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Our message to our children this week should be this—LOVE THE GOD THAT DANIEL LOVED. So often we are tempted to make character studies from Scriptures about secondary characters (man), rather than the primary character (God). Daniel stood by his conviction, he led, interpreted dreams, he was faithful, and he bowed humbly before his God. We see all of this and more concerning Daniel in the first few chapters of the book that bears his name. It would be easy to get overly excited about Daniel.

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Notice closely God's work in Daniel's life. The term "He gave" is used three times in the first chapter referring to God's work in Daniel's life. Daniel realized that God was at work through him and acknowledged this in his prayer: "to ... [God] belong wisdom and might, He changes times and seasons, He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (2:20-21). Daniel loved God and the rest of his life reflected this reality.

**Treasure Verse:** "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:20-21).

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***"This is not a lesson urging readers to imitate Daniel's long life of commitment to God. Daniel is a commendable figure, but the point of the book and this story is trivialized if we look only at the characters. The point is that we learn of the awesome, sovereign God of the universe." – John and Kim Walton, *The Bible Story Handbook*, pg. 251***

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