HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

FIRE & FAITHFULNESS TEACHING GUIDE

WEEK 2

MAIN SCRIPTURES:	MAIN POINT:	JESUS CONNECTION:
Daniel 2	God can use our influence to showcase his power.	Daniel is awesome, but he isn't the hero of the story: God is. God is the hero of our stories too.

LIVE AND VIDEO TEACHING HYBRID FORMAT

THE WHAT

WHAT are we talking about and WHY does it matter to me? (2-4 min)

ME

- Who is your favorite social media influencer and why? *(Take a moment to give your answer or open for students to give their answer.)*
- What comes to mind you hear the word "influencer"? *(Take a moment to give your answer or open for students to give their answer.)*

WE

- Even if we're not a social media influencer, we all have influence, whether we realize it or not. No matter who you are, you can either be a negative or positive influence in someone's life. For believers, our influence becomes that much more important since we are to be a light to the world, showcasing the love of Christ.

TRANSITION

- In session two, Sadie is going to talk about how Daniel used his political position and influence to demonstrate the power of God—and how we can do the same.

SO WHAT

So WHAT does this mean for my faith and life with God? (6-8 min)

GOD

- Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in Sadie's teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how she answers the following questions.
  - How does Sadie describe the theme of Daniel 2?
  - What major issue was the king dealing with? How did he plan to relieve his stress?
  - How did Daniel's actions advance God's reputation among the unbelieving king?
- **Watch Session 2: The Power of Influence (7 minutes).**

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SO WHAT CONTINUED

JESUS CONNECTION

- Daniel is awesome, but Daniel isn't the hero of his story. God is the hero. God rescues and saves Daniel and his friends.
- Don't miss this: the same is true for us. We aren't the heroes of our story. God is the hero of our story and of our lives.
- God sent His son Jesus to rescue and save us from sin and death. We can only live faithful lives to God after we first put our faith in Jesus, in His loving grace.
- Once we take that first step, then we are called to a life of faithfulness. A life where we walk trusting God is faithful to us, even in the fire.

TRANSITION

- Daniel and his friends, the pressure of providing a quick answer to the king became a matter of life and death. Even with all the influence of their positions and the gifts God gave them, their actions showed that they knew only God could help them.
- So what does all this mean for us now?

NOW WHAT

NOW that I know, HOW can I live this out? (2-4 min)

YOU

- When is the last time you fully relied on God instead of the gifts that he gave you? As believers, we may have God-given gifts, talents, and status on our side like Daniel, but at the end of the day, God is the one who gets us through.

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PRAY

- Close your time together in prayer.
- Pray and ask God to help you use the influence you have to share the love of Christ and demonstrate his power regularly.

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