

LESSON 14: FAITHFULNESS

Bible Story section: Daniel and his friends. Daniel 3:1-30, 6:1-29.

Our Message for today:

Our light must also shine in such a way that we can be an example to the world, and other people can rely on us. The only charge against Daniel and his friends was that they served the Lord faithfully, and stood up for what they believed, in spite of peer pressure. What a testimony!

Our text for the day:

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Sam. 12:24.

Additional background texts:

At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God." Dan 6.

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer; I tell you the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. Rev. 2:10-11.

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,
Please help me to let my light shine
in this dark world,
that I will not give in to peer pressure,
and be ashamed to be a witness
for your name.
Amen.

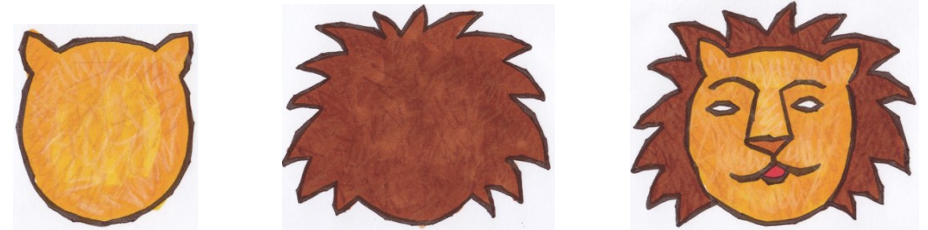


Activity:

Items needed: Your exercise book, glue, scissors, poster paper / cardboard (yellow & brown), a piece of string, pipe cleaners.

Task: Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week.

Resources: Make a Lion Mask. Not only was Daniel not afraid of the lions, but he had the courage of a lion!



Take 2 pieces of A4 cardboard / poster paper – yellow and brown – and cut the forms out as illustrated here, to form the face and mane of the lion.

Glue the 2 pieces of cardboard on top of each other. Draw in the face of the lion and cut two holes where your eyes will be, to see out of when you wear the mask!



Last but not least, paste some black whiskers made out of pipe cleaners. Make 2 tiny holes in the sides of the mane area, and tie 2 pieces of string to it, which you will use to tie the mask behind your head, so that you can wear it!

LESSON 15: FAITHFULNESS

Bible Story section: Matthew 25:14-40 – Ten Talents

Our Message for today:

We must be responsible, and take care of things that belong to us and those that belong to others. The earth as well. We should not be careless with the talents that the Lord gave us. The more things we practise (sport, music, art, academy), the more talents we will discover. We should however not become a slave to an idol, but keep the balance.

Our text for the day:

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10.

Additional background texts:

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

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So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? Luke 16:11.

If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you. Ex. 15:26.

Prayer:

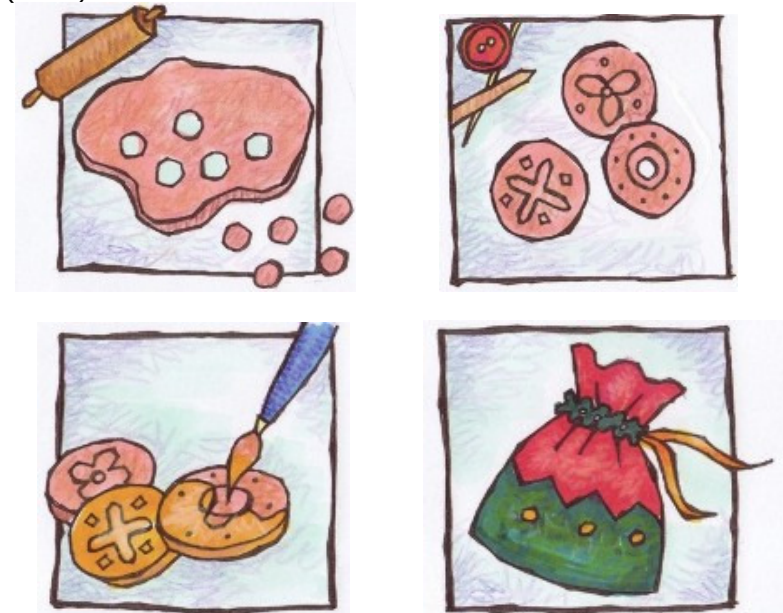
Dear Lord Jesus,
Help me to always develop my talents, and use them to glorify your name, so that I can be a blessing to the people around me.
Amen.

Activity:

Items needed: Your exercise book, play dough, cake roller, buttons, bottle caps, toothpick (anything to make patterns on the dough), gold / silver paint, paintbrush, material to make the bag out of, needle & thread, ribbon.

Task: Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week.

Today we are making our own 10 talents! It will be a small bag containing 10 talents (coins):



Take modelling clay. Roll it out (it should be about 5mm thick after you have finished rolling it out). Use a cookie cutter or milk bottle top to make 10 coins. Use toothpicks to draw patterns on them, or press seeds into them for texture. Leave to dry completely. When the coins are dry, paint them silver or gold with poster paint. When the one side is dry, turn around and paint the other side.

To make the small bag in which to place the coins, take a piece of rectangular material, and fold double. Stitch the two side hems. Turn inside out, so that you cannot see the stitches. Now decorate the bag with beads, and use a piece of string to tie at the top and close the opening, after you have placed the coins inside the bag.

LESSON 16: HUMILITY

Bible Story section: Moses Exodus 3:1-12

Our Message for today:

As the Bible and history show, incredible honour was given to this man who had incredible humility. Moses was given a royal education. He became great in Egypt. Then he had to flee. Instead of leading mighty armies, he was reduced to leading fragile sheep. God had used circumstances —brought about by Moses' choices — to humble him and teach him valuable lessons during these 40 years. He learned to be gentle and caring. Trusting in himself only brought trouble and heartache. Moses learned that true greatness comes only from God. The humility of Moses was apparent at the burning bush. He said that he was not great, neither in the past nor now (Exodus 4:10). Even with all the great miracles worked through him and all the attention he received, Moses still gave credit to God. Moses was never too busy to handle other people's problems. Because of Moses' humility, God was able to use him powerfully. God used Moses to lead some 2 million people out of captivity to the Promised Land. And God even spoke to Moses face to face as a friend. What an honour! We know that humility and a deep respect for God were some of the main reasons why God granted Moses this honour.

Like Moses, God has called us and has a plan for us. Although Moses was criticised a lot, was under great pressure and also sometimes lost heart, he remained humble. Even under difficult circumstances we must display the fruits of the spirit. This will prevent a lot of unnecessary arguments. Always turn the other cheek.

Our text for the day: *Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth. Num 12:3.*

Additional background texts:

Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. 1 Cor. 10:24

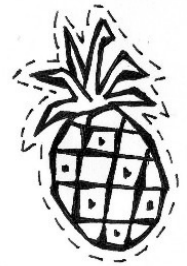
Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phill. 2:4

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph. 5:21.

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's almighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5: - 6.

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,
 Help me to remain humble, before others and before you.
 Let me treat everyone with equal goodness.
 Amen.



Activity:

Items needed: Your exercise book, glue, scissors, colouring crayons.

Task: It is time to place the next fruit in the tree. Cut out the Pineapple along the lines. Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week.

Moses' Journey through life:

Follow Moses' life, by reading through the given scriptures from 1-13. You can even use a button to follow through the numbers. After you read the scripture, move the button to the next number!

- 1. Ex 3:1 (Moses in the river), 2. Ex 2:10 (Faro's daughter), 3. Ex 3:1 (Moses' education as prince)

- 4. Ex 2:11-15 (Moses kills an Egyptian and flee), 5. Ex 2:17 (Moses helps woman at the well), 6. Ex 2:21 (Moses weds Sipporah), 7. Ex 3:3-4 (Flaming bush), 8. Ex 4:18-21, (Moses returns to Egypt), 9. Ex 5:1 & 24 (10 Plagues), 10. Ex 14:21-27 (The journey through the Red Sea), 11. Ex 13:21 (pillar of cloud & fire) 12. Ex 16:13 (Manna & quails), 13. Ex 20 (10 Commandments)