



BIBLE STORYLINE

# Daniel and the Spooky Hand

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Dress up like a King Belshazzar and tell the kids that you're a powerful king. Act proud and conceited. Then, react with shock as you look at the wall. Act like you're watching the hand writing the riddle. Tell the kids that they'll learn what your reacting to in the story.

**Before we jump into our lesson this week, let me ask you a question. Have you learned a hard lesson from a mistake you've made? (allow kids to share). Right, maybe you forgot to finish a homework assignment and you got a bad grade. Or maybe you got angry and threw your favorite game and now it's broken. When we mess up, the consequences can be really hard. (If you used the leader tip, tell the kids that our story teaches us about a king who didn't learn from past mistakes and the trouble that brought him)**

**In our lesson today, we're going to learn about King Belshazzar and what happened at a party he threw for his friends. God showed up in a crazy way and only Daniel could make sense of the message.**

**We'll talk about that more in a minute, but first let's stand and sing.**

## Song

*Song #1*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together: Wise people learn from past mistakes. (Repeat)*

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- Who threw a big party? (King Belshazzar)

- What happened at the party that shocked everyone? (A hand started writing on the wall)
- True or False: When we mess up, we can learn from it. (T)

This is really the point of this story. Do you remember King Nebuchadnezzar? He was the powerful king of Babylon that conquered Jerusalem. King Neb was super prideful and thought everything he had was because of how great he was. God came to him in a dream and reminded him that King Neb was only great because God made him great. To teach King Neb a lesson, God took all of his power away. After King Neb died, King Belshazzar came to power. You would think King Belshazzar would've heard about what happened to King Neb and would remember not to disrespect God. But, King Belshazzar let his pride get in the way and he worshipped false gods and disrespected God, too.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Be careful never (shake head no) to forget what you (point out) yourself have seen (point to eyes)." Deuteronomy 4:9 (Repeat)

King Belshazzar could've saved himself a lot of trouble had he learned from King Neb's mistake. But he didn't. He threw a big party for all of his friends and they drank wine from special cups stolen from the temple in Jerusalem and worshipped idols. So, God had to put King Belshazzar in his place. During the party, a hand appeared and wrote a riddle from God to the king. Only Daniel could tell him what it meant. Daniel reminded King Belshazzar of what had happened to King Neb and how God took his power away when he worshipped false gods and God took King Belshazzar's power away, too.

So kids, let's not be like King Belshazzar who didn't learn from past mistakes. Let's be wise kids who learn from our mess ups!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Song #2*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Wise people learn from past mistakes. **(Repeat)**

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.