

The Gospel Project for Adults, Winter 2016-17
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Session 4

Introduction: *Use concrete examples from culture.*

Ask, “Do you know of any local leaders in government, business, or society who are vocal and bold in their Christian faith?” After allowing time for learners to discuss their answers, read the descriptions of these powerful businessmen who live their faith publically, as well:

<http://www.newsmax.com/FastFeatures/christians-business-current-successful/2015/11/02/id/700214/>

Say something like, “As Christians, we are called to walk by faith not only in our Bible Study and church service but in *every* aspect of our lives.” Explain that today’s focal hero, Daniel, exemplifies how we are to be successful in our leadership as we glorify God in our faith.

Point 1: *Learn to pray in the face of trouble.*

After studying point 1, re-read Daniel 6:10. Point out that Darius’s edict did not make Daniel too fearful to pray; instead, he knew that he had to obey God rather than man.

Engage learners in discussing times in their own lives when they knew prayer should be their first and primary response. Show the following clip, “Oh My Lord” from the film *Glory* (3 minutes 8 seconds), pointing out not only were they laying their requests before God but were also thankful just as Daniel was in verse 10:

<http://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/glory/oh-my-lord>

Point 3: *Trace the theme of deliverance throughout Scripture.*

Say something like, “Daniel was not the only person to cry out to God for deliverance.” Consider a few of these other examples from Scripture and discuss how God answered their cry:

- 2 Kings 19:19
- Psalm 79:9
- Daniel 3:17
- Matthew 6:13
- 2 Corinthians 1:9-11

Encourage learners to use these verses as their own personal prayers for deliverance in times of trouble.

Conclusion: *Emphasize the Theological Theme.*

Read aloud the Theological Theme of this lesson: “God glorifies Himself through the rescue of those who trust Him.” Then read the following news article:

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/8305836/ns/world_news-africa/t/ethiopian-girl-reportedly-guarded-lions/-_WFmo6MfVWlJ

Engage learners in discussing not only the miraculous nature of this story but also its correlation to Daniel 6. Encourage learners to consider and glorify God’s hand of mercy and protection in all areas of our lives.

Teaching Tip of the Week

This lesson does not prove that God always protects His children. Point out that many faithful followers of God also lost their lives in their faithfulness to Him.