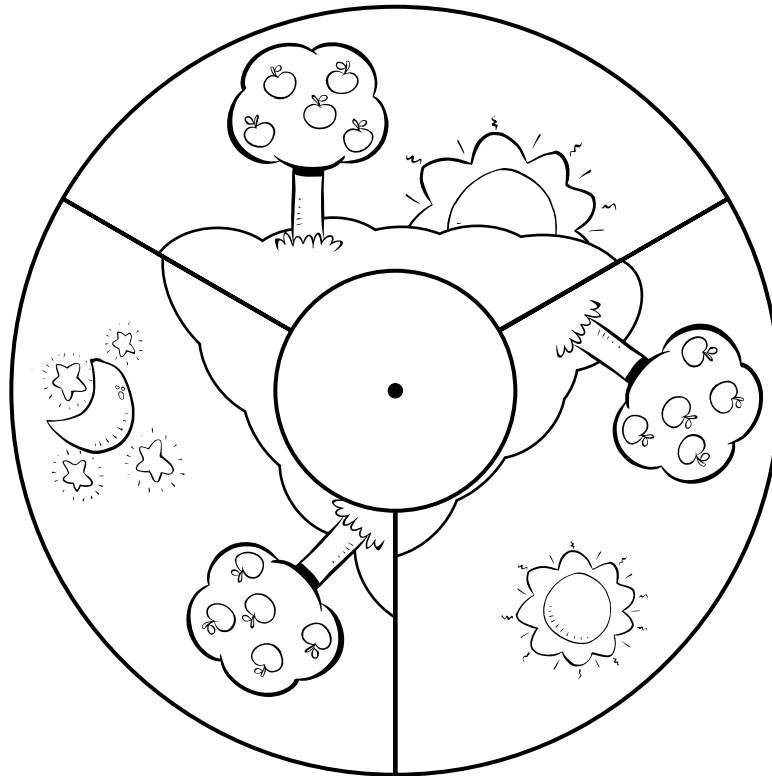
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**Read-Observe-Pray**

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window pictures

**Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God.**

**Daniel 6:10**

scripture text box

