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Join the Story!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

A Different Beat

Say: Today's Bible verse says, "Do not follow the crowd when they do what is wrong." Daniel did a great job of that. Even though everyone was praying to the king, Daniel still prayed to the one true God. That's not always easy, though. Sometimes it's hard to do something that's different from everyone else. Let me show you what I mean.

Directions: Begin by creating a simple beat by clapping your hands, slapping your legs, and/or tapping the floor. Once you've established a beat, tell the kids to join you while you continually repeat the beat. While the kids are following your beat, choose one kid and challenge them to create and maintain a completely different beat from the rest of the group. (There should now be two beats going at the same time.) Some kids will find it difficult to create and maintain a different beat—that's okay! Keep the two beats going for about 10 seconds or until the one kid loses their beat. For the second round, allow the one kid to create another beat for the group. When the rest of the group is following their beat, choose another kid to create and maintain a different beat. Continue playing rounds until everyone has had a turn to create a beat. When finished, ask the following questions:

Question: How hard was it for you to create and keep a different beat from the rest of the group?

Question: How is that similar to or different from following God instead of the crowd? (Suggested answer: If everyone is doing the wrong thing, it can be hard to follow God and do the right thing.)

Question: What are some things "the crowd" does that go against God's Word?

Question: Have you ever been tempted to do what everyone else was doing even though they were doing the wrong thing? Tell us about it.

Question: How are you going to be like Daniel this week? In other words, how are you going to follow God instead of the crowd?