

Unit 5.8: Daniel – did he make the right choice?

Overview of unit

- enable the children to realise that there is more to discover about Daniel than just his escape from the lion's den!

Key Questions

- How important is your name?
- What are your gifts and talents?
- What is wisdom?
- Do these stories inspire you? Why?
- What can these stories teach us about God?
- Do the characters in the story make the right choice? Why? Why not?



The Book of Daniel is an account of the activities and visions of Daniel, a noble Jew exiled to Babylon.

Key Vocabulary

Daniel	Daniel was a noble Jewish youth of Jerusalem taken into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon
Old Testament	The first part of the Christian Bible, comprising thirty-nine books.
Shadrach	A companion of Daniel also exiled in Babylon
Meshach	A companion of Daniel also exiled in Babylon
Abednego	A companion of Daniel also exiled in Babylon
Nebuchadnezzar	A king of Babylon, 605–562 BCE, who conquered and destroyed Jerusalem and exiled the Jews to Babylon
Darius	A king of Babylonia in the sixth chapter of Daniel. Darius the Mede is best remembered for the unalterable decree which his officers tricked him into signing, which resulted in Daniel being cast into a den of lions.

Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit?

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- there are people willing to remain faithful to God in any circumstances at any cost.
- Bible stories reveal the nature to God

By the end of this unit pupils are expected to be able to:

- describe the experiences and actions of others that inspire and influence them.
- use religious language to talk with understanding about what motivates Christians during times of persecution.
- ask quality questions about commitment, belief and truth
- make links between sacred text, belief and actions

Christian concepts

God – Creation – Fall – **PEOPLE OF GOD** – Incarnation – Gospel – Salvation – Kingdom of God

Christian values

Courage
Faith