



Black History School

God’s Glory...Our Story

Taken Treasure Series • Based Selected Stories from the Book of Daniel

BHS Overview

Black History School (BHS) relates powerful stories from the past to our present. By studying similarities between the Book of Daniel and Black History, we will discover how we can change our world today.

Lesson 1 Review

No matter which president is in office, God is in control, (Daniel 1:21). Our story did not begin with slavery as Africa is home to the earliest civilizations.

Lesson 2 Review

We are divine originals, differently gifted by God, and descendants of royalty. As such, we must dare to be different. Our obedience to God will put us in places, where our gifts will glorify God.

Lesson 3 Review

We live in a diverse society that is very similar to the one in Babylon. Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abendego) show us how to live faithfully among people who have different values. Their courageous worship of God attracts the king to God. Imagine how important your **witness** can be!

- Witnesses say what they have experienced first-hand, what they have seen or heard.

<p>Taken Treasure Series Themes: <i>Carried Away</i> <i>Better Than the King’s Best</i> <i>A Time to Stand</i></p>	<p>Lesson Objectives: To be inspired to be brave in the face of challenges by prayer, as well as the examples of Daniel and Black History pioneers.</p>
<p>Lesson Theme: <i>Being Brave</i></p>	<p>Key Verses: Daniel 6: 3-23</p>

Lesson 4 Daniel 6:3-23 (NIV)

3 Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. 4 At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so... 5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.” 6 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said... 7 [We] have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den... 9 So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king... ¹³“Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.”

¹⁴When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. ¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

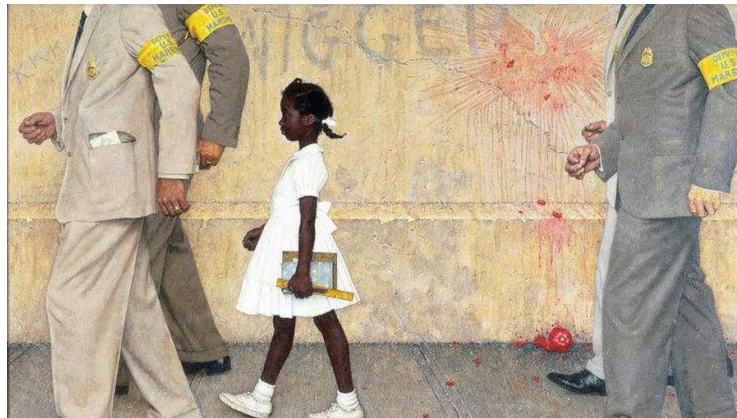
¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. ¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

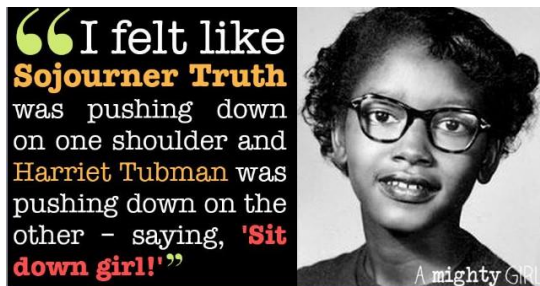
²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Black History Parallels – Childrens' Bravery During the Civil Rights Movement shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

Black History Parallels – Childrens' Bravery During the Civil Rights Movement:



"The Problem We All Live With" is a 1964 painting by Norman Rockwell depicting Ruby Bridges, a six-year-old Black girl, being escorted by US Marshalls on her way into an all-white public school in New Orleans on Nov. 14, 1960



Claudette Colvin at age 15
(about refusing to give up her seat)



Marilyn Luper Hildreth – Age 8
(sitting in at a segregated lunch counter in OKC)