Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about
- 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

- Why is it important to confess sin? (See 1 John 1:9.)
- Why is humility important to God? (See 1 Peter 5:5.)
- How can our family show that God is the Lord of our lives?

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 4

STORY POINT: GOD HUMBLED KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR TO SHOW THAT HE IS IN CONTROL.

One night, King Nebuchadnezzar had a frightening dream. He called for all the wise men in Babylon to explain what the dream meant, but they did not understand the dream. Finally, Nebuchadnezzar told Daniel about the dream:

"I saw a big, strong tree. Its top was in the sky, and everyone could see it. An angel came down from heaven and said, 'Cut down the tree!' The angel said only the stump and roots would be left in the ground. Then the angel said the tree's mind would change from a human's mind into an animal's mind. He said this would happen so that people would know God is ruler over human kingdoms."

"The tree is you," Daniel explained. "You will be driven away from people. You will live with wild animals and eat grass. Your kingdom will will be restored when you acknowledge that God rules over everything."

A year later, Nebuchadnezzar's dream came true. Nebuchadnezzar was driven away from people. He ate grass like cattle, his hair grew like eagles' feathers, and his nails grew like birds' claws. After some time, Nebuchadnezzar looked up to heaven and praised God. He acknowledged that God rules over everything. His kingdom was restored to him, and Nebuchadnezzar gave glory to God.

Christ Connection: Pride steals God's glory. God humbled King Nebuchadnezzar so he could see that God alone deserves glory. Jesus is the King of kings who humbled Himself by coming to earth and dying on the cross. Jesus saves sinners so we can live for God's glory.

