

# Lesson 6

## New Creation

### Early Childhood

“Daniel to Belteshazzar”

*Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence. 2 Corinthians 5:17 GW*

#### The Point of the Lesson:

Each child will understand that, when they are faced with decisions in life, the right choice is to follow what God wants us to do. Following Christ will enable me to act in Christ-like ways and not be controlled by other people’s ways. When others want me to do something that I know is wrong, I need to look to God and ask Him to help me to have a faithful heart towards Him.

#### The Power of God’s Word:

*“God’s Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful...”*  
Galatians 5:22-23 CEV

#### The Prayer of Each Child:

Dear Jesus, help me to be faithful to You by doing the right things I learn from the Bible. I want to be more like You because You are perfect! Help me to make good choices and stay faithful to Your teachings. Amen.

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The Lesson in a Word:  
Faithful

## **Prepare: (Before service)**

Organize learning centers  
Set up craft  
Set up story time carpet

## **Preview: (20 Minutes)**

The preview includes the learning centers, crafts and story time. The learning center portion of the class allows time for the parents to drop the children off in their classrooms.

## **Learning Centers:**

These are various stimulating activities for the children to do as they come into the classroom. You can choose different activities such as play-dough, legos, building blocks, etc... Have the activities laid out throughout the classroom before the children arrive.

## **Craft: (10 Minutes)**

### **King's Crown**

#### Materials:

1 Foil crown per child (ordered from Oriental Trading Co.)  
Stickers  
Bible verse stickers

#### Directions:

- Children decorate the crown with the stickers
- Children add the Bible verse

## **Story Time Carpet: (10 Minutes)**

### **Daniel to Belteshazzar**

A long time ago there was a very wise man that lived in the city of Jerusalem. His name was Daniel. The name Daniel means "God is my Judge". Daniel was true to his name because He worshiped and obeyed God all of his life. One day, Jerusalem was captured by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Daniel and several other men were taken away to Babylon. Daniel was given a new name, Belteshazzar, which means "Bel, protect my life" (Bel was the chief Babylonian god). The changing of Daniel's name was the king's attempt to try and change Daniel's faithfulness from the One true God to Babylonian gods. However, King Nebuchadnezzar realized that Daniel was very smart and very wise. Daniel stayed faithful to his original name and continued to worship and obey the One true God. (Source: Daniel 1)

## **Questions:**

1. What does the name Daniel mean? (God is my judge)
2. Who was the king of Babylon? (King Nebuchadnezzar)
3. Who did Daniel worship? (The One true God)

## **Play: (10 Minutes)**

### **Change It Up**

Materials: None

Directions: Divide the class into two teams. Line each team up against opposite walls. Count off each team member—make sure there is the same number of kids on both sides. Have a leader call out two numbers (i.e. 2 & 8). The kids with those numbers must switch places with the kids from the opposite side who have the same number.

## **Proceed: (5 Minutes)**

Travel from small group setting in classrooms to large group setting in Children's Church.

## **Process: (15 Minutes)**

Turn on DVD and play the video here. This process includes the worship song, memory verse, ten minute teaching video, and practice point.

## **Sing This: (3 Minutes)**

Dare to believe  
You are the one  
A new creation  
Dare to believe  
You are the one  
A new creation, yeah

## **Hear This: (3 Minutes)**

*"God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful..."*

Galatians 5:22-23 CEV

## **Picture This: (5 Minutes)**

Daniel was faithful to God and to his original name. Even though the king wanted Daniel to follow him and his ways, Daniel remained faithful to God. There may be a time when someone we know wants us to do something that is wrong; however, we need to remain faithful to God by following Him and making good choices.

## **Do This: (3 Minutes)**

Be faithful in all you do,  
Follow God your whole life through!

## **Proceed: (5 Minutes)**

Travel from large group setting in Children's Church back to small group setting in classrooms.

**Prayer: (5 Minutes)**

Dear Jesus,

Help me to be faithful to You by doing the right things I learn from the Bible. I want to be more like You because You are perfect! Help me to make good choices and stay faithful to Your teachings.

Amen.

*Talk with the children about prayer and prayer requests. Show them how to write, circle, or draw their requests on the prayer page.*

**Pick-Up:**

This is a time to sit the children down, feed them a small snack, and wait for the parents to arrive. Please be aware of any food allergies!