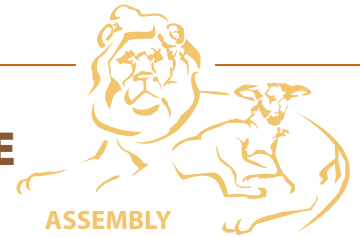


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The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS**FROM KING TO BEAST AND BACK AGAIN**

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 transform 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). Pick some of the best actors and have them do it for the class. 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, a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18 ESV) Explain to the children how this scripture applies to the story.

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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.

Nothing happens by mere chance or by accident apart from the sovereign control of God. Every part of the story of King Nebuchadnezzar happened just as God ordained that it would. Throughout history God moved in such a way so as to allow His people to survive to return from exile. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells us:

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

In other words, all the things that happened to King Nebuchadnezzar happened according to God's plan. God worked in Nebuchadnezzar's life and ultimately brought this pagan king to faith. All the while God was preserving a remnant of Israel who would later return and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Our Savior would later come out of this remnant. God gave His word to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through Abraham's offspring. The Word of the Lord stands forever!

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Peter 1:24-25)

