



Stand Your Ground

ENGAGE

WELCOME (Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect with other students.)

ICEBREAKER (Don't skip this part! This helps people connect and start conversation!)

- *Athletes are often in a public setting. Discuss ways you have seen athletes profess their faith in public settings.*

READ: Daniel 6:1-23 NLT

EQUIP

SET THE SCENE: The king chose Daniel to serve in a place of great significance. Seeing that Daniel was favored to gain leadership over the entire empire, other leaders became jealous and sought to destroy him. Knowing that he prayed publicly towards Jerusalem each day, the leaders tricked the king into signing a law requiring all who worship anyone other than him to be thrown into the lion's den. Holding true to his convictions, Daniel continued to pray just as he always had. When the king caught wind of this, he did his best to save Daniel, but it was no use. Daniel was eventually thrown into the lion's den for his blatant disobedience. To the accusers' surprise, God protected Daniel by shutting the mouth of every lion in that den. The king permitted Daniel to be removed and was overjoyed to see that not even a scratch was on him!

This story speaks volumes to the faithfulness of our good and gracious God. Daniel proved faithful to God, and God fully protected him. Our God can be trusted because He is in complete control. He has the ability to silence lions, calm storms and ultimately, as Romans 8:28 says, "...God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him..." All we have to do is trust.

What does this scripture say about me and my relationship with God?

- God is trustworthy, even in the unknown. Daniel had faith that God would show up, but he still had to endure something hard. When hard things happen, the toughest part is knowing that we have an all-powerful God above who's plan goes beyond them.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

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What does this say about my relationship with others?

- There will be times that we are persecuted for believing in Jesus, and times where we may be asked to defy what we believe to go along with status quo. God calls us to boldly proclaim His name and share His love, grace and mercy with all those around us.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

How does this relate to sports?

- In every circumstance, whether on the playing field, in the classroom, or in every social situation, we are called to represent God with confidence, knowing that God will take care of us and bless us no matter what others say and do.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. Daniel did not know what would happen in the lion's den, but he trusted God. What can we learn from Daniel's faith?
2. Do you believe that God can work all things for good? Are there hardships in your life that are making it difficult to trust His plan? How can we face our trials like Daniel did?
3. *SALT LEADER QUESTION:*
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EMPOWER CHALLENGE

As we go through life, we are challenged to trust God when we are faced with circumstances we can't control. This week, pray that God will reveal an area in your life that you need to trust Him more.

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another!

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