



Bible Story: Daniel Chooses the Right Thing (Daniel 6:1-23)

Today's Takeaway: I should want to do the right thing every single day.

Series Verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (James 1:2-3 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be blessed?
((Jesus loves us and invites us to be His friend forever.))
2. Who did Jesus say would be blessed in His fourth Beatitude?
(Those who hunger and thirst for justice. / Those who do what God says to do.)
3. How did Daniel do what was right in God's eyes? *(He spent time with God every day, He read God's word, he worked hard, he told the truth, etc.)*
4. What are some right things that God wants us to do? *(Read the Bible, listen to God, talk with Him, love others, obey our parents, tell the truth, etc.)*

Activity Ideas:

1. Simon Says

What You Need:

- No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Have your kids line up in front of you and facing you.
- Call out different motions for them to do.

- When you say, “Simon Says,” before calling out the motion, they should do the motion. If you do not say, “Simon Says,” they should not do the motion you call out.
- If they do a motion they should not do, they are out.
- Play several rounds
- Talk about how we get to know Jesus by reading the Bible, listening to Him, and talking to Him. When we listen to Jesus, we will know what to do and what we should not do. And in our Bible verse from today, Jesus tells us that people that seek God and do what He says are blessed!

Suggestions Motions:

Hop, pat your head, touch your toes, clap, spin around, shout “hooray”, rub your belly, etc.

2. Which is the Best Choice?

What You Need:

- A pathway for your kid(s) with about 8 places they have to step/jump (could be stepping stones or pieces of paper or drawn with sidewalk chalk or made with tape)

What You Do:

- Set up the pathway with the places they need to step however far apart you would like (*For my 3-year-old, I will put them far enough apart that she has to jump from one to the other*)
- Have your child stand behind the first step on the path.
- Read them two choices of how to act.
- If they choose the one that would honor God, have them jump/move to the first step.
- If not, don't have them move.
- Continue like that, and the goal is for them to make it all the way across the path.
- Remember to talk to the kids about why each choice would or wouldn't honor God.
- Talk to them about how God is good and He wants us to live holy lives because He knows that is what is best for us. He promises that those who seek Him and do what He says will be blessed!

Which is the Best Choice? Scenarios:

- You spill your juice on the floor, so you...
 1. Tell your mom/ dad/ guardian, so that they can help you clean it up. OR
 2. Put a blankets over it, so that nobody can see it.
- Your friend is playing with you in your yard. He asks for a turn on your favorite swing, so you...
 1. Tell him that he can have a turn another day. OR
 2. Give him a turn before you take a turn.
- Your mom/ dad/ guardian tells you it is time for bed, so you...
 1. Run and hide behind the sofa so that you do not have to go get ready for bed yet.
 2. Go to your room to look for pajamas.

- Your grandma made pizza with mushrooms for dinner, and you hate mushrooms, so you...
 1. Tell your grandmother how gross the pizza is and refuse to eat it. OR
 2. Ask your grandmother if she can help you get the mushrooms off your pizza.

- Your sibling or friend grabs a toy out of your hand, so you...
 1. Ask for it back, and if they do not give it back, you go find an adult.
 2. Hit them, and grab your toy back.

- A new kid comes into your church class, so you...
 1. Go meet them and ask them to play. OR
 2. Keep playing with the friends you already know.

- Your sibling or friend is crying, so you...
 1. Go give them a hug. OR
 2. Tell them that they look like a baby when they cry.

- You see a piece of your sibling's/ mom's/ dad's candy on the table, so you...
 1. Open it up, and eat it. OR
 2. Ask them if you can have it.

- Your teacher gives you two stickers for being good, so you...
 1. Put one on each hand and brag about them to everyone. OR
 2. You give one to a friend/ sibling.

- You got a new Bible with really cool pictures, so you...
 1. Ask your mom/dad/guardian to read it to you each morning.
 2. You put it under your bed to make sure it doesn't get lost or dirty.

Family Prayer:

Take a few minutes to pray as a family to wrap up your time together.