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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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### SEPTEMBER 7TH

This week, the story $\epsilon$	of <b>Daniel</b>	's training in Bal	<b>ylon</b> reveals	how to choose God.
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- BIG IDEA: God helps us choose wisely.
- BIBLE: Daniel 1
- □ ASK:
  - Daniel and his friends had to move to a different place. What did they have to do there? Learn a different language and got new names.
  - Did Daniel forget about God when he had to move far away? Did God forget about Daniel? No.
  - What did Daniel and his friends choose to eat instead of the king's food? Vegetables and water.
  - Who helped Daniel stay strong and healthy? God.
  - How can you choose wisely when:
    - Your teachers say it's time to clean up?
    - When a friend is playing with something you want?
    - When you can't get a new toy at the store?
    - Your parents say it's time to go to bed?
- CHALLENGE: Remind your kids this week of all the moments they make wise choices! When you see them making the wise choice, give them praise and acknowledge it. Consider even setting up an opportunity for them to have to choose to make a wise decision.



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This week, the story of **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** reveals how God rescued them from a fiery furnace.

- □ **BIG IDEA**: God is ready to rescue us.
- □ BIBLE: Daniel 3
- ASK:
  - What were the three friends' names from the story? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
  - Why did they get in trouble with the king? They didn't worship the king's statue.
  - How did God rescue them? They did not burn up in the fire. God sent a fourth person to be with them in the fire.
  - Who rescues us? God.
  - o Can you think of a time when someone helped you?
  - o How did it make you feel to be rescued?
- □ CHALLENGE: Play save and rescue with your kids this week. Take Little People, Lego people, or any other figurines in your house and place in spots where they might need to be rescued. Pretend with your kids to be the rescuers deciding how it might be best to save them! Remind them that just like they rescued their people, God rescues his people including us!



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### SEPTEMBER 21ST

This week, the story of Daniel interpreting the writing on the wall reveals how to follow God's words.

- BIG IDEA: God's words show us what to do.
- □ BIBLE: Daniel 5
- ASK:
  - Where did the writing appear during the party? On the wall. Who helped explain what the writing meant? Daniel.
  - Who gave Daniel the wisdom to understand the writing? God.
  - Where can we find God's words? In the Bible.
  - Who can help us understand what God wants us to do? Family, teachers, pastors, the Bible, and more!
- CHALLENGE: Open the Bible with your kids this week. You can use a kids Bible or if you want to show them how you use yours! When your kids see how the Bible can be used, as they get older, they will better understand where to turn to when they need to know what to do!



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#### SEPTEMBER 28TH

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- BIG IDEA: Our courage can help others see God.
- BIBLE: Daniel 6
- □ ASK:
  - Who did Daniel work for? King Darius.
  - Did Daniel stop praying to God when the new law was made? No, he kept praying to God.
  - Who kept Daniel safe from the lions? God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths.
  - What word means being brave? Courage.
  - What happens when we have courage for God? It helps other people see God and know God.
- CHALLENGE: Give your kid the chance to be courageous this week! Try something new, face a fear, help a stranger! Whatever they do, remind them before they do it to pray and ask God to give them courage. Once they've been courageous, remind them to pray and thank God for how he gave them courage!