

Invite students to ponder situations in their own lives in which they might be threatened with challenges for being faithful to the Lord. Encourage them to be faithful to the Lord in those situations, and testify that as they are faithful, the Lord will help them.

Summarize Daniel 6:24 by explaining that those who accused Daniel and tricked Darius were thrown into the lions' den with their families.

Invite a student to read Daniel 6:25–28 aloud. Ask the class to follow along, looking for the new decree that Darius made. Ask students to report what they find.

- Who was affected by Daniel's fearless decision to obey the Lord?
- What can happen if we are not afraid to show our obedience to the Lord? (Students may use different words, but make sure it is clear that **if we are not afraid to show our obedience to the Lord, we can help others believe in Him**. You might suggest that students write this principle in the margin next to Daniel 6:25–28.)
- How can seeing someone's obedience to the Lord help others believe in Him?
- When has your belief in the Lord, or the belief of someone you know, been strengthened because of another person's example of obedience to Him?

## Daniel 7–12

### *Daniel sees visions of the future, including events in the last days*

Summarize Daniel 7 by explaining that Daniel saw a vision representing different political kingdoms and evil that would be on the earth from his time through the last days. He also saw a sacred event associated with the Savior's Second Coming.

Invite a student to read Daniel 7:9 aloud. Ask the class to follow along and look for what Daniel saw.

- What did Daniel see would happen to the "thrones," or worldly governments?

Explain that Joseph Smith revealed that the "Ancient of days" (verse 9) is Adam (see D&C 27:11; *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* [2007], 104). Summarize Daniel 7:10–14 by explaining that Daniel saw a council in which priesthood holders from all the dispensations will account for their stewardships to Adam. Adam will then report to Jesus Christ, whose people will recognize Him as their King (see Joseph Fielding Smith, *The Way to Perfection* [1970], 289–91).

Summarize Daniel 7:24–26 by explaining that the Savior will destroy the power of the wicked over the earth when He comes in His glory.

Invite a student to read Daniel 7:18, 27 aloud. Ask the class to follow along, looking for who will reign with the Savior in His kingdom on earth after His Second Coming.

- Who will reign with the Savior in His kingdom on earth? (**After the Second Coming, the Savior will reign on earth with His saints**. Write this truth on the board.)

Explain that the title "saints" means "holy ones" and refers to members of the Church who have faithfully kept the commandments. Explain also that after the Savior's glorious return and His millennial reign, the kingdom "shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High" (verse 27) and this earth in its celestial state will be their home forever.

- How can understanding that Jesus Christ will reign on the earth with His saints influence your decision to be faithful to Him?

Inform students that much of Daniel 8–12 consists of descriptions of additional visions of future events that Daniel saw.

Conclude by testifying of the importance of being a faithful follower of the Lord.