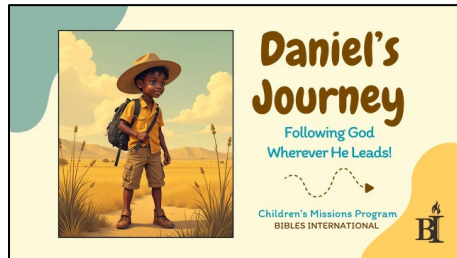


# Daniel's Journey

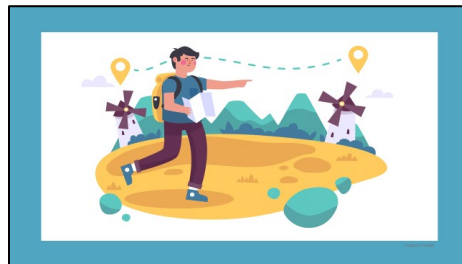
## Lesson 4 – “Daniel’s Blessing”

### INTRODUCTION



(Slide 1 – Daniel's Journey)

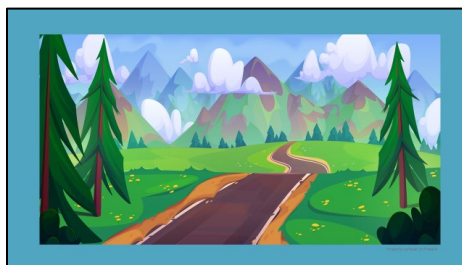
Welcome back to **Daniel's Journey**! Daniel is a boy who lives in Chad, Africa with his family among the Day (DYE) people. Just as Daniel is learning to follow God, we're also learning to follow God—wherever God leads!



(Slide 2 – Boy with map and windmills)

Sometimes it's fun to go wandering around, exploring different places. But if we need to go to a specific place far away, we usually like to know the best way to get there. It's not fun to get lost or make a lot of mistakes along the way.

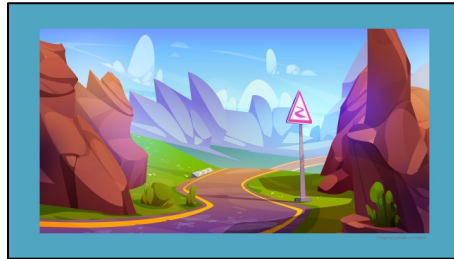
The Bible tells us the best way to go on our journey from life until death, to live as followers of God. We can never earn our way to heaven. That's impossible. But we can ask Jesus to forgive our sin and give our life to Him. Jesus is the only one who can make it possible for us to enter heaven.



(Slide 3 – Road through green landscape)

God has a purpose and a plan for your life and everything in it. Sometimes it's easy to follow Him. Everything is just great and beautiful. You know what He wants you to do, and it's easy to obey Him.

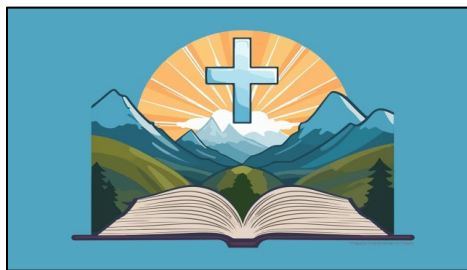
A time will come, however, when it's harder to follow Him. You feel like you can't see the path up ahead—where it leads and what it leads through. But God does, and you can trust Him every step of the way. Remember, if you are following Him, then He is leading you!



*(Slide 4 – Road through rocky landscape)*

Some days are very hard. Sometimes there are problems at home, at school, or even at church. You may feel worried, sad, angry, or depressed. Maybe you just don't feel good about yourself. You wonder why God is having you go through some really hard things.

You may not understand God or what He's doing in your life, but that's okay. You only need to trust Him and obey Him. As you follow God's leading, and He will guide you through the good and the bad, the easy and the hard.



*(Slide 5 – Cross over mountains and Bible)*

When we read and study the Bible, we learn how to be faithful to God. Some parts of the Bible tell us exactly how to be faithful to God. Some parts warn us of the dangers of not following Him. Other parts encourage us with songs and poems written down in the past for us to read today. There are also many places in the Bible that tell us about people were on the same journey we are on.



(Slide 6 – Boy looking at map locations)

Like a map, the Bible points out those who were faithful to God and shows us how they trusted and obeyed Him. We can also read, however, about people who were not faithful to God. We can see the choices they made and the consequences of those choices.

Step by step, place to place throughout the Bible, we see that God is faithful to His children. When we follow Him, He provides for us, guides us, and blesses us.

Sometimes He blesses us right after we obey Him. Other times the blessing comes later, but God always rewards our faithfulness. When we look back at the past, we can see just how God has been faithful to us too!



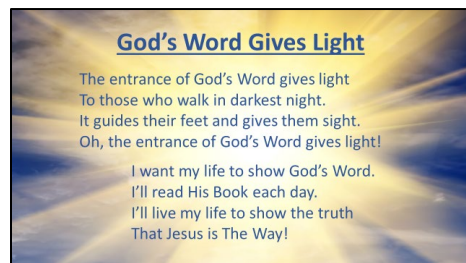
(Slide 7 – Proverbs 3:5-6)

When we trust in God with all our heart, we are faithful to Him. God is also faithful to us directs our paths.

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 helps us understand Him through His Word. It gives us the light we need.



(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!*

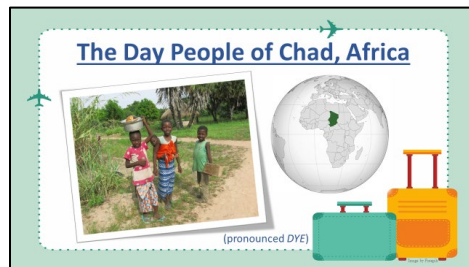
*I want my life to show God's Word.  
I'll read His Book each day.  
I'll live my life to show the truth  
That Jesus is The Way!*

## MISSIONS FOCUS



*(Slide 9 – Bibles International)*

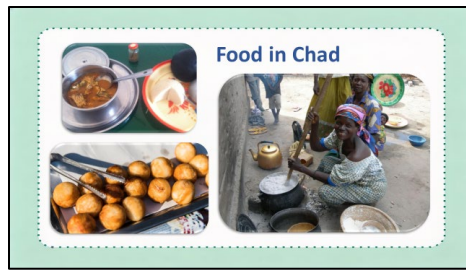
For more than 30 years, Bibles International has been working with a group of people in Africa, called the Day (DYE), to translate the entire Bible into their language. The translators have been faithful to this work for such a long time, and God has been faithful to them as well.



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

During this year (2026), the entire Bible translation will be reviewed one last time. Once it is approved, it will be printed and shipped to southern Chad. The Day believers will then come together for a great celebration to dedicate their new and now complete Bible!

Now, let's visit Chad, Africa again and learn a little more about life there.



*(Slide 11 – Food in Chad)*

The people of Chad have their own favorite foods, just like we do here. They cook outside where it is cooler and use three rocks or bricks to support a pot over the fire. They like to eat stew, which has broth, vegetables, and sometimes meat or fish.

They also like “boule” (BULL), which you can see on the plate next to the stew. Boule (BULL) is cooked in a large pot over the fire and the white paste is poured into a gourd bowl to cool. The round ball is then placed on a platter, where everyone eats it together, instead of on individual plates.

Although Day (DYE) men and women usually eat separately, they remember to wash their hands carefully before eating and eat with only their right hands. The left hand is considered unclean.

The Day (DYE) enjoy tea time every day in the afternoon, drinking the local tea and eating French baguette bread or little doughnut balls, called beignets (BEN-yay), made at home.



*(Slide 12 – Farming in Chad)*

Although food can be purchased from a store, it is more expensive. So families put a lot of hard work into having a garden. The hard soil must be dug up and crops like millet grain, peanuts, and sweet-potato-type plants must be cared for. When harvested, these crops are often pounded by hand to be able to be used in their cooking. Extra crops can be sold in the marketplace.

Water is drawn from a personal well or collected from a community pump, and is used for plants, animals, cleaning, and drinking. Since the weather is so dry and hot, water is never wasted in Chad.



*(Slide 13 – Day Believers Getting Ready)*

Although it takes a lot of time to plant, harvest, and prepare food for their families, the Day (DYE) believers know that they also need another kind of food—spiritual food. But they are not just waiting for the Old Testament to be translated into their language, they are busy getting ready for it.

Those who don't already know how to read and write their language attend classes to learn it. Others get together to study the New Testament, which is already translated, and talk about what God is saying in His Word.



*(Slide 14 – Day Translation Team)*

The Day (DYE) translation team of Philippe, Moise, and Salomon work faithfully and carefully to translate the Bible. The man on the left, Joshua, is from Bibles International. Although Joshua lives in the US, he has worked with the translators for the past thirteen years! And before he started, someone else helped them.

Both Joshua and these men know how important it is to have all of God's Word in the Day (DYE) language. Not everyone in the Day (DYE) community is a believer, a follower of God. Some believe in spirits or worship false gods. Others are Muslim and follow the Islamic religion. Only God's Word can help them see that God is the One and Only True God.

## MISSIONS STORY



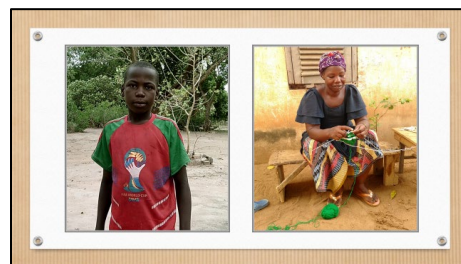
*(Slide 15 – Daniel's Journey: Faithfulness & Blessing)*

Daniel, a Day (DYE) boy, and his mother both love God. Daniel has been learning to follow God wherever He leads and to obey Him in whatever He asks, whether it is easy or hard. He is also learning about faithfulness and blessing.



*(Slide 16 – Daniel's Blessing)*

As Daniel is faithful to God, he sees that God is faithful to him and blesses him. Today, we have our fourth story about Daniel. It is called “Daniel's Blessing.”



*(Slide 17 – Daniel; Mama knitting)*

Almost a whole week passed by before Daniel remembered Pastor Nouba's (NEW-bah) invitation to return to the Bible Translation Center. When school was finished for the day, he rushed home and hurried through his chores. His mother was sitting outside on a little bench, knitting a hat for Daniel's baby sister.

“Mama,” the boy asked, “may I go to the Bible Translation Center now? I've finished all my work.”

Mama was not surprised. She had seen him do his work quickly today. “Yes, Daniel, but be home before dark.”

Darkness comes very quickly in Africa once the sun has set. Even though Mama tried not to worry, she knew that many dangers are present in the dark. Poisonous snakes, scorpions, and spiders are difficult to see. Lions, leopards, and hyenas hunt their prey at night. Some people even use the cover of darkness to do wrong.



*(Slide 18 – Beignets frying)*

Daniel interrupted Mama’s worries. “Can you make beignets (BEN-yay) for tea time tomorrow at the translation center?” he asked his mother. “You remember the foreigners from America arrive today to check the translation work. They’ll love your doughnuts.”

“We would have to buy more wheat flour,” Mama answered hesitantly. “But the only money we have right now is,” Mama lowered her voice, “you know where.”



*(Slide 19 – Can of coins)*

Daniel knew she was talking about the little can of coins hidden in the ground under his sleeping mat. He had been working extra jobs and saving that money for weeks, so that he could buy a Bible in the Day (DYE) language when the translation was finished.

Daniel had been putting money in the can, but he had also been taking money out. He spent some of it on paying double for the egg he had stolen. He put some in the church offering. He even used some of it to buy his friend Amadou a pencil for school. Daniel knew God wanted him to do those things, but still, the money seemed to be going out faster than it was going in!

He took a deep breath, hoping to find another way to pay for the wheat flour. “Can we trade some of our corn from last year’s harvest?”

Mama considered the request and replied, “You can try to trade it in the market, but you will have to do it now if you want the beignets (BEN-yay) after school tomorrow. I need time to make them.”



*(Slide 20 – Market vendors)*

Daniel got a large bowl and filled it with dried corn kernels from the big sack in his mother’s cooking hut. Then he walked as fast as he could toward the market, balancing the bowl on his head. He had learned at a young age how to carry such a load without spilling its valuable contents.

Reaching the market, he stopped at the first vendor that sold wheat flour.

“Please, Sir,” he began, “would you trade some wheat flour for this corn?”

The man smirked, “Everyone has corn. Why would I want more corn from last year’s crops?”

He tried again with the next vendor, who just shook his head no when Daniel approached. Daniel looked at the next few vendors. They all had heard his request.



*(Slide 21 – Muslim egg seller)*

Then the Muslim woman that sold boiled eggs caught his eye and motioned with her chin for him to come closer. Daniel wasn’t sure what was going to happen next. She was the one he had stolen the egg from, although he had apologized and paid her back double what the egg was worth. He slowly walked toward her.

“Why do you need wheat flour?” she asked the boy.

“Some foreigners have come,” Daniel answered, “and I’ve asked my mother to make beignets (BEN-yay) for them.”

“Ah,” she said. “I see. Well, I just happen to need some corn, and I have a kilogram of wheat flour at home. Come with me,” she said and started walking away.



*(Slide 22 – Muslim woman; Daniel & Amadou)*

Daniel wondered if she was upset with him, but he followed her anyway since her house was near the market. He politely waited by the gate to her courtyard.

“Amadou!” (AH-mah-doo) Daniel exclaimed when he saw his friend in the woman’s courtyard. “What are you doing here?”

“This is my aunt,” Amadou said. “I help her with chores after school.”

Amadou turned toward his aunt and said, “This is Daniel, the boy I told you about, the one that gave me the pencil at school.”

Both Daniel and the egg seller were surprised. Then her surprised look turned into a smile. “I see,” she said. “I see very well!” Daniel knew what she meant, for this was what people said when they were pleased by something.

She must have been very pleased indeed. As she handed Daniel the plastic bag of wheat flour, she said, “I only need half of your corn. Take the rest back home.”

“Thank you, Madame,” Daniel said happily. He could hardly believe she would trade him so much flour for so little corn. *God must have done that!* he thought.



*(Slide 23 – Boy with bowl on head; Mama in doorway)*

Daniel hurried home as fast as he could with the big metal bowl half full of corn on his head and the bag of wheat flour in his hands.

“What’s this?” his mother exclaimed when he arrived home with both of them.

“An amazing story, Mama!” Daniel said. “Absolutely amazing! But can I tell you about it after dark? I really want to go now to meet the foreigners at the translation center.”

Mama smiled and nodded, “Go ahead, but I will be very curious until supper time.”

Daniel grinned and ran out the door.

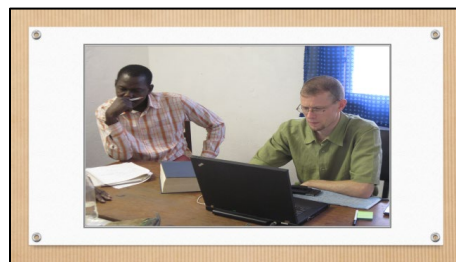


*(Slide 24 – Bible translation center)*

As the boy ran down the road, the Bibles International Translation Center seemed farther away than usual. Daniel slowed down as he approached the building. He suddenly felt shy and self-conscious.

He was dusty from the road and felt like he was not dressed up enough to meet the foreigners from America. But he brushed himself off a bit, straightened his shoulders, and passed through the doorway.

Daniel took off his flip-flops and stepped onto the tiled cement floor. He cleared his throat as he neared the room where people were pouring over the Bibles and notebooks on the table and peering at the computer.



*(Slide 25 – American & national translator)*

Daniel worked up the courage to look at the foreigners from America who were working at the table. The African translators usually spoke to each other in the Day (DYE) language, but today everyone was speaking in French. This made it easier for the visiting Americans to talk with the translators.

“Ah, yes,” Pastor Nouba (NEW-bah) said, seeing the boy. “Right over here, Daniel. There’s an empty chair. We’re almost done with this Bible verse,” the pastor added.



*(Slide 26 – Isaiah 40:8)*

Pastor Nouba read Isaiah 40:8 aloud: “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”

He read it in French, and then Mr. Madji (MAHD-jee), who was Daniel’s teacher at church and also part of the translation team, read the same verse in the Day (DYE) language. Even though the Africans had already translated the verse into Day (DYE), everyone wanted to make sure that the verse was translated correctly.

The foreigners also talked about the meaning of the words in the Hebrew language. Daniel was surprised to learn that the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew—not in English, not even in French.



*(Slide 27 – Translation group at table)*

Daniel watched the group continue to check their translation work until they stopped promptly at 5:00 p.m. Then Pastor Nouba introduced Daniel to each of their American guests.

“You’ve come a long way,” the pastor said to the Americans. “We hope you will rest well and be refreshed for tomorrow’s work. Daniel, would you pray to end our work today?”

Daniel was surprised and honored at the same time. He was a little nervous as he stood up to pray.



*(Slide 28 – Praying hands on Bible)*

“Thank you, Heavenly Father, for loving me. Thank you for Jesus who forgives my sin. Thank you for helping me do what is right. Thank you that the Americans came and are helping us have a Bible in our language. Help all the translators know the right words to use so all the Day (DYE) people will understand your Word. We really need it. All of this I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

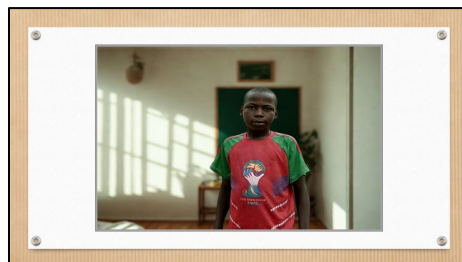


*(Slide 29 – Two national translators)*

As the translators put away their translation materials, Pastor Nouba turned to Daniel. “I’m sorry you missed joining us for tea and baguettes today, Daniel.”

“I had some chores to do before I could come,” Daniel said, “but I will be here tomorrow with beignets (BEN-yay) for everyone.”

“Are you sure this is not a hardship for your family?” the pastor asked kindly. He was concerned that it was too large an expense for Daniel’s family to provide the delicious doughnuts for the whole group.



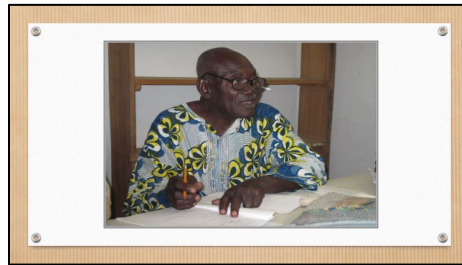
*(Slide 30 – Daniel in translation room)*

Daniel smiled. “God provided the flour in an amazing way! No one would trade their wheat for my corn today, but there was a woman...”

Daniel told the pastor all about how the egg seller had truly forgiven him and generously traded her wheat flour for only half of his corn. And that he hadn't even known that she was Amadou's aunt. He had just bought his friend the pencil because he thought God wanted him to.

"God has blessed you, Daniel!" Pastor Nouba said. "When you obey Him and do what is right, He blesses you and provides the things that you really need. And He helps you trust Him and show His love to others."

"And now my blessing from God today will be a blessing to others tomorrow!" Daniel exclaimed.



*(Slide 31 – Pastor Nouba)*

Pastor Nouba smiled. "That's right, Daniel! But you had better run home now. It will be dark soon."

Daniel quickly agreed, knowing that his mother was at home waiting to hear the story of how God had provided the flour.

"See you tomorrow, Daniel," said the pastor. "God bless you!"

"He already has!" Daniel called out as he left.



*(Slide 32 – Faithfulness & Blessing)*

Isn't it wonderful to see how God blessed Daniel? When Daniel confessed his theft to the egg seller and paid her extra, and when Daniel bought the pencil for her nephew Amadou, the Muslim woman saw God in a way that she never had before. She then gave Daniel the flour for only half of his corn. All of this was God's doing!

Daniel's faithfulness to following God led to God showing His faithfulness to Daniel and blessing him with what he needed for the beignets (BEN-yay). Daniel could then use his blessing to bless the translators!

When we are faithful to follow God, we see so many ways that He is faithful to us and blesses us.

## MISSIONS PROJECT



*(Slide 33 – Bibles International)*

Bibles International wants everyone to know the faithfulness of God to His people. They want everyone to have a Bible 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!



*(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 4 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.