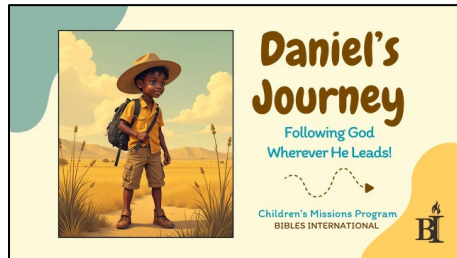


# Daniel's Journey

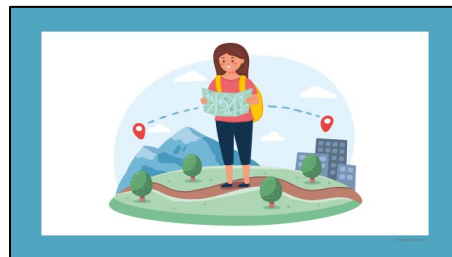
## Lesson 2 – “Daniel’s Confession”

### INTRODUCTION



*(Slide 1 – Daniel's Journey)*

Welcome back to ***Daniel's Journey!*** Daniel is a boy who lives in Chad, Africa with his family among the Day (DYE) people. Daniel has been learning a lot on his journey. He has been saving money to buy a Bible, but he's also learning to follow God wherever God leads him. Let's continue on this journey with him so that we can learn to follow God, too, wherever He leads us!



*(Slide 2 – Girl reading map)*

No matter what kind of trip you want to take, you have to know how to get there. Whether you're going to a new place in your own town or to a city far away, you need directions to get there. You need a map or GPS or some kind of instructions to tell you where to go.

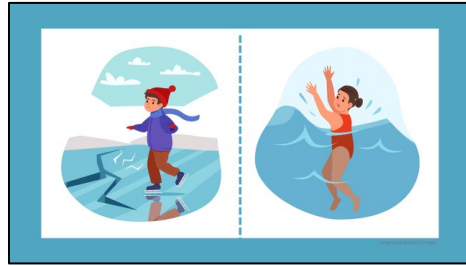


*(Slide 3 – Open Bible with cross)*

God loves you and wants you to be with Him in heaven one day. He wants you to believe in Him and ask Jesus to forgive your sins. When you do this, you are His

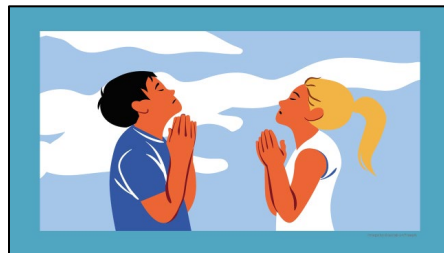
child, and He takes care of you, better than even the very best parent could ever do. God doesn't leave you to figure out everything in life on your own. He tells you everything He wants you to know—in the Bible.

The Bible is an instruction book for your life. It tells you how God wants you to think and act and live every day. It tells you everything God wants you to know so that you can grow the way He wants you to grow—in Him.



*(Slide 4 – Boy and girl in danger)*

The Bible tells us what to do, but it also tells us what not to do. It warns us of danger. Just like it's dangerous to be near cracked ice, God tells us all about sin and how dangerous it is for us. He wants us to listen and obey Him. When we choose God's way, we don't have the problems God warns us about in the Bible.



*(Slide 5 – Children praying)*

But what do we do when we disobey Him and choose our own way? We need to call out to Him. We need to admit that we are wrong. We need to confess our sin to Him—that means to tell God what we have done wrong. We need to ask Him to forgive us. But we also need to have a heart that is sorry for our sin and ask Him to help us not do that again.



*(Slide 6 – Helicopter rescue)*

When we call out to God, He always hears us and forgives us. The wonderful thing is that He never gets tired of us or angry with us. His love for us never changes. It never quits. He always helps us and never leaves us alone and in trouble.



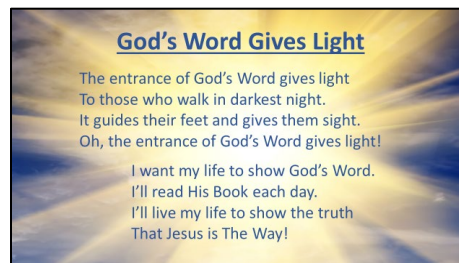
(Slide 7 – Proverbs 3:5-6)

When we confess our sin, God forgives us. We can trust Him. He will guide us.

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

God guides our path. His Word, the Bible, gives us light to see that path!



(Slide 8 – Song/Poem: God's Word Gives Light)

*The entrance of God's Word gives light  
To those who walk in darkest night.  
It guides their feet and gives them sight.  
Oh, the entrance of God's Word gives light!*

*I want my life to show God's Word.  
I'll read His Book each day.  
I'll live my life to show the truth  
That Jesus is The Way!*

## MISSIONS FOCUS



*(Slide 9 – Bibles International)*

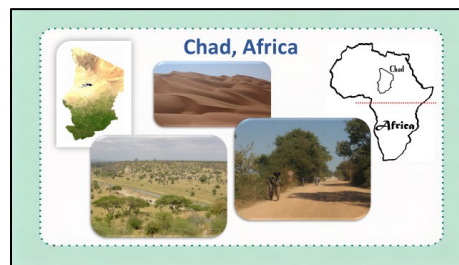
There are people all around the world who need the light of God’s Word. Bibles International wants everyone to have a Bible that they can read and hear in their own language.



*(Slide 10 – Day People of Chad, Africa)*

For many years now, Bibles International has been working with the Day (DYE) people in Africa to translate the whole Bible into their language. It’s so exciting that it will be finished this year (2026)!

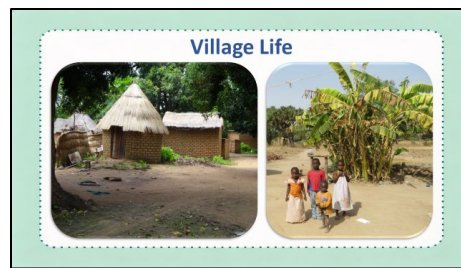
Let’s take a quick trip to Africa, to the country of Chad, and learn more about the country and the people who live there.



*(Slide 11 – Chad, Africa)*

Chad is a country in Africa and lies north of the equator, marked on this map in red. The climate of Chad is different from the north to the south. The Sahara Desert makes the northern part very hot and dry, and few people live there.

The southern part of the country is flat and dry with hard-packed ground, but it has vegetation and a rainy season. Most of the people in Chad live in the southern part of the country.



*(Slide 12 – Village Life)*

Although there is a rainy season for four months, Chad is dry for the rest of the year. It is always warm or hot there (mid-80s and 90s). Even the nights are warm. Just when it's getting warm in the U.S. during April and May, it is the hottest time in Chad—over 110 degrees—and is very humid. When it's this hot, people in Chad sleep outside their houses at night because it's cooler!



*(Slide 13 – Dangers in Chad)*

Children in Chad grow up learning about the dangers around them during the daytime and night. Venomous scorpions, spiders, and snakes, such as the black and green mambas, hide close to the houses. The ground around the houses and buildings must always be swept clean so that these dangers can be seen.

Lions, leopards, and hyenas find places in the vegetation to hide. Elephants, African buffalo, and hippopotamuses are dangerous, too, near lakes and rivers.

These children, and their parents, need to know about other dangers too—spiritual dangers that God warns us about in His Word. There are so many problems and consequences that we can avoid if we just obey Him. Yet God will forgive our disobedience when we confess it to Him.



*(Slide 14 – Day Bible Translation Work)*

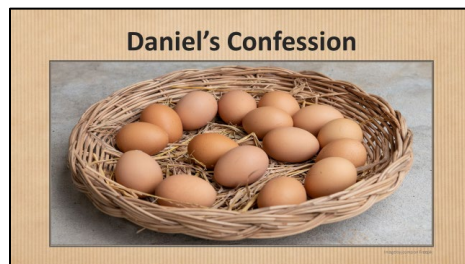
A small group of Day (DYE) believers and consultants from Bibles International want all of the Day (DYE) people to know this. So, they have been busy translating the Bible into their language. When they started many years ago, they wrote everything down in notebooks and on paper. Then they began to use computers, which made the work faster and easier. The computers are powered with electricity from a generator or from solar panels.

## MISSIONS STORY



*(Slide 15 – Daniel's Journey: Confession & Forgiveness)*

Daniel is a Day (DYE) boy who knows about this translation project. In fact, he's trying to save up money to buy a Bible in his language, when it is finished. His mother bought the New Testament when it was finished, but Daniel wants the whole Bible. This is part of Daniel's journey—saving money to buy that Bible.



*(Slide 16 – Daniel's Confession)*

The other part of Daniel's journey is learning to follow God wherever He leads and in whatever way He leads, including confession and forgiveness. Today, we're going to hear the second part of his story. It's called "Daniel's Confession."



*(Slide 17 – Can of coins)*

It had been a long night, and Daniel did not sleep well. His mind had been wrestling with something all night long.

When morning finally arrived, Daniel looked around and saw that Papa was no longer in their little house. Mama was gone too. *They must be outside*, he thought. Daniel carefully lifted the corner of his sleeping mat and pulled out a small can of coins.

For weeks now, Daniel had been doing extra work for other people. After they paid him, he put the coins in the tin can and carefully hid it in a hole he had dug in the dirt under his sleeping mat. He was saving this money to one day buy a whole Bible in his language. Even though he had part of it, the New Testament, he wanted all of it, the Old Testament too.

Daniel tried to be quiet, but the coins clinked together as he tried to remove some of them.



*(Slide 18 – Mama in doorway; Daniel)*

Suddenly Mama appeared in the doorway. She sighed and looked relieved. “I thought Papa had found your hiding place,” she said. “Counting our savings again, Daniel?” she said and smiled.

“No, Mama. It’s not that.” Daniel frowned. “I have to tell you something.”

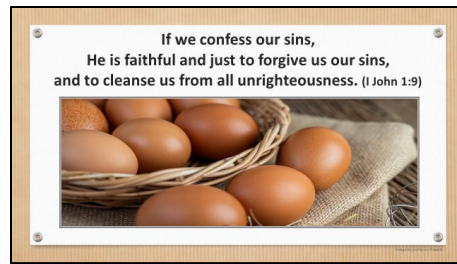
Mama raised her eyebrows, took off her flip-flops, and sat down beside Daniel on his mat. “What is it, Son?”

The boy quietly answered, “I need to give money to the lady that sells boiled eggs in the market.”

Mama clicked her tongue in surprise. “Did she give you eggs on credit?” she asked.

“No, Mama.” Daniel slowly replied. “I did something terrible last week. I disobeyed God.”

Daniel hung his head in shame. “I took a boiled egg from the egg seller’s basket when she wasn’t looking. I was so hungry, Mama, but that’s no excuse. I stole it! I’m so ashamed!” he finished.



*(Slide 19 – 1 John 1:9)*

“Oh, Son, that was wrong. That is sin—disobeying God,” his mother explained. “Daniel, we are all sinners, but God forgives us when we are sorry and confess our sin to Him. In the Bible, we read, ‘If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.’ (1 John 1:9).”

“I did ask God to forgive me,” Daniel said.

Then Mama said gently, “And when we belong to God, Jesus helps us to make our wrong into right.”

The boy looked down at the coins in his hand. He already knew what he needed to do. This was what he had been wrestling with all night.



*(Slide 20 – Egg in hands)*

He would go back to the market and pay for the stolen egg. Then he would give the woman extra money, just like a man in the Bible did. Daniel learned about him at church.

When that man, Zacchaeus, collected the people’s tax money, he charged them too much and kept the extra money for himself. But after meeting Jesus and being forgiven, Zacchaeus gave the money back to the people. Then he gave them extra money, much more than he had taken from them! Daniel knew he should do the same.

Daniel said, “Thank you, Mama, for not being mad at me. I’m sorry that I have to take it out of our Bible money. Now we won’t have as much saved for our Bible.”

“I’m sorry too, Daniel, but it’s important to obey God. Now when you are hungry, you will think before you act. You must ask God to provide food when you are hungry, just like we will ask Him to provide money to buy a Bible for our family.

His Word is like eternal food for our soul.” Then Mama added, “When you talk to the egg seller, don’t forget to ask her to forgive you.”

Daniel nodded. “I won’t forget.” Then he jumped up from the mat.



*(Slide 21 – Muslim egg seller)*

Daniel ran to the market as fast as he could and found the woman selling boiled eggs. He slowed down as soon as he saw her, but his mind raced with the words he needed to say. He knew she was Muslim, and he hoped she wouldn’t hate him and other Christians because of what he had done.

Daniel began by giving her the two coins he had removed from his tin can. The egg seller started to pick up two eggs to give him in return, since each egg cost one coin.



*(Slide 22 – Daniel in market)*

“No,” Daniel said. “I have something to say. I am very ashamed to say that I stole from you last week. I took an egg. But now I want to pay for the egg, and I’m giving you extra to show that I’m sorry.”

The egg seller just stared at him in disbelief. “People have stolen from me before. I know because my money does not always match up with how many eggs are gone from my basket at the end of the day.”

“I’m very sorry,” Daniel said. “My God teaches us to work and to give, not to steal. I won’t ever do it again.”



*(Slide 23 – Egg-seller close-up)*

Somehow I believe you,” the woman said slowly. “As I said, people steal, but never has anyone repaid me for what they took. Never!” she said emphatically. “And give me more than they took? Unheard of!” Then she asked, “Who is your mama?”

“Beatrice is her name,” Daniel answered. “We go to the Baptist church in the town of Balimba (bah-LIM-bah). That’s where we learn what God says,” he added.

“I see,” she said slowly, thinking about what the boy had said.

“Good day to you,” Daniel said. Walking away, he thought, *I hope she doesn’t think now that all Christians are bad. She was surprised that I paid her back though!*

Daniel prayed silently as he walked home. “Father in Heaven, help me not to give in to temptation. Help me never again to take what belongs to someone else. Thank you for forgiving me. Help this Muslim lady to know who Jesus is and to believe in Him as her Savior someday.”



*(Slide 24 – Bible translation center)*

On his way home from the market, Daniel passed by a long, brick building with a metal roof. It was the Bibles International Translation Center, where people were translating the Bible into the Day (DYE) language.

Daniel always enjoyed walking past the building. The yard was swept clean so that no dangerous snakes could hide there. Small plants lined the brick paths to the door. He could tell that someone was taking good care of the property.

Daniel heard voices and laughter coming from inside the building. Curious, he did what all African boys do and peeked through a window to see what was happening inside.



*(Slide 25 – Pastor Nouba)*

A man saw him at the window and called out, “Daniel! Hello there, Boy! Come inside! We’re just stopping our work for a short break.” It was Pastor Nouba (NEW-bah), the pastor of the church Daniel and his mother attended.

Daniel remembered his mother’s teaching and took off his flip-flops before stepping onto the cool cement and tile floor. “Thank you, Pastor,” he said as politely as he could.

It was time for the afternoon tea, a daily custom in Chad, Africa. Pastor Nouba offered the boy some hot tea and a slice of baguette, the long, narrow loaf of French bread the boy liked so much. Daniel smiled and respectfully waited for the pastor to thank God for the food before he started eating.



*(Slide 26 – Translators working at table)*

As he ate, Daniel looked at the people in the room. Pastor Nouba and the other African men were all working on translating the Old Testament into the Day (DYE) language. Their notebooks and papers were spread out on the large table.

“How much longer before the whole Bible is translated? Is it almost finished?” Daniel asked, his mouth full of bread.

The translators smiled. They had been working hard for many years, and there was still more to do. But they were excited, however, that it was almost finished.

One of the men answered, “Yes, it is, Daniel! It’s almost finished! Did you know we’ve been working for almost 19 years now just on the Old Testament?”



*(Slide 27 – Daniel in translation room)*

Daniel’s eyes widened in surprise. “That means Mama was younger than me when you started!”

“You’re quick with numbers, Daniel,” Pastor Nouba said as he laughed. “Are you good with reading and writing too?”

Daniel wasn’t sure how to answer the question. “I try to do well at school, but they only teach in French, and it’s so hard. French has so many letters that make different sounds. It’s hard to remember them.”



*(Slide 28 – Mama sitting on mat)*

Daniel quickly added, “But I like to read in Day (DYE). It’s my language, and it’s much easier! I learn better with Mama when we read it at home.”

The boy then explained, “Mama didn’t know how to read, but the ladies from America that came here to the translation center taught her in a special class. Then Mama taught me to read Day (DYE). Mama says God can speak to us in French, but it’s a lot better when His words are in our own language!”

All the men in the room were attentive to the young boy now. Pastor Nouba rubbed his weary eyes, damp with tears. “You’ve encouraged our hearts, Daniel.”

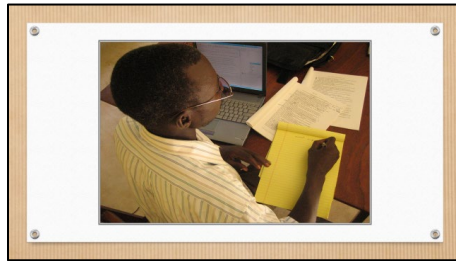


*(Slide 29 – Side view of translators)*

“It takes a very long time to translate the Bible into our language and then to make sure we do it right,” he said. “We have to check every word, sentence, verse, chapter, and book in the whole Bible.”

“But one day we’ll be finished, and all of God’s Word will be translated into Day (DYE)! God’s Word will never fail. It will last forever, and God will accomplish a great work among our people!”

Daniel thought of the money he was saving under his sleeping mat. Feeling a bit shy, he said quietly, “I’m saving money to buy a Bible when it’s finished.”



*(Slide 30 – Top-down view of translator)*

Pastor Nouba’s face lit up with a smile. “That thrills my heart!” he said. “Next week, some people from Bibles International in America are coming to meet with us and look at our work.”

“Together, we will look at some portions of the Bible in the original Hebrew language and then compare them to our translation in Day (DYE). We have to translate God’s Word accurately,” the pastor explained, “but we also have to make sure that our people can understand it.”



*(Slide 31 – Beignets)*

“That sounds very exciting!” Daniel exclaimed. “Maybe I can ask Mama if she will make beignets (BEN-yay) for tea time one of the days that the foreigners are here. Mama makes the best doughnuts!”

“That’s a wonderful idea, Daniel!” Pastor Nouba said. “But make sure it’s okay with your mother. I don’t want it to be a hardship for your family,” he added, knowing that they might need to buy the ingredients.

Daniel nodded. “Yes, Pastor,” he agreed. Then he slipped on his flip-flops at the door and hurried home to ask his mother if she could make the beignets (BEN-yay).



*(Slide 32 – Confession & Forgiveness)*

We’re a lot like Daniel, aren’t we? Well, we may not live in a round house in Africa, but I hope that we are trying to follow God each day and live the way He wants us to live. The Bible tell us what God wants us to think, say, and do, and it also warns us of dangers, problems that come from choosing to disobey God. God knows what is best for us, so he warns us of these things in the Bible.

But what should we do when we disobey God? The Bible tells us to confess (tell) it to God with a repentant heart (meaning that we’re very sorry), and ask Him to help us not to do that again. God always forgives us, no matter what, just like he forgave Daniel. Then we keep on following God.

## MISSIONS PROJECT



*(Slide 33 – Bibles International)*

Bibles International wants people to follow God. They want everyone to have God’s Word in their own language. In fact, their desire is to have “a reliable Bible translation in every language and a Bible in every hand.” So, they’re working hard with nationals in 14 countries to translate God’s Word into 39 different languages! (2026)



*(Slide 34 – Children's Missions Project)*

So many kids and adults want the Bible in their own language, but it's hard for them to save enough money to buy their own copy. Bibles International is helping them do that. Bibles International pays the cost of translating the Bible and then printing and shipping it. This means that people in other countries pay a much smaller amount to have their own copy of God's Word.



*(Slide 35 – How can you help?)*

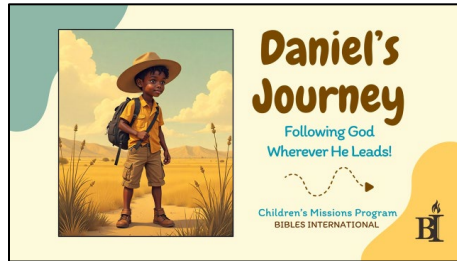
Would you like to help the work of Bibles International? There are two ways you can help. You can give, and you can pray. You can give some of your money to help people have a Bible. You can also pray that the Bible will be translated into other languages and that people will read and obey God's Word.



*(Slide 36 – Buy a Bible)*

Would you like to help kids and their families have their own Bible? It costs \$10 for Bibles International to print and ship a Bible in another language. If you can give some of your money, then you'll be helping kids like Daniel of the Day (DYE) tribe in Africa get their very own copy of the Bible in their language!

## CONCLUSION



*(Slide 37 – Daniel's Journey)*

The next time we meet, we'll learn more about the Day (DYE) people in Chad, Africa. We'll continue our story about Daniel and travel with him on his journey of following God wherever He leads. Are you following God wherever He leads you?

### *Optional*

- Distribute Lesson 2 Activity Sheet.
- Collect Children's Missions Project offering.
- Distribute Children's Program Take-home Card.
- Distribute Missions Project Take-home Card.
- Distribute Missions Gift Take-home Card.
- Distribute Prayer Take-home Card.