



WHEN IN BABYLON

Daniel 4

WARM UP

If you were to get a senior superlative in high school. What would you be recognized for? (Ex: Most popular, most artistic, most likely to be president, most friendly, etc.)

SET IT UP

The king of Babylon had accomplished more than any ruler who had come before. His empire was great and he had a lot to be proud of—but when he took credit instead of giving praise, God taught him that he could be humble or be humbled.

CHAT IT UP

1. Through a dream God told King Nebuchadnezzar that if the king didn't recognize that all he had came from God then God would take it away. But the king didn't take the message to heart. **Read Daniel 4:28-30. What did the king do twelve months later?** (Answer: The king took credit for what God had done.)
2. **Look at in Daniel 4:31-33. What happened?**
3. **Why did God bring this judgement on the king?** (Answer: In a word: pride.)
4. **Why do you think people get proud? Why is it silly to be proud?** (Possible Answer: Ultimately, you have to give credit to the one who gives you breath.)
5. **What is the difference between good pride (like in Galatians 6:4) and bad pride (like the king had)?** (One Answer: Bad Pride happens when joy over accomplishment becomes arrogance.)
6. **How can you appreciate your accomplishments without bragging or putting yourself down?**
7. **What area of your life can you give God credit for right now?** (Go around the circle and have everyone offer praise to God for at least one thing He has done in/for/through them.)

WRAP IT UP

It wasn't that the king didn't deserve any credit—he just didn't deserve THE credit. We can be humble or be humbled. It only makes sense to give credit to the one who gives

us breath. Every time you knock it out of the park, point to God as the source of your success.

LEADER TIPS

- Consider praying the final words of praise from the king in Daniel 4:34-35.