

Things to take:

- Question box with pens & paper
- Door welcome sign, register & rules
- Memory Verse Sign
- Fun file inserts
- Every Move I Make* by Christ Music Kids
- Signs on the walls print outs from CD, pens and paper.
- Large sheet of paper with mene, tekem and parsin written on.

Session Aim:

To teach that if we truly believe in the power of God then he promises to reveal his glory to us in amazing ways.

**“If you believe, you would see the glory of God”**

**John 11:40**

**5. Promise: God promises that if we believe then we will see the glory of God**

**Game as they arrive and register: Signs on the walls**

Print out the signs on the walls resource from the CD. Pin up the signs around the room and get the children to work out what they mean as they arrive by writing them down. Go over the answers:

1. Ducks crossing
2. Toilets
3. Speed camera
4. No diving
5. Dead end
6. Cycle lane
7. Information point
8. Sign for females

**Game: Cat and mouse**

Choose one child to be a cat and the other to be a mouse. Get the other kids to stand in rows in a square shape (e.g. 5 X 5 kids!) with their arms held up to create rows. When you say 'turn' they have to move 90 degrees so they now link arms with the person who was behind and in front of them, creating columns. Release the cat and mouse at different ends into the grid of children and say 'change' whenever the cat is getting close to the mouse to create a wall between them! The idea is for the cat to catch the mouse.

**Pray for today's session**

**Rules**

**Answer question box from last week**

**Ask if anyone can remember memory verse from last week:**

"Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 2 Corinthians 10:17

**Memory verse: “If you believe, you would see the glory of God” John 11:40**

Explain what glory is (the wonderful and amazing things God can do). Write each word on a separate balloon, get the children to hit the balloons gently to each other until you say stop. Whoever is left holding a balloon has to come to the front. They then have to work out what order the balloons go in. Once they have completed the challenge, learn the memory verse by popping one balloon at a time (or just getting the child holding it to turn it over).

**Bible bit: Daniel 5**

Read the following story, using your sheet of paper with the 3 words written on at that part of the story. You could get the children to pretend to be the guests to the banquet and someone to play the king.

One evening, King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his highest officials, and he drank wine with them. He had too much wine and ordered his servants to bring in the gold and silver cups his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. Belshazzar wanted the cups, so that he and all his wives and officials could drink from them. When the gold cups were brought in, everyone at the banquet drank from them and praised their idols made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Suddenly a human hand was seen writing on the plaster wall of the palace. The hand was just behind the lampstand, and the king could see it writing. He was so frightened that his face turned pale, his knees started shaking, and his legs became weak.

The king called in his advisors, he told them, "The man who can read this writing and tell me what it means will become the third most powerful man in my kingdom. He will wear robes of royal purple and a gold chain around his neck."

All of King Belshazzar's highest officials came in, but not one of them could read the writing or tell what it meant, and they were completely puzzled. Now the king was more afraid than ever before, and his face turned white as a ghost.

When the queen heard the king and his officials talking, she came in and said:

Your Majesty, don't be afraid or look so pale. In your kingdom there is a man who has been given special powers by the most holy God. When your father Nebuchadnezzar was king, this man was known to be as smart, intelligent, and wise. Send for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means.

When Daniel was brought in, the king said:

So you are Daniel, one of the captives my father brought back from Judah! I was told your God has given you intelligence and wisdom. Can you read this writing and tell me what it means?

Daniel answered, Your Majesty, I will read the writing and tell you what it means. Your father had the power of life or death over everyone, and he could honor or ruin anyone he chose. But when he became proud and stubborn, his glorious kingdom was taken from him. His mind became like that of an animal, and he was forced to stay away from people and live with wild donkeys. Your father ate grass like an ox, and he slept outside where his body was soaked with dew. He was forced to do this until he learned that the Most High God rules all kingdoms on earth and chooses their kings.

King Belshazzar, you knew all of this, but you still refused to honor the Lord who rules from heaven. Instead, you turned against him and ordered the cups from his temple to be brought here, so that you and your wives and officials could drink wine from them. You praised idols made of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, even though they cannot see or hear or think. You refused to worship the God who gives you breath and controls everything you do. That's why he sent the hand to write this message on the wall.

The words written there are mene, which means "numbered," tekel, which means "weighed," and parsin which means "divided." God has numbered the days of your kingdom and has brought it to an end. He has weighed you on his balance scales, and you fall short of what it takes to be king. So God has divided your kingdom between the Medes and the Persians. Belshazzar gave a command for Daniel to be made the third most powerful man in his kingdom and to be given a purple robe and a gold chain.

That same night, the king was killed. Then Darius the Mede, who was sixty-two years old, took over his kingdom.

### **Talk:**

- What was it that King Belshazzar was worshiping instead of God?
- What did King Belshazzar know about his dad but choose to ignore?

We have already learnt that when we praise only God and worship him he will bless us. God always

keeps his promises. God has promised that when we believe in Him we will see his glory. Daniel and the King saw a miracle - the hand writing on the wall. He will show us amazing things too if we ask him!

**Testimony:**

Get a leader to share that they have never seen the glory of God like Daniel did (i.e. a miracle) However people all over the world have seen God do miracles and they can happen in big and small ways. Share about a time when God did something amazing in your life.

**Group Prayer:**

Pray that we would believe enough to see God do amazing things in our lives.

**Response:** Using the fun file inserts, get children to write next to the words that Daniel saw:

**Mene (numbered)** Write down three things you would like to see God do.

**Tekel (weighed)** Write down something you would like to say sorry to God for.

**Parsin (divided)** If there is somebody that you have fallen out with, write their name here and ask God to help you become friends again.

**Song & Actions:** *Every Move I Make* by Christ Music Kids

**Game:** **Death by chocolate**

Wink murder with chocolate! Get the children sat in a circle, get one child to go out of the room. Pick a murderer and give them a square of chocolate. Get the child outside to come back in and stand in the centre of the circle. The murderer has chocolate in their mouth, when they open their mouth to show chocolate to someone; the victim who catches their eye has to pretend to die by falling backwards. The child in the middle of the circle has to work out who the murderer is before everyone dies!

**Pray:** Kids Rock prayer before they leave.