

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE
BIG IDEA: God's people are aliens.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Daniel 1
1 Corinthians 8:4-13
Leviticus 19:26
Deuteronomy 18:9-14
Proverbs 13:20
Leviticus 11:1-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why didn't Daniel want to eat what was provided?

How did Daniel go about changing his diet?

Which is worse - eating forbidden foods or working with magicians?

Why did Daniel do one and refuse to do the other?

How did Daniel decide when to say "no"?

What does God want to communicate to His people through this story?

1 Corinthians 8:4-13 - What is Paul trying to communicate to believers?

What's the difference?

What is the most important principle you have learned from this story?

Where do you need to draw lines in your relationship with God and culture?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for placing you where He has.
Praise Him for the benefits and opportunities around you.
Ask God to show you areas where you need to say "no".
Ask God to help you build relationships that will help you in your walk with Him.

FAMILY RESOURCES
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READ DANIEL 1:1-5

What happened to the young men?
Why did King Nebuchadnezzar treat them so well?
Draw a picture and talk about a time when you were away from your home and your family.

READ DANIEL 1:6-8

Why would Daniel turn down such good food?
Go to the store and buy food that you've never had before for dinner and dessert.
What might happen if you ate that for every meal?

READ DANIEL 1:9-14

Why did Daniel ask for a "test" period?
How do you know a test is successful?
Plan and do a test of your own.

READ DANIEL 1:15-16

Have nothing but vegetables for dinner.

READ DANIEL 1:17-21

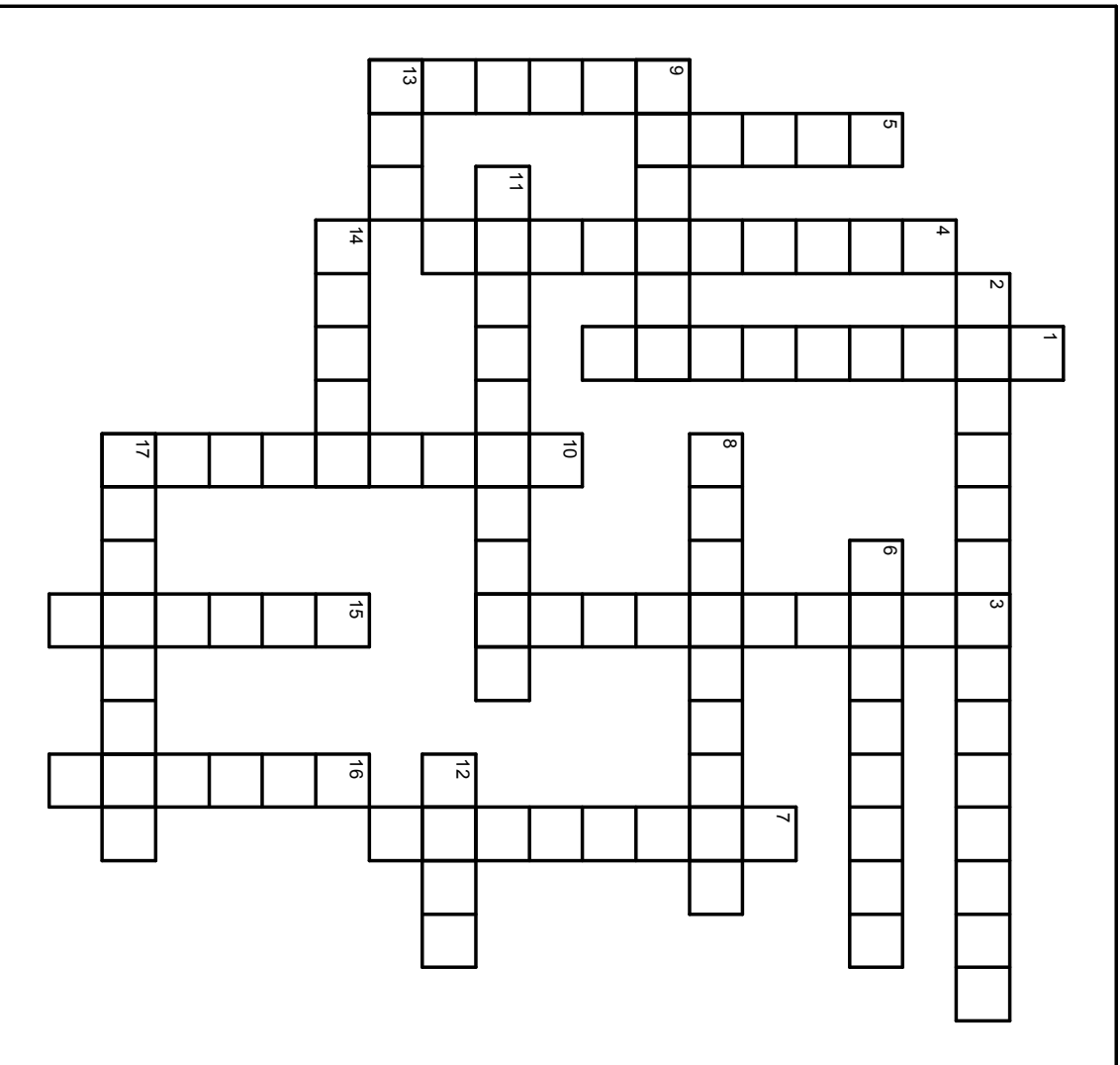
Besides the food they ate,
in what other ways were Daniel and his friends different?
Why?

How are you different from those around you?
Why?

MEMORY VERSE:

Live such good lives among the pagans that,
though they accuse you of doing wrong,
they may see your good deeds
and glorify God on the day He visits us.
1 Peter 2:12

Daniel is Different



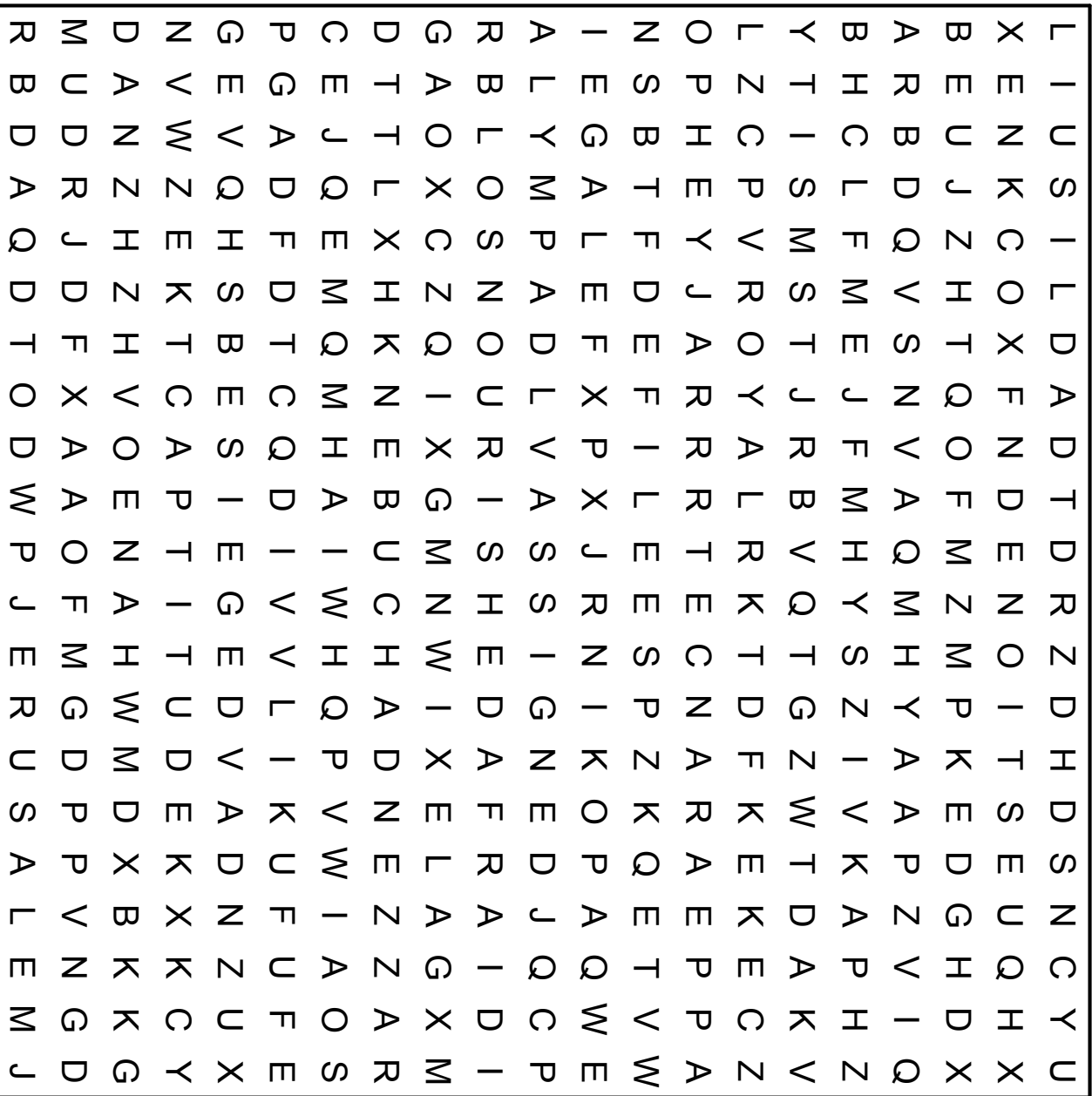
Across

2. king of Babylon
(Daniel 1:1)
6. ability (Daniel 1:4)
8. fed (Daniel 1:15)
9. pollute or dirty (Daniel 1:8)
11. good for you to eat
(Daniel 1:16)
12. an experiment (Daniel 1:12)
13. # of days for the test
(Daniel 1:12)
14. belonging to the King
(Daniel 1:3)
17. set aside (Daniel 1:5)

Down

1. Daniel's home town
(Daniel 1:1)
3. looks (Daniel 1:13)
4. asked (Daniel 1:20)
5. # of years Daniel was trained in
Babylon (Daniel 1:5)
7. surrounded and attacked
(Daniel 1:1)
9. imperfection (Daniel 1:4)
10. where Daniel was taken
(Daniel 1:2)
15. scared (Daniel 1:10)
16. He was bold enough to speak up
(Daniel 1:8)

Daniel is Different



Nebuchadnezzar

besieged

Jerusalem

Babylonia

royal

defect

aptitude

assigned

three

Daniel

defile

afraid

test

vegetables

ten

nourished

appearance

questioned

Daniel is Different

1. HTERE -----
2. ROALY -----
3. AMELERSJU -----
4. BAZZDAUHNCEERN -----
5. EFDTEC -----
6. ABETEGLEVS -----
7. DAFRIA -----
8. RDHUSNIEO -----
9. EDNUETOQSI -----
10. ETN -----
11. GEEEEIBSD -----
12. TTSE -----
13. IENALD -----
14. EPCENNAARP -----
15. EDLEFI -----
16. UPETDAIT -----
17. BABYNIAOL -----
18. GIASESND -----