



# Daniel and his friends – a camp week

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7 days of 5 minutes

Discovering with Daniel and his friends how to stay faithful, brave and together far from home

Preparation: 5 min

**How to use the series:** One devotion a day – ideal for a camp week, a holiday club or seven meetings. At the start, briefly recall the day before.

## 1 Part 1: New home, new names

**Bible:** Daniel 1:1–7

Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah are taken from Jerusalem to Babylon as teenagers. There they have to learn a new language and are even given new names. Everything is strange. But one thing stays the same: God goes with them. Anyone who comes to a new school, a new country or a camp knows that feeling.

**Question:** How does it feel to be somewhere completely new?

**Prayer:** *God, you are with me even in strange places. Thank you for knowing me. Amen.*



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## 2 Part 2: Saying no bravely

**Bible:** Daniel 1:8–16

At the royal court there is food from the king's table. But Daniel and his friends want to keep God's commandments and politely ask for another solution: "Test us for ten days!" The official agrees – and in the end they are doing splendidly. Daniel stays true to his convictions without becoming rude.

💬 **Question:** When do you find it hard to say no?

🙏 **Prayer:** *God, give me courage to stand by what matters to me – kindly but clearly. Amen.*

## 3 Part 3: Praying together

**Bible:** Daniel 2:17–23

The king has a dream that nobody can interpret, and he is furious. Daniel goes to his friends, and together they ask God for help. In the night God shows Daniel the answer. The first thing Daniel does: he thanks and praises God. Friends who pray together are a real strength.

💬 **Question:** Who could you pray with?

🙏 **Prayer:** *God, thank you for friends I can pray with. You know what to do when we do not. Amen.*

## 4 Part 4: Three friends in the furnace

**Bible:** Daniel 3:16–25

The king has a huge golden statue built: everyone must bow down to it. The three friends refuse – they will worship only God. They say: "Our God is able to save us. But even if he does not – we will not worship the statue." In the fire the king suddenly sees four men walking around unharmed. God was with them in the middle of the fire.

💬 **Question:** Where do you need courage to be different from the others?

🙏 **Prayer:** *God, you are with me even when things get heated. Help me to stay faithful to you. Amen.*



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## 5 Part 5: Three times a day

**Bible:** Daniel 6:10–11

Jealous officials want to get rid of Daniel. They get the king to pass a law: for thirty days nobody may pray to any god – only to the king. Daniel knows about it. Even so, he goes home, opens his window towards Jerusalem and prays three times a day as always. Prayer was not a duty for him but a conversation with his friend.

 **Question:** At what time of day could a short prayer fit in for you?

 **Prayer:** *God, I want to talk with you every day – morning, noon and night. Amen.*

## 6 Part 6: In the lions' den

**Bible:** Daniel 6:16–22

Daniel is thrown into the den with the lions. The king cannot sleep all night. Early in the morning he hurries to the den and calls: "Daniel, has your God been able to rescue you?" And Daniel answers: "My God sent his angel and shut the mouths of the lions." God does not leave Daniel alone.

 **Question:** What are you sometimes afraid of?

 **Prayer:** *God, you are stronger than anything that frightens me. Thank you for not leaving me alone. Amen.*

## 7 Part 7: God is Lord over all

**Bible:** Daniel 6:25–27

In the end the king writes a letter to all the peoples of his kingdom: "Daniel's God is the living God. He rescues and saves; he performs wonders in the heavens and on the earth." Through Daniel's faithfulness many people get to know God. Others can discover something of God through you too.

 **Question:** What are you taking away from this week with Daniel and his friends?

 **Prayer:** *God, you are Lord over everything. Make me faithful and brave like Daniel, so that others get to know you through me. Amen.*



## For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.