Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some things you can pray about, knowing that God, the eternal King, hears you when you pray?
- Why should you trust God? (See Isaiah 26:4; 40:30.)
- Which of God's promises in Daniel 7 might encourage you in difficult situations?

Daniel's Dream

Daniel 7

STORY POINT: GOD IS THE ETERNAL KING WHO JUDGES THE NATIONS

In the first year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream. Four big creatures came up from the sea, each different from the others. Daniel had never seen animals like these before.

The first creature was like a lion, but it had wings like an eagle. The second creature was like a bear. The third creature was like a leopard, but it had four wings on its back and four heads. The fourth creature was strong and scary; it had large teeth made of iron and destroyed everything in its path.

Then Daniel saw a place in heaven with thrones. God sat down on a throne to judge the creatures.

Suddenly, the Son of Man came. God gave Him power to rule over everything. He was the king, and people of every nation and language served Him. His kingdom would last forever; it would never be destroyed.

God gave Daniel the ability to understand what the dreams meant. The four creatures were four kings who ruled on earth. Their rule would not last forever. God would give His people the kingdom forever and ever.

Christ Connection: Jesus is King over all things. God allows people to rule for a short time, but one day Jesus will return and set up His perfect kingdom. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be welcomed into His kingdom, and His kingdom will last forever.