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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 16 • Session 3

## DANIEL SERVED GOD

Daniel 5

### WHERE IS GOD?

**GOD IS IN ALL PLACES AT ALL TIMES AND IS ALWAYS WITH HIS PEOPLE.**

King Belshazzar of Babylon had a big feast. While the king and his guests drank, they worshiped their false gods—gods made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Suddenly, a hand appeared at the wall, and its fingers began writing a message. The king watched the hand, and he was very afraid! The king stared at the message on the wall, but he didn't understand what it meant.

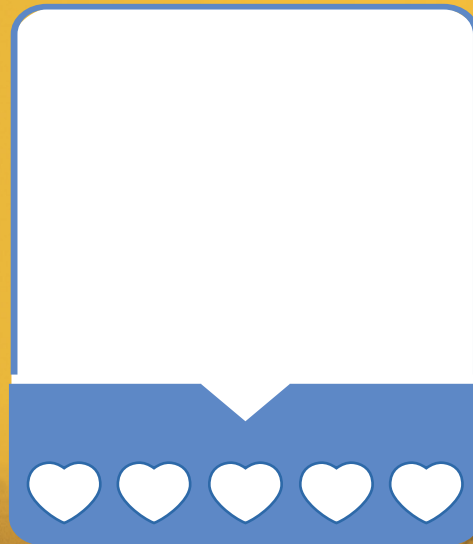
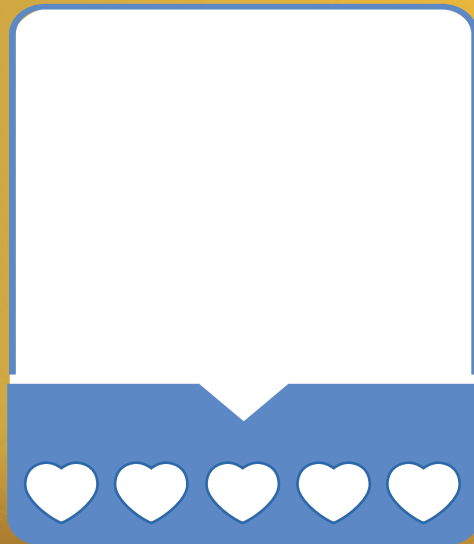
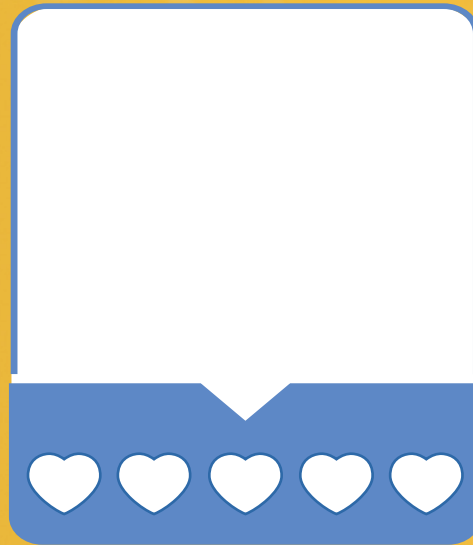
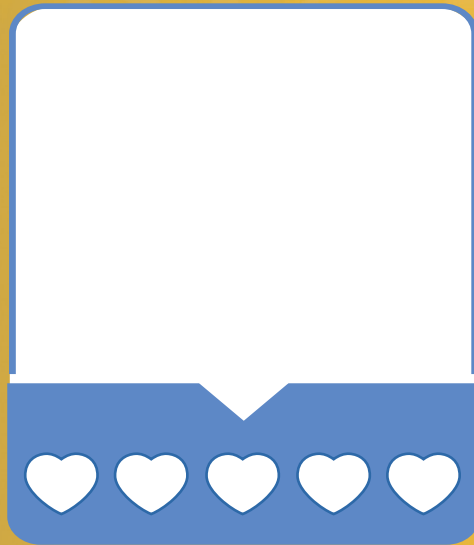
The king called for the wise men in his kingdom. The wise men came, but none of them knew what the message meant. Then the queen remembered Daniel. Daniel was wise, so Daniel was called to the palace. Daniel saw the message and understood what it meant. The message was from God.

Daniel reminded the king about what happened to his relative, King Nebuchadnezzar. "God made King Nebuchadnezzar great, but King Nebuchadnezzar thought too much of himself, so God punished him." King Belshazzar did not love God; he loved himself the most and he worshiped false gods.

Then Daniel told the king what the words meant. God had counted the days of the kingdom. The king wasn't going to be king anymore. Babylon would be split up and taken over by its enemies. That night, God's message came true. King Belshazzar was killed, and a new king named Darius took over Babylon.

**Christ Connection:** God humbled the proud king of Babylon by taking away his kingdom. King Jesus willingly humbled Himself by dying on the cross for our sin. God raised up Jesus and gave Him honor forever. When we humble ourselves and trust in Jesus, God will raise us up to enjoy Jesus in His kingdom forever.

**What Do You Love?** | Draw pictures of people or things you love in each box. Then color in the hearts on each box to show how much you love those things. The more hearts you color in, the greater your love.



**True or False** | Use your Bible to determine if each statement is true or false. Write a T if it is true or a F if it is false.

- The king of Babylon was a humble man. (Daniel 5:22)
- A hand appeared during the king's feast and wrote a message. (Daniel 5:5)
- The king immediately understood the message. (Daniel 5:7)
- Only Daniel was able to interpret the message from God. (Daniel 5:17)
- King Belshazzar loved himself more than he loved God. (Daniel 5:23)
- God was going to give the king more land. (Daniel 5:28)
- God was going to take away King Belshazzar's kingdom. (Daniel 5:28)
- God made Darius the new king of Babylon. (Daniel 5:31)