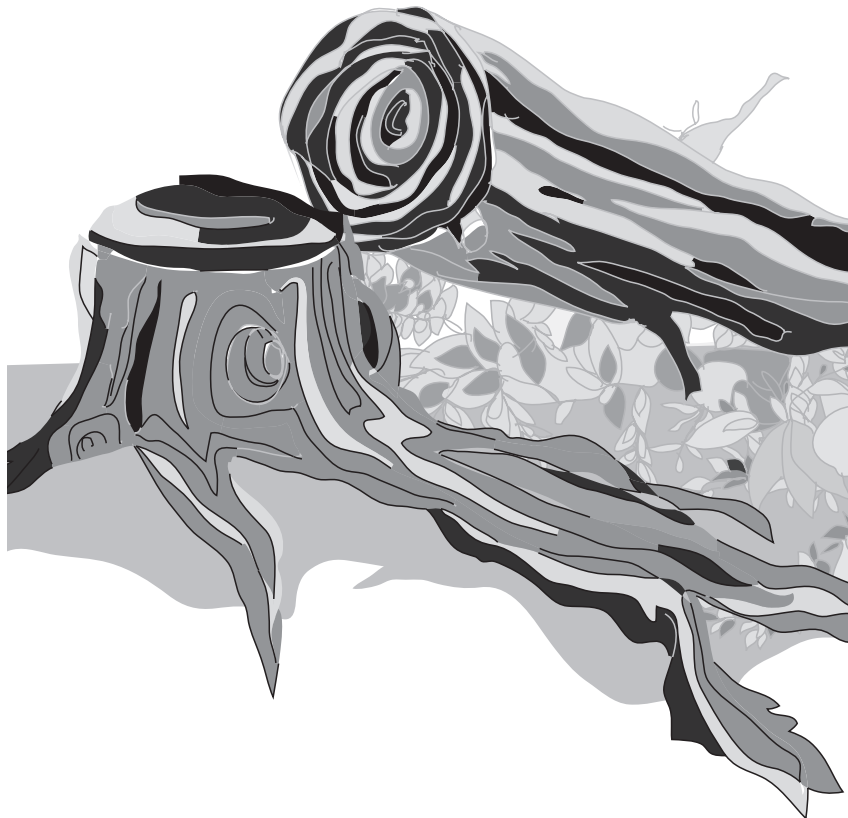


LESSON 74

The Glory Belongs to God Alone

DANIEL 4



BIBLE TRUTH

THE GLORY FOR ALL WE DO BELONGS TO GOD

LESSON SNAPSHOT

1. OPENING ACTIVITY AND INTRODUCTION 5 MIN

SUPPLIES: Optional: whiteboard, dry erase marker

2. BIBLE STORY 10 MIN

SUPPLIES: *The Gospel Story Bible* (story 74)

3. BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION 5 MIN

Where Is Jesus?

SUPPLIES: Bible (ESV preferred); Review “Where Is Jesus?” to prepare

4. SNACK QUESTIONS 10 MIN

SUPPLIES: Snack food/water

5. SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5-10 MIN

6. ACTIVITIES AND OBJECT LESSONS (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE) 20-30 MIN

Coloring Page 74

SUPPLIES: markers/crayons

From King to Beast and Back Again

Scripture Memory

7. CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN

TOTAL 60-75 MIN

THE LESSON

OPENING ACTIVITY AND INTRODUCTION 5 MIN

In today’s lesson the children will learn how only God should get the glory for all the good things we are able to do with our lives.

Ask the children to name some good things they have done in their lives. List them on the whiteboard. Help them to think of things like obeying their mom and dad, eating their breakfast when they were asked, making their beds, cleaning their rooms, putting away their toys, etc.

Then ask them who should get the reward for doing all these things. Some of the children might suggest they should get the reward. That is a natural answer and correct, in one sense. Ask them who should get the praise for these good things. Some might still say they should, but some might say God should. Tell them that only God can get the praise and the glory for the good things that we do since it is only by God’s grace that we can do them.

Tell the class that today you will be learning the story of how King Nebuchadnezzar did not give the glory to God for the good things that he did. Then we will learn what God did to teach him a lesson.

Pray for the remainder of the class time before moving forward with the lesson.

BIBLE STORY 10 MIN

Read story 74, “The Glory Belongs to God Alone,” from *The Gospel Story Bible*.

BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION 5 MIN

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion:

- Why do you think Daniel was afraid of the king’s dream?
(Daniel understood that it was very bad news for the king. Perhaps that is why the king’s other advisors said they could not interpret the dream.)

- What was the dream about?

(The dream showed the greatness of King Nebuchadnezzar and his pride and that God was going to judge him.)

- What was God going to do to the king if he did not repent and change his behavior?

(God was going to give him the mind of an animal, and the king would become like an animal in the field eating grass.)

SNACK QUESTIONS 10 MIN

While the children are eating the snack, engage them by asking:

- What is sinful pride?

(When we think more highly of ourselves than anyone else—even God.)

- How was King Nebuchadnezzar proud?

(King Nebuchadnezzar praised himself for his accomplishments instead of giving the glory to the Lord.)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5-10 MIN

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECT LESSONS. 20-30 MIN

Coloring Activity

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ coloring page 74—one copy for each child

While the children are coloring, engage them by asking the following questions:

- Who do you see in the picture?

(King Nebuchadnezzar)

- Why did God give King Nebuchadnezzar the mind of an animal?

(because the king gave glory to himself, not to God)

Where Is Jesus? _____

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Passage: Daniel 4:27–33

Daniel told the king to obey God's commands—to stop sinning and practice righteousness. But even if the king wanted to stop sinning, he would not be able to. And if he could stop sinning, he would still be guilty of all the bad things he had already done and would still need to be punished for his sin. What the king really needed was to give up and call out to God for mercy.

We are all sinners. We continue to sin no matter how hard we try not to. Plus, all the good things we do cannot cover up the bad things we have already done. Our only hope is to call out to God to save us. God has provided a way for us to be forgiven by sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. It is only when we trust in the good work of Jesus on the cross that we can be saved.

- What kind of things might we be tempted to give glory to ourselves about?

(Some examples include getting a good grade on a test, learning how to ride a bicycle, doing well in sports, etc.)

- What lesson is God trying to teach us in this story?

(God alone gets the glory.)

From King to Beast and Back Again

Split the class into three groups, and give each group a turn at the following reenactment.

Have the children act out what it would be like to go from a proud and arrogant king to a beast of the field. Have the children pretend they are Nebuchadnezzar giving himself all the glory by putting their noses high in the air.

Then tell them God is judging them and have them change into a beast of the field. Then count to seven. When you get to seven have them look up and then transform back to the king walking majestically (without their noses in the air this time). Narrate the passage and speak out King Nebuchadnezzar's prayer of praise (Daniel 4:34-35) with a loud voice.

Scripture Memory

Help the class memorize "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). Explain to the children what this verse means and how it applies to the story.

PRAY 5 MIN

Take time at the end of class to thank God for all you learned today. Include parts of your Bible lesson in your prayer as another way for the children to remember what today's lesson was about.

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