Daniel Is Our Conscience Necklace

Materials Needed

Daniel Necklace Medallions p. 2 printed on stiff paper, crayons or markers, scissors, hole puncher, lengths of yarn or ribbon to make necklaces *optional*: pasta with a large holes such as rigatoni

Prepare in Advance

Print the *Daniel Necklace Medallions* p. 2 on stiff paper. Cut out the medallions and punch 2 holes in each one (see picture). Cut yarn or ribbon into necklace lengths. Make a sam-ple necklace to wear during class as a demonstration.

New Church Concept Conscience

With regenerate people there is a conscience concerning what is good and true. From conscience they do what is good and from conscience think what is true. The good they do is the good of charity, and the truth they think is the truth of faith. With one who is not regenerate there is no conscience. If there is any it derives from love involving self or the world, and is therefore a false conscience. See *Arcana Coelestia* 977



Our conscience is formed by true ideas we learn from the Word. Like conscience, Daniel speaks the truth. To go to heaven, we must heed our conscience. It is the Lord with us. King Nebuchadnezzar captured Daniel and gave him a new name. Children sometimes accuse a parent who is reprimanding their bad behavior of being a "Bad" Mom or Dad. At times we also "rename" true ideas, making them agree with what we want to do.

Children will make a necklace that features Daniel to wear as a way of remembering that conscience is the Lord speaking to us. It is our guide to knowing if what our words and deeds are true, kind and useful.

1. I am wearing a necklace that shows a picture of Daniel. Daniel was captured by king Nebuchadnezzar and chosen to work for him. Daniel loved the Lord. He knew true ideas from the Lord's Word and wanted to do what was right. He is like our conscience. Let's all say "conscience". Our conscience is the voice inside us from the Lord that tells us the right thing to do.
2. Let's talk about how our conscience works. How do you feel if a parent says it's bed time when you're having a good time? Everyone feels angry at times. What might your conscience tell you to do? (To do what your parent says.) Is this hard? (Yes, listening to our conscience can be hard sometimes.)
3. Our conscience is the Lord speaking to us. We must listen when it speaks, and not shut it out or make it captive to what we want to do that is not right.
4. We're going to make a Daniel necklace to wear to help us remember our conscience. Give each child a Daniel Medallion to color.
5. The three words around Daniel are "True, Kind and Useful." Our conscience asks if what we are saying or doing is true, kind and useful. If it is, we know it is the right thing to do.
6. Give children a length of yarn or ribbon and help them thread the Daniel Medallions on it. *Optional*: Have children thread pasta on the necklace.
7. Tie a knot to complete the necklace so children can wear them to remember to listen to their conscience.

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