**Sermon Notes**

**January 3, 2021**

***“A Scary Sleepover”***

**Children’s Sermon**

**Learning from Daniel**

* Young, old it doesn’t matter
* Daniel’s fascination with God
* Daniel’s response to the new law
* Final thoughts on Daniel

**Small Group Homework**

For the week of January 3, 2021

**Getting Started:** What is the scariest thing you have ever done because of your faith?

**Read:** Read Daniel 6:1-28

**Digging Deeper:**

Why did the king choose 80 some year old Daniel to be in charge of the whole kingdom?

What character traits of Daniel’s stand out as you read this passage?

Examine verse 10. What was Daniel’s response to the King’s decree? Why did he not either close the window to protect himself, or pray in a more public place to draw attention to God?

What were the outcomes of Daniel’s decision to pray to God?

Look at Acts 5:17-42. How do the Apostles actions compare to Daniel’s? How about the results of their actions?

**Applying the Word to Life:**

As you look at verse 3 remember that Daniel was in his 80’s. What kind of model does the Bible give for living out the “golden years”?

How much do you allow God to interfere with the life He has given you? Give examples of how you are following God now and where you need to follow more closely.

As followers of Christ, what should our response be to decrees that conflict with God’s law?

Do you believe that God is in control? How does your answer to that questions affect how you live today?