



Stand & Stay
Wk: 3 Stand Out
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The win today is for students to recognize that they will be faced with persecution for being different, but God will stand with them.

SCRIPTURES

Daniel 3:16-18 &
Luke 22:42-43

THINK ABOUT THIS

People of all ages learn best by repetition. We are continuing our theme of being brave, taking risks, standing up and standing out for Jesus. You may feel like you are having the same conversations with your students and they are not getting, if so don't get frustrated. Your role is to plant seeds and encourage them to think in different ways, and change doesn't always happen overnight. Try to remember a brave risk you took for your faith and all the fears and thoughts that ran through your mind. Keep encouraging your students they are not too young and that being brave is worth the risk. Maybe even share a time with your students that you took a bold risk of faith in your life, describing your fears and how you got the courage to overcome them. If you have students who you think may have taken bold risks for Jesus, encourage them share to their stories. Personal stories can inspire us on a level different from questions and answer discussions.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

**When you choose to stand out,
Jesus stands with you.**

GET THEM TALKING

How crazy is the story from Daniel 3!? Imagine you were in their situation, what would that have been like?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything specific that stood out to you from today's talk?

READ the portion of Daniel 3 that you want to focus on in small group and answer the following questions:

2. Why do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were so confident?
3. In verse 18, they say "Even if He doesn't..." What does this say about their faith?
4. When things don't work out the way you think they will or they should, do you ever blame God? Is that right or wrong? Why?

READ Luke 22:42-43 and answer the following questions:

5. Do you think Jesus was scared when He was praying this prayer?
6. What are the similarities we see between Jesus and the three boys from Daniel 3 in the way they handled the threat of death?
7. According to verse 43, what does God do when we pray prayers like Jesus did in verse 42?

NEXT STEP

Encourage your group to think and pray about:

- 1) What is one area of your life where you can grow in crazy faith and trust Jesus is with you?
- 2) What could be an "even if He doesn't" response for you? (Ex: Even if God doesn't keep so-and-so from making fun of me for praying for my lunch at school, I'm going to do it anyway and not worry about their opinion.)

PRAYER GUIDE

Dear God, we trust you... even when we don't know what the outcome will be. We trust that regardless of how things turn out, You will be there with us. Keep growing our faith and trust in You. In Your name, we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT)

"Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.'"

Luke 22:42-43

"'Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.'"⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him."