

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET:

DANIEL

Daniel 3:1-30; 5:1-31; 7:1-7



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

God of power and peace, we run around so much in the present. Perhaps it is because we do not dare to consider the future. Thank you for Daniel, a model of faith in you. Embolden us to face the fires that scare us, and the lions that roar at the doors of our hearts. Help us, in Daniel's tradition, to toss out our sentimental images of you and replace them with pictures of your power. Amen

TALK TIME

- Daniel hung out through thick and thin (and in a very hot place) with his friends. Do you have friends that would walk through a tough place with you? Invite family members to talk candidly about their friendships.
- How do you stand up in faith? Is there a particular cause that your family cares about but has lacked the courage or commitment to take a stand? Consider a family action—walking in a demonstration, cleaning up a neighborhood, bringing cookies to a new neighbor. What keeps you from reaching out in small and large ways? What would happen if you shared this simple prayer as a family, “Give us courage God”?
- Apocalyptic words point to an end of the world. In fact, life is changing and we are constantly saying goodbye to one phase and growing into another. Dig up some baby pictures and take a look at the dramatic process of development God has created for us as human beings.

KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

APOCALYPSE

VISION

PERSECUTION



WEB TIME

Gather around the family computer and use an Internet search engine to search for the key words, starting with “apocalypse.” Write down the most interesting site you find that pops up for each term. What do you find? Discuss the purpose of each site.

RITUAL TIME

Play “Greatest Fear Charades.” Lions and furnaces? We face other perils. To acknowledge and manage fears, family members can mime them. It's also a great idea to mime one's responses to the fears. Make sure you show the posture of prayer and hope.

