



## DANIEL 2

# THE IMPOSSIBLE TASK

**Scripture:** Daniel 2:1-23

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Papers and pencils. Puzzle. Comic Book papers.

### Explain:

- Tell the kids that they must do a puzzle today. To anyone who completes it, you will give \$10. To anyone who cannot complete it, they will do chores after Sunday School for the rest of the year.
- Hand out paper to the kids
- Tell the kids that they can't have the puzzle, they have to draw for me what the pieces look like and then tell me the picture that is on it.
- Allow the kids to complain and moan for a while and talk about how unfair this is. Then make them each draw what the puzzle looks like. After all have drawn, they will complete the puzzle you have to see if anyone's matches.
- Sit the kids down and ask them why that was unfair.
- Ease their minds that they don't have to do the chores because it was impossible, but this was what happened to the people of Babylon.
- Today, we're going to talk about a time that Daniel faced that was very unfair. Who can tell me what they remember about Daniel from last week?

**Read:** Daniel 2:1-11

### Ask:

Does that sound a little bit like my puzzle challenge? Think about how you felt with that challenge. Imagine how much more upsetting it would be to know that if you didn't do what the king asked, you would die.

**Read:** Daniel 2:11-21

**Ask:**

- Do you think it was brave of Daniel to go before the king like that?
- Did you see how Daniel gathered his friends to pray for him? Have you ever asked a friend to pray for you?
- It's hard to be brave sometimes. What can we learn from Daniel about being brave?

**Pray:**

Spend extra time in prayer today.

It is a beautiful thing that we can come before God with our praises and requests and fears and needs. But we often don't. Is it hard to pray? Why? (Allow for discussion).

Today, we're going to do what Daniel did and partner with a friend and pray together. Allow the kids to form little groups and to share a prayer request and to pray together. This is a hard thing for many kids to do. Gently help them to pray together, giving tips and help. If all else fails, they can share their requests and pray in the hearts, but try to get them to pray aloud together.

**Activity:**

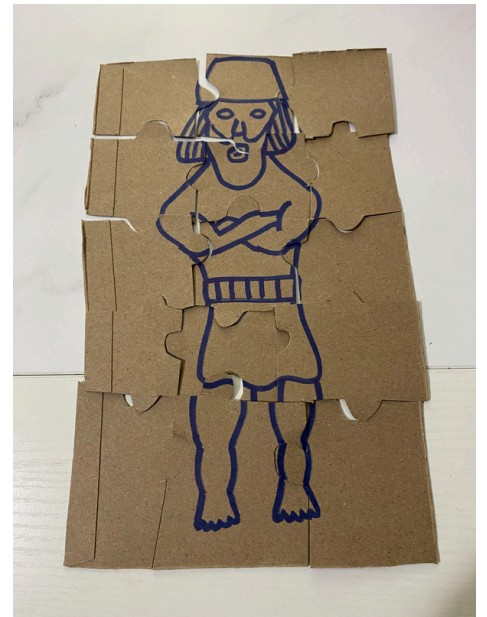
Have the kids redraw the story in the form of a comic book. Include the king and the advisors and Daniel and his friends.

**Memorize:** Isaiah 41:10

Close in Prayer



I didn't have a puzzle, so I made one out of a cardboard cereal box. I drew the statue on it just for fun.



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