# Daniel and the Handwriting on the Wall



BIBLE VERSE: "With all my heart I try to obey you, God." Psalm 119:10 SCHEDULE Activity Prayer Worship Bible Story Craft

#### <u>ACTIVITY:</u>

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Play Freeze Dance with your child. Tell your child when music plays, we will dance but when music stops we have to stop. You can use different signals for stop too such as hands on your knees or hands on your head. For younger children or an alternative activity, play Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.

Explain to your child what this activity worked on. We worked on listening and obeying. God wants us to obey Him. He tells us we can obey Him by obeying our parents. Let's pray asking God to help us obey and always do what is right!

#### <u>PRAYER:</u>

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for this day. Help us to obey you and share the Bible with others. We know you love us and we want to always obey you. Amen."

## WORSHIP:

Sing **"Obey, Obey the Lord".** Click link below to watch and sing along. → <u>https://youtu.be/6pN4KYrgrWw</u>

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.





### **BIBLE STORY:**

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

## Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Daniel 5.

" "King Belshazzar (behl-SHAHZ-uhr) liked to have lots of parties and have lots of friends over. One night, King Belshazzar brought out some beautiful gold cups. The cups had been stolen from God's Temple in Jerusalem. The king did not care that these things belonged to God. King Belshazzar did not love or obey God. He and his friends drank from the gold cups from God's Temple. Suddenly, something happened! A big hand appeared out of nowhere! The finger of the hand began to write on the wall! King Belshazzar watched the hand. He was very scared! No one could tell what the writing meant. The king called his wise helpers. None of them knew what it meant! Then the queen told King Belshazzar that Daniel was very smart. Daniel was a man

who loved God and obeyed God. The king asked Daniel to tell him what the writing meant. Daniel said that the words meant God had seen what King Belshazzar did and that he had not obeyed God. Daniel said, "God is going to END your time as king. Someone else will take your place." That very same night, God's warning came true. Another king came and took over the city. And Daniel was given a new job by the new king! King Belshazzar was not a good king and did not obey God. He used the gold cups when He shouldn't have. Daniel was probably scared to tell the king what the writing meant, but he told the king anyways because he wanted to obey God. God loves us and wants us to obey Him too. We can obey God by listening to our parents and teachers and loving God with all our heart!"

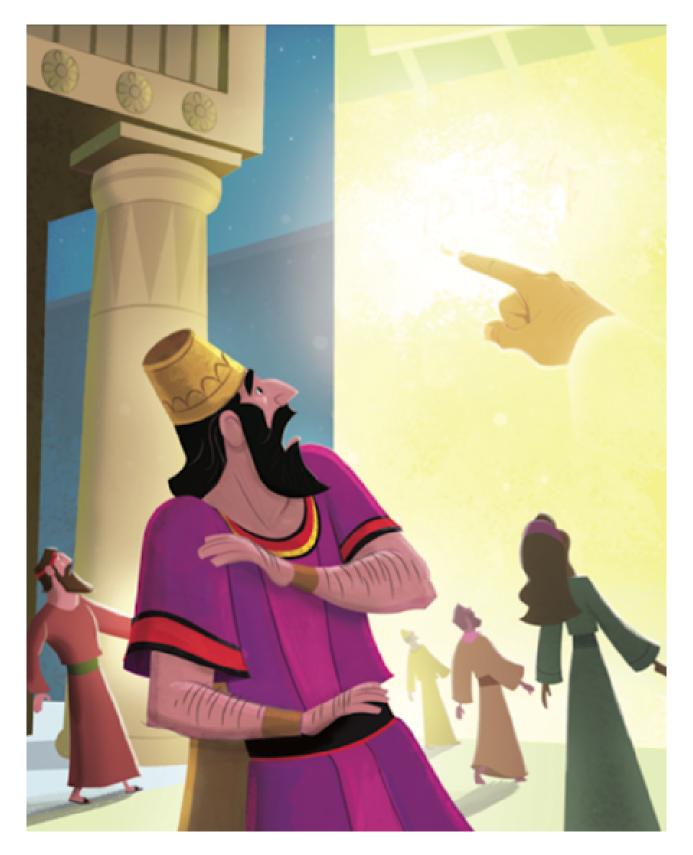
#### TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

#### AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

God loves you. God wants us to obey Him, And do what is right! God wants us to share the Bible with others.

# **TEACHING PICTURE**



## CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how the king didn't obey God. God wants us to obey Him by doing what is right and pleasing to Him. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

