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**Coweta FCA Elementary Lesson Plans**

**Excellence**

**Worship Time**

3 Songs Possibly led by someone from your church or someone provided by Joshua Casey.

**Big Idea**

Everything God does is excellent. God gave us the ability to be excellent and He wants us to work hard in all we do.

**Memory Verse**

“Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.” Psalm 150:2

**Definitions**

**Biblical definition of excellence:** The quality of excelling, of being the very best at something

**Bible Story**

**Daniel 6**

There are many in the Bible who lived life in excellence. Today’s story will focus on Daniel. Daniel was obedient to God. He was faithful, showed wisdom (given by God), and he pleased God.

Daniel was placed in charge of officials. King Darius planned to place him in charge of the whole Kingdom. The other officials were not happy about this and tried to find ways to get Daniel in trouble. Daniel was trustworthy and honest. The men said, “We will never find anything against Daniel unless it has something to do with his God.”

The officials went to King Darius and told him he should make a law that says for 30 days, no one should pray to any god or man except for the King. Whoever breaks the law should be thrown in a lion’s den. Darius liked this law, wrote it down, and signed it.

The officials told the King, “Daniel ignored your law and prays to His God.” The king became upset because he liked Daniel. He tried all day to think of how he could save Daniel, but his officials said it law cannot be changed.

King Darius had Daniel thrown in the lion’s den. He told Daniel, “May your God rescue you, Daniel!”. A large rock was rolled in front of the entrance to the lion’s den. Darius could not sleep that night and spent the night fasting.

The next morning, Darius went to lion’s den. He cried out, “Daniel, has your God been able to save you from the lions?” Daniel said, “My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths. They have not hurt me.”

The king was overjoyed. Daniel was safe. King Darius made a new law, “All people must tremble in fear before the God of Daniel.” (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook)

**Devotion**

Excellence is important because all God does is excellent. We strive to be like him for the following reasons: To be made in God’s image means that He imparted some of His character qualities to us ([Genesis 1:27](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen%201.27)). We crave justice because He is just ([Psalm 9:16](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%209.16)). We love because He is love ([1 John 4:16](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20John%204.16)). And we strive for excellence because He is excellent in everything He does ([Deuteronomy 32:4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Deut%2032.4)). Our sinful nature separates us from God. People can be lazy and careless. We settle for second best often and we will answer to God on how we spent our time.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why did the officials dislike Daniel? (The king favored him, and Daniel was obedient to God
2. Who tried to get Daniel in trouble with the king and how did they do it? (The officials tried to get him in trouble, and they had the king make a law about praying. They knew Daniel would pray to God)
3. What did the king do to punish Daniel? (He threw Daniel in the lion’s den)
4. Who saved Daniel from the lions? (God)

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□ Speaker confirmed?

□ Do you have a printed list of who is registered to attend your campus huddle? All students who attend must be registered. If someone shows up and is not registered, please have a form ready to send home or contact the parent to register for the next meeting.

□ Music selected and equipment/supplies ready?

□ Are you having breakfast? If so, has it been ordered?

□ Do you need paper goods for breakfast?

□ Are you doing any type of take away item?

**Prepare for Campus Huddle**

* Print out definitions and memory verse as well as any take home papers.

**Campus Huddle Suggested Itinerary**

**Suggested Template and Time Frame**

Depending on your time constraints, this may be changed to fit the needs of your school.

**7:00-7:05 – Check-in**

Please have a checklist of all registered students available. **Students must register before they can attend.**

**7:05-7:15 – Large group worship, no more than 3 songs when combined with a game.**

Songs can be led from You Tube or can be presented by a worship leader.

**7:15-7:30 – Speaker**

This should be a coach, children’s pastor, student pastor, church staff, or school staff. Please keep in mind that whoever the speaker is, they MUST be preapproved by FCA staff. We will have some contacts of speakers on the Coweta FCA Elementary resources page on our website at CowetaFCA.org.

**7:30 – Dismissal**

* Always close in prayer prior to dismissing the students, you could have the speaker, a student (who was asked beforehand), or Coweta FCA staff pray.
* You could have the students do prayer requests on index cards as they leave.
* Many schools like to dismiss to music.
* Some schools prefer to hand breakfast out as the students leave.