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ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: CONSISTENCY

DEFINITION:

Constantly following God and His Word

MEMORY VERSE:

"You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands." **Psalm 119:4-6**

FINISH LINE:

We can consistently follow God no matter what

READ: DANIEL 6

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. Look at verse 4-5. What was Daniel's reputation? (*He was faithful, responsible, and trustworthy. They knew he would only break the law if it went against what God's Word said.*)
2. Look at verse 7. What new rule did the people trick King Darius into signing? (*The new rule said no one can pray to anyone but the king for 30 days or else they would be thrown into the den of lions.*)
3. Look at verses 10-11. Did Daniel continue to follow God, or did he go along with the new law? (*He continued to pray to God just like he always did, no matter what might happen.*)
4. Reread verse 16. What happened to Daniel because he obeyed God's Word? (*He was thrown into the lions' den.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. Read Exodus 20:3. What did God's Word say about this rule? (*You must not have any other god except the one true God.*)
2. Did Daniel have the power to save himself? (*No.*) Who or what did he trust? (*He trusted God was with him, no matter what happened.*)
3. Compare v. 14 with v. 22. What did God do to show He was more powerful than the king? (*The king tried to save Daniel, but he could not. Only God had the power to protect Daniel and He saved Daniel from the lions.*)
4. Reread verses 26-27. How did God use Daniel to show His glory and character to the world? (*King Darius was so amazed at what God did that he told his whole kingdom about it.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. Do you think God's Word is true even if it is not popular with the people around us? (*It is.*) Why?
2. Our world today tries to get us to not believe what God's Word says. When are you tempted to doubt that God's Word is consistent?
3. Will our lives always be easy if we choose to follow God no matter what? (*No.*) What is still true about God when times get tough? (*God is with us, in control, all-powerful, trustworthy, loving, etc.*)

REMEMBER: We can trust what God says in His Word and follow Him no matter *where* we are, no matter *when* we are, and no matter *what* is happening around us!