



April 7

I am Set Apart

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Daniel and His Friends Obeyed God- Daniel 1

Bottom Line: I can stand apart.

Leader Context: God has created us to be set apart through our actions, choices, and words so we can point other people to God. Daniel and his friends stood apart in their obedience to God by refusing the king's food in Daniel 1. Let's help kids see that God has set them apart, and they can stand apart by saying yes to God.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Get Up and Go TV Game

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Daniel and his three friends had to live in a new country with new customs and cultures and beliefs that were different from their own. The people in this new land did not worship the One true God, and things were probably pretty difficult. The people there lived one way, but Daniel and his friends knew God wanted them to live His way. When they were faced with the choice to blend in and do what everyone else was doing by eating the king's food, they chose to stand apart by obeying God and not eating the king's food and drink. By following God, they helped others see that He is the One true God.

God blessed Daniel and his friends. Not only did they become amazing helpers to the king, but also God continued to help them know Him and obey Him. They stood apart by obeying God and everyone noticed! God sets us apart too! He has a big and wonderful plan for our lives- a plan we don't fully know yet. God helped Daniel and his friends and gave them strength to stand apart during their difficult time. God also helps you and me stand apart in our broken world. And He does that through Jesus.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You for setting us apart. Whether it is easy, hard or anywhere in between, help us to love and obey You no matter what. When we stand apart, we show other people that we love You more than anything. Help us stand out for You. Amen."

Videos

Set Apart (20 minutes)

What You Need: white crayons, blank paper, watercolor paints and brushes, paper towels, plastic cups, water, pencil, timer (optional), paint smock (optional)

What You Do: Kids will use a white crayon and watercolor paint to make a reminder that they can stand apart.

Set out the supplies.

Today we learned the truth that we are set apart. We can love and follow God no matter what and live set apart for Him. So let's create a reminder! First, write your name on the back of your paper. Now take your white crayon and write I am set apart. Write it nice and big! It's hard to see, right? That's because it isn't set apart yet!

Now take your brush and paint your paper. You can use a lot of colors or just one color. But every 10 seconds or so, I will say, switch! and I want you to pass your paper to the right and start painting on that new paper.

By the time you get your paper back, it will be filled with colors that other people put on you, but your words will really stand out because they are set apart.

Say: "Daniel and his friends stood apart from everyone around them because they followed and obeyed God. They stood up for what they knew was right and didn't disobey God by eating the king's food or drinking the king's drink. What are some places it might be hard for us to stand up for God? Whenever you find yourself in those situations, you can remember that you are set apart and that God will give you everything you need to love, trust, and follow Him."

Discussion Questions:

- Think about a time when you needed something. It can be something as little as needing a glass of water for dinner, or something really big like needing someone to help you because you were in a crazy situation. But don't tell us the ending of your story. *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)* Wow! Those are great examples of times you were in need. When you were in need, who was the person who came to help you?
- Just like how oil stands apart from water, we can remember that God wants us to stand apart by living the way He wants us to live. And God will give us what we need to stand apart. What are some places, times, and situations when it might be easy to stand apart for God? What about when it might be hard? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are set apart. Let's open our Bibles to Daniel 1:17-20 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- God provided for Daniel and his three friends. They were in a difficult situation in Babylon. They wanted to stand apart by obeying God instead of the king, and they trusted that God would take care of them. What are some ways that God can help us stand apart for Him? *(Encouragement through the Bible, support and help from friends and others who love God, feeling closer to God through prayer)*
- Daniel and his friends trusted God to take care of their needs. Our biggest need in life is to be rescued from sin. We cannot save ourselves from our sin. We need God's help. The good news is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sin so that we can be forgiven. When we love and trust Jesus, we are set apart for Him. If you have any questions about believing in Jesus, I would love to talk to you more about it. What are some ways that people can show they are set apart for God? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.)*
- Sometimes we wonder if God really has a plan for our lives. Our Bible story today remind us that He does! When we follow and obey God, we point others to Him. What are some ways you can stand out for God and point others to Him? *(Be kind and loving to everyone- no matter what, help someone in need and share that I do it because I follow Jesus, encourage someone to know and trust Jesus, share the truth about Jesus)*

We can stand apart from the crowd because we are set apart. God cares for us, no matter what. He gave us Jesus so we can follow Him and stand out.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.