

Warm-Up Activity

Courage means _____

How can **courage** help you overcome a challenge? Provide a specific example and explain.

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Daniel served as a royal _____ to several kings: King Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar, and King Darius.
 - a. advisor
 - b. entertainer
 - c. leader
 - d. assistant
2. The king of Babylon, _____, attacked Daniel's homeland of _____.
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar; Babylon
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar; Judah
 - c. Darius; Judah
 - d. Darius; Nazareth
3. Why were Daniel and his fellow Jews taken to Babylon?
 - a. To explore new lands
 - b. To serve King Nebuchadnezzar
 - c. To build temples
 - d. To study the stars
4. What did King Nebuchadnezzar try to do to Daniel and his fellow Jews in Babylon?
 - a. Make them rulers of Babylon
 - b. Teach them how to cook
 - c. Change their Jewish identity
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5. Why did Daniel refuse to eat the king's food?
 - a. He was allergic.
 - b. It was part of pagan rituals.
 - c. He didn't like the taste.
 - d. He was fasting.
6. What happened after Daniel refused to eat the king's food at the banquet?
 - a. Daniel and his Jewish friends ate only vegetables for ten days and became weak and sickly.
 - b. Daniel and his Jewish friends were forced to partake in the banquet, and they feasted like kings.
 - c. Daniel was punished and thrown into the lion's den.
 - d. Daniel and his Jewish friends ate only vegetables for ten days and were healthy and strong.
7. Why did King Darius' administrators want Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den?
 - a. They wanted to train the lions.
 - b. They were jealous of him.
 - c. They thought he was a bad advisor.
 - d. They wanted to help him.
8. What law did Daniel break?
 - a. Refusing the king's feast
 - b. Being Jewish in Babylon
 - c. Praying too close to the lion's den
 - d. Praying to any god or man other than the king

Short Response:

9. How did Daniel maintain his faith while in Babylon?

10. Why did Daniel break the law? What does Daniel's decision to break the law despite serious consequences demonstrate about his character?

11. Why was Daniel thrown into the lion's den, and how did he survive?

Making Connections:

12. What does Daniel's experience in the lion's den demonstrate about his character, and what lesson(s) can be drawn from this?

13. What does Daniel's story teach you about the value of faith and courage in overcoming challenges? Give a specific example of how you can apply this lesson to your own life and explain.

Daniel | Answer Key

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Check students' work for completion

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Short Response:

9. How did Daniel maintain his faith while in Babylon? Daniel maintained his faith by refusing to eat the king's food, which was part of pagan rituals. Instead, he ate only vegetables and drank water to stay in favor with God. Daniel could have taken the easy path and eaten like a king, but instead, he trusted in God's outcome. He stayed committed to God, and God took care of him. Daniel did not compromise his faith even though he was afraid.
10. Why did Daniel break the law? What does Daniel's decision to break the law despite serious consequences demonstrate about his character? Daniel broke the law because the king's law went against God's law. Daniel was very committed to praying and prayed to God three times a day. Although he knew there would be consequences, Daniel was more concerned about serving God. This demonstrates that Daniel was very faithful to God. Daniel trusted that his life was always in God's hands, and he counted on that, even when they locked him in with the hungry lions.
11. Why was Daniel thrown into the lion's den, and how did he survive? Daniel was thrown into the lion's den because he continued to pray to God despite a law that forbade it. He survived because God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths and protect him.

Making Connections:

12. What does Daniel's experience in the lion's den demonstrate about his character, and what lesson(s) can be drawn from this?

Sample answer: Daniel's experience in the lion's den demonstrates his bold courage and unwavering faith in God. We can learn that staying committed to our faith and doing what we believe is right, even when it is difficult, can lead to protection and support from God. Once again, because Daniel did not compromise his faith and he stayed fully committed to God, God protected him from harm.
13. What does Daniel's story teach you about the value of faith and courage in overcoming challenges? Give a specific example of how you can apply this lesson to your own life and explain.

Sample answer: Daniel's story teaches that having faith in God and being brave can help me get through tough times. For example, when I was nervous about joining the school play, I remembered how Daniel trusted God even when facing lions. It helped me be brave and try out for the play, and I ended up making new friends and having fun!