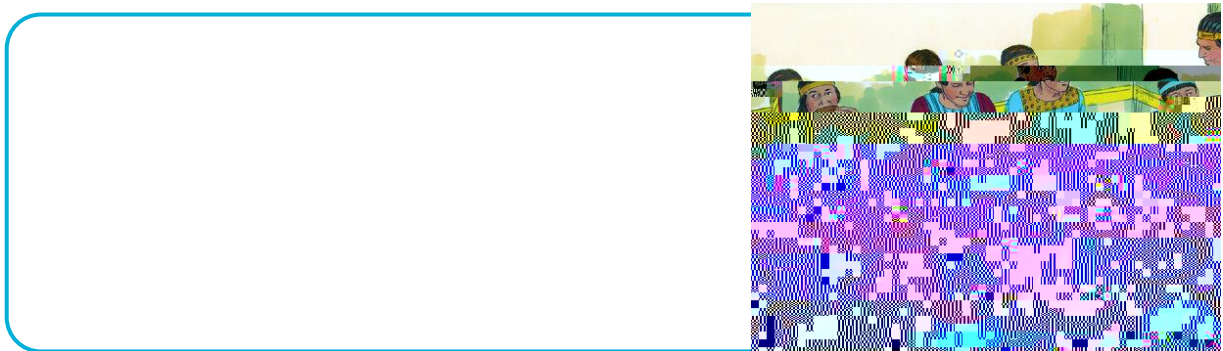




Welcome to Families on Faith Adventures @ Home





Get to know your Bible



Bible context: Daniel

The book of Daniel was written by the prophet Daniel around 536 BC. This story is about Daniel and his friends who have been captured and taken to Babylon to work for the King. Babylon has many gods and Daniel and his friends worship one God. They have to make decisions about how to stay true to their God whilst living in this strange land and also keeping themselves safe.

As we enter the third week of Lent, let's take some time to celebrate our freedom to be a Christian and think and pray for those in the world who are not as free.

Online versions of the story

Watch and Listen

Read along story by Kids on the Move https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VOaYkGnmfA

Daniel's Story by Crossroads Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GY0pARvYcyw>

Daniel and his friends obeyed God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ve5z5hMs4c0>

The Captives Cartoon by SharefaithKids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9E8RQO8Eeo>

Persecuted Teens, Images and quotes from children living in persecuted churches

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wglHA4kV9EA>

Dance and Sing

Stand Together by New Wine Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5d5Wg2x8Q-8>

Stand Strong by Lifetree Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6JeiPXIWa4>

My God is so Big by Lifetree <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDCTNhYqEko>

Put God First by Allstars Kids Club <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2Oe6R6AFeQ>

Beauty for Brokenness by Graham Kendrick <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO1G-o7Yj-c>



The Story: Daniel 1 (from The International Children's Bible)

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and surrounded it with his army. This



The end of the three years came. And Ashpenaz brought all of the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked to them. He found that none of the young men were as good as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. So those four young men became the king's servants. Every time the king asked them about something important, they showed much wisdom and understanding. He found they were ten times better than all the fortune-tellers and magicians in his kingdom. So Daniel continued to be the king's servant until the first year Cyrus was king.

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Ideas to Retell/Explore the Story

Persecuted Church

This story gives us the opportunity to think about those who still live in places where they have to hide their faith. Some people are hurt or imprisoned simply for being a Christian. Here are some links to support you exploring this further.

JPIT - The Joint Public Issues Team is a partnership between the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church. The purpose of JPIT is to help the Churches to work together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking, and acting on public policy issues.

<https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/religious-persecution/attacks-on-coptic-orthodox-christians-in-egypt/>

<https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/review-into-christian-persecution/>

Open Doors is a charity that supports Christians living under persecution.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

The World Watch List is Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. Explore the country profiles to find information, stories, and prayers for each of the countries, along with ways that you can stand with your persecuted church family in prayer and action. Or try some of their secret church resources.

Noah's Story by Open Doors <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbQ1--h0PF8>



What's in the box?

What treasures can you find to put in the box for your little ones to explore?

Perhaps older children could help find the things.

Use a box or a bag to hold the treasures and



Pray Together



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Listen and Pray

Make three symbols in the shape of a tear, a heart, and a flame from coloured paper or card.

Listen to the song and hold each of the symbols in turn.

[Beauty for Brokenness \(God of the Poor\) - Graham Kendrick - Worship at Home - YouTube](#)

Sometimes we find words hard when we are trying to pray. This song, and songs like it, help us pray without having to find the words to say. We can listen to the song and God will know the prayers in our hearts.

It might help when thinking about the situation in Ukraine and other areas in the world that need our prayer.



The chorus from *Beauty for Brokenness* by Graham Kendrick goes:

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame

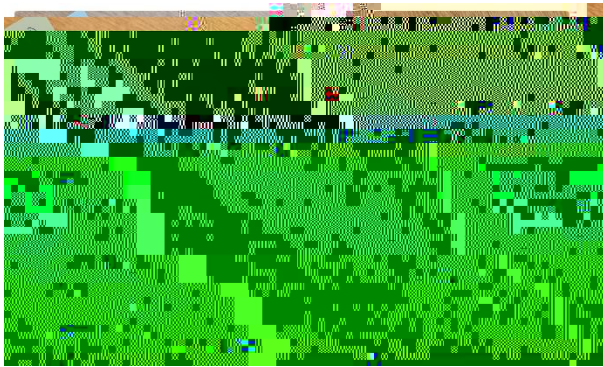


Pray Together

Socks and Shoes Prayers

There are many Christians around the world who are not able to read their Bible openly or pray out loud for fear of others hearing them. Write a prayer or a Bible verse onto a thin piece of paper and hide it in your shoe or sock. As you wear your shoe, remember those who must pray and read their Bible in secret and ask God to keep them safe.

Here are some bible verses you could use:



Psalm 16:1 Protect me, God, because I depend on you.

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, no one can stand against us.

Psalm 118:6 The Lord is with me, so I will not be afraid.

Psalm 46:1 God is our protection and source of strength. He is always ready to help us in times of trouble

A prayer

Thank you, God, that we are free to worship you without fear of being in danger.

*We pray for those in places where to meet in your name
can mean fear of prison and torture,
and for those in places where people are not allowed
to wear symbols of their religion.*

*Please God, comfort them,
give them courage to stand up for what they believe in.
May they know your love in all that they have to go through.*

Amen

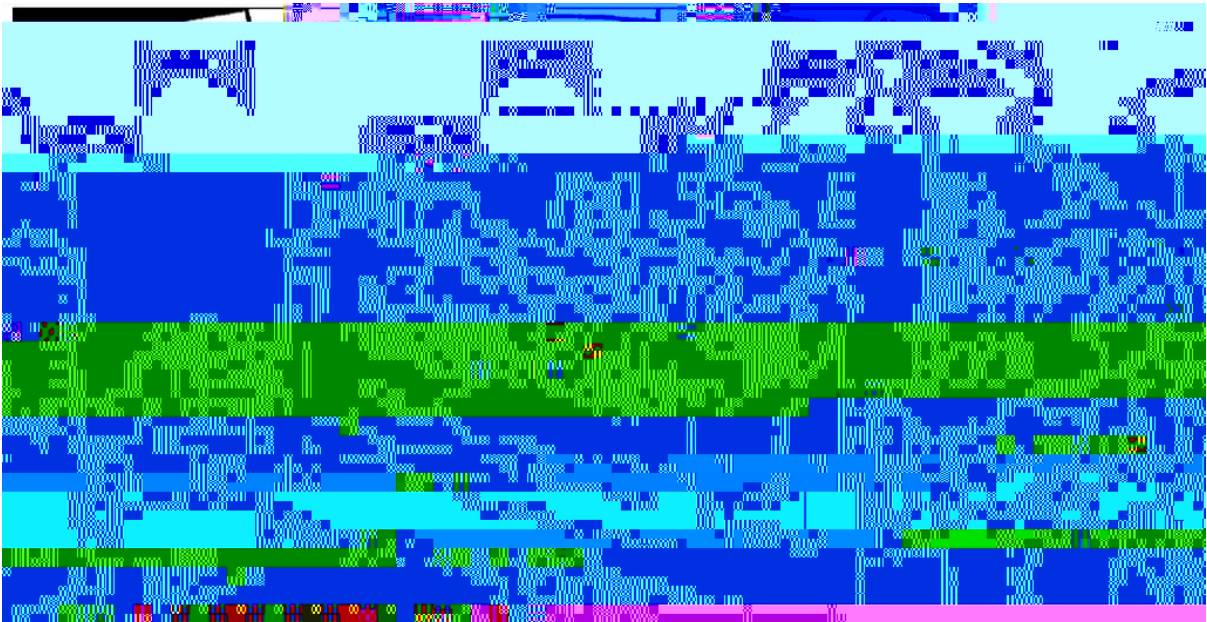
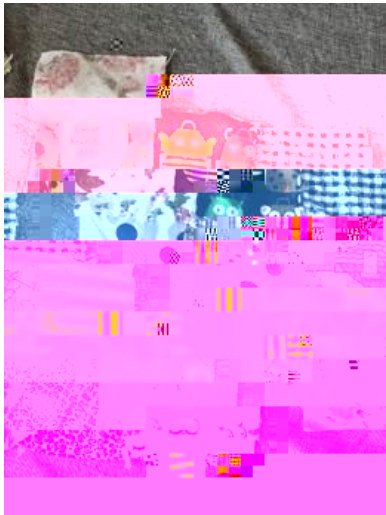


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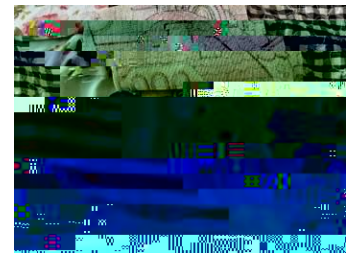


To Do Together...



Patchwork

You will need: Various pieces of fabric; coloured card or wrapping paper
Wool or embroidery threads
A large needle
Some card or white fabric



What you do:

Cut out nine squares from different pieces of fabric, card or wrapping paper.

Create a patchwork using the squares and join them by sewing or taping them together.

Cut some rectangles of the materials and sew or tape the rectangles over the matching squares to create a flap.

Under those flaps, place some hidden messages.

As you make this, think about how we sometimes hide the messages about our faith, and how God sometimes places messages for us to find as we stand strong in our faith.





To Do Together...

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To Do Together...

Craftivism

*You will need: Some craft supplies
(felt, fabric, wool, card, cross stitch, paper,
ribbon, pebble and paint)*

What you do:

Craftivism inspires peaceful protest through creation, rather than negativity and violence.

"In a gentle way you can shake the world."

Think about an issue you want to protest about and create something which you can display which shows your stand against the issue.

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*Our Walking the Way
Challenge this time is...*

Everyday Faith:

In this country we are able to practise our faith without having to hide it away and be frightened of being found out. Even so, we often keep it to ourselves a bit. This week, why not make a show of your faith? Carry your Bible around or keep it in a more noticeable place in your house, wear a cross or other Christian symbol, pray openly (say grace before your meals even if you're in a café or the school dining room, for example), talk about Jesus in your general conversation. It's not about making a show of it or being attention-seeking. It's to celebrate the fact that we can!

Scrapbooking:

Design a badge which shows what your faith means to you. You might even like to make and wear the badge as part of the "Everyday Faith" challenge. Put your designs in your scrapbook.

Take it Further:



