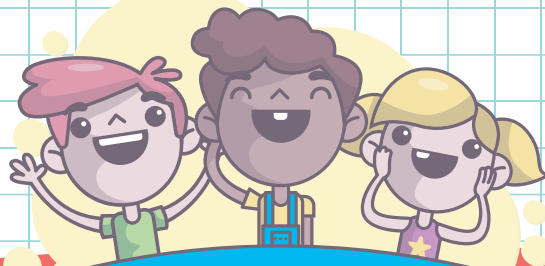


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CHILDREN'S CORNER



'...them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed...'

I Samuel 2:30



Changes, Challenges and Choices



By the time you read this article, you should be 'back to school'. September always brings a mixture of excitement and concern for boys and girls. Younger children going into P1 will be starting school for the very first time. Others will simply be moving up into new classrooms with new teachers. Many older children, however, will be leaving their old primary schools as they begin 'big' school. God's Word provides you with a good example to copy whenever you are faced with similar changing situations in life.

In the book of Daniel, you will read of four friends - Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - who had been attending school in the royal court at Jerusalem. Their schooling came to a standstill whenever Nebuchadnezzar invaded Israel. This Babylonian king had big plans, part of which included taking away the brightest of the young students and retraining them so that Babylon would become a world leader in technology and scientific advancement.

Daniel and his three fellow students were numbered amongst those that were taken away to Babylon. Suddenly he was confronted with many **changes** in his life. As well as his new school, new teachers and new pupils, poor Daniel was completely unfamiliar with the language, culture and the behaviour of the people in this faraway land. These changes meant that Daniel had to face some difficult **challenges** and deal with them accordingly. He was urged to fit in with the ungodly crowd around him and to do as they did by eating and drinking at the king's table. Being away from home and not having his parents there to guide him, Daniel could have very easily turned his back on God. God, however, gave Daniel the grace and the strength to make the right **choices**. The Bible says that this young man, in spite of all the pressure, 'purposed in his heart' not to defile himself and sin against God.

I hope, boys and girls, that whenever **changes** and **challenges** come your way, even as you move classes or schools, that you will shine bright for the Lord and depend on God's guidance to make **choices** that will bring honour unto Him.



WORD SEARCH



Young people are mentioned throughout the Bible. As you do this word-search (which contains many of their names), eight letters will be left over. These remaining letters spell out the name of a young man who fell asleep in church. (Read Acts 20)

S	D	T	I	M	O	T	H	Y
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- Q CAIN
- Q LOT
- Q DAVID
- Q MIRIAM
- Q SAMUEL
- Q MANASSEH
- Q JACOB

- Q REBEKAH
- Q ESTHER
- Q TIMOTHY
- Q JOSEPH
- Q ABEL
- Q ISAAC
- Q ESAU



PRIZES!

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