

WILL NOT BOW DOWN!
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **WILL NOT BOW DOWN!**

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church

God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker - Plank-off!

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we saw Nav and Gaby compete in a plank-off. They kept their bodies straight, and resisted caving in under the pressure (of gravity) for as long as they could.

You might like to have a family plank-off at home

OR choose another activity that requires holding out for as long as you can, like a:

- * **Stare-off** - if you blink you are out; the last to blink is the winner.
- * **Can-hold-off** - give each person 2 shopping bags with a can in each. Adults should have other weights added to their bags. Hold bags straight out (a bag suspended from each hand held out straight from the shoulder, as if making a cross with their body) for as long as they can. The one who holds that position for the longest time is in winner.
- * **Flamingo stand-off** - stand on one straight-leg, with the other leg bent so that the sole of the foot is touching the inner knee of the straight-standing-leg (in a flamingo pose); the last one standing (balanced) is the winner.

Whatever you do - have fun!

Today's Scripture Reference - Daniel 3

In the Kidmania Online episode today we used excerpts from **SUPERBOOK** to help tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3).

You can access Superbook resources and view full episodes for free at https://us-en.superbook.cbn.com/all-videos?filter=full_episodes#X

1. **Read Daniel 3** out loud (or read it yourself and retell it in your own words)
2. **Watch Online** the full **SUPERBOOK** episode of **The Fiery Furnace**
3. **Read, repeat & recite the memory verses** (now and at mealtimes this week)

Leviticus 9:4

Do not put your trust in idols or make metal images of gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God.

Acts 5:29

We must obey God rather than human beings!



The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Topic introduction:

Say: In today's Kidmania Online episode we learned about not bowing down to idols. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were young Hebrew men (Israelites) who had been captured and taken to Babylon and made to be servants in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace. They were treated pretty well in that they had nice food and clothes, and good jobs. They could live a pretty comfortable life. But they were expected to fit in with the Babylonians and do exactly what the Babylonians did. This included forgetting who their God was and not worshipping Him or doing any of the things God had asked them to do. The officials in the palace even took away their Hebrew names (that honored God) and gave them Babylonian names (that honored the fake Babylonian gods). And they were expected to actually worship the human king as though he was a god, and a greater god than the real King of kings, the LORD God Himself. We might not think it would be a big deal to bow down and pretend to worship the golden statue (even if just to stay safe) but God is God, and we can't ever call anyone but Him 'God' or treat anyone else as if they are God. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew this, and with their decision to only worship God they kept God in His rightful place. They did this not knowing whether they would be safe. That is GREAT FAITH! Because of their great faith & obedience the human king who wanted to take God's worship away and have it for himself actually became a worshipper of God. He told everyone in his kingdom to worship God, and then he recorded his faith in God in writing and it was included in the Bible (you can read it in Daniel 4). Isn't that amazing?!

Ask: What do you think you would have done if you were in their place? [let them share from their heart, and you share with them from your heart – it is OK to admit that this would have been very scary, and very hard to be so faithful, and that you would really have needed God's help to do it, and that you hope you would have done so well.]

Say: Let's see what the Bible has to say to us today about idols.

Memory Verses:

Say: Repeat after me: Do not put your trust in idols or make metal images of gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God. (Leviticus 9:4)

Say: Repeat after me: We must obey God rather than human beings! (Acts 5:29)

Discussion:

Ask: What is an idol? [we are looking for an answer like: anything we love more than God/Jesus, anything we give more time and attention to than God/Jesus, anything that takes God's place in my life, etc.]

Ask: How would I know if I had an idol? [we are looking for an answer like: I spend more time and attention on it and maybe I get upset if I can't do it when it is time to do things that honor/worship God]

Ask: Are all idols obvious? [we are looking for an answer like: No, some are sneaky!]

Ask: Can you give me some examples of an obvious idol? [we are looking for an answer like: statues, things we pray to other than God like crosses and stars in the night sky, etc.]

Ask: Can you give me some examples of a sneaky idol? [we are looking for an answer like: things we love more than spending time with Jesus; like gaming, Ipad, T.V., watching movies, sport, hobby, music, food, the approval of other people, the beliefs and opinions of others when they are not the same as God's opinion about something, etc.]

Say: All these things can be good, but too much of a good thing and not enough God makes the good thing not so good for us. We can enjoy all the good things there are in this world while still loving God the most and making sure that we give God the love and attention and service that He deserves because we know that He always has His focus and love on us, and is always doing things to bless us.

Ask: What are some good things that might be taking God's place in your life? [let them share from their heart, and as they do, commit to helping them to enjoy those things as they should and to keep them in their place – you could say that there is a right and wrong time for everything.]

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... thank You that we are not being threatened with a fiery furnace for not worshipping idols today. It should be easy for us to only worship You God, but it isn't, because sometimes we can't see them for what they are. Help us to see them for what they are so we can be careful about what we give our hearts to. Help us to give them to You alone... in Jesus' Name, Amen!

