



The 'GOD RULES: BE STRONG' Teachers' Guide suggests teaching 1 Samuel 2:30 on day 1. However, in a BRAVE ADVENTURERS Holiday Bible Club, we recommend this verse instead.

Intersperse the **explanation**, **application** and **repetition**.



MEMORY VERSE

DANIEL 11:32

(ESV) "... the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."

(NKJV) "... the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

(KJV) "... the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

INTRODUCTION

Stand up and show me how strong you are. (*Everyone does the action of flexing his muscles.*) Our verse today talks about being strong (*standing firm*). Do you think it's talking about your muscles? Let's find out.

PRESENTATION

The verse is found in the book of Daniel, where our Bible lessons are found. While ____ (insert child's name) reads the verse from the Bible, I want you to check that the words are the same. (*Have a helper read Daniel 11:32 from the Bible. While he reads, hold the memory verse visual up for the children to see.*) Thumbs up if they were the same. These words are not made-up, they are from God's Word, the Bible, so they are 100% true. (*Repeat the verse a few times with the children.*)

EXPLANATION

"the people who know their God"—Who are "the people who know God"? (*Allow response.*) Today they are boys and girls and grown-ups who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of their sin and are growing in their faith.

"shall be strong (stand firm)"—Do you think that knowing God makes your muscles strong? (*Flex your muscles and allow response.*) No! When you know God, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you. God is all-powerful, so He will give you strength to stand firm and live for Him because you and I couldn't do that with our own strength.

"and carry out great exploits (take action)"—When God gives you strength you are able to take action and do things—great things. For example, as you grow to know God more and more, He will give you strength to do what is right when it's more popular to do what's wrong. He will give you power and courage to do things that you couldn't do by yourself, like sharing the good news of the Gospel with those who don't know Him, such as a friend in school. You will know it was God giving you strength and others will see that it was God too.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: Maybe you are trying really hard to be good but you know that you still do things that are wrong no matter how hard you try. That is because you need God's strength to help you. You need to admit that you have sinned against God and if you are truly sorry, He will forgive you because of what the Lord Jesus did on the cross. He will give you the strength to live for Him.

Saved: Keep getting to know God more and more so that you will be strong in the Lord. Depend on God's power and strength, not your own. There may be times when others make fun of you for what you believe but God will give you the courage and strength to stay strong. He will help you to tell others about the Lord Jesus and God will give you the strength to obey Him even when no-one else is.

REPETITION

Actions. Do actions together as you say the verse:

- “the people”—Point to each other.
- “who know their God”—Point upwards with both hands.
- “shall be strong, and carry out great exploits (stand firm and take action)”—Flex your muscles.

Cover it up. As the children get to know the verse, cover parts of the memory verse visual with pictures of vegetables. As the verse is repeated, continue to cover more and more words. Finally take the words away and see if they can say the verse with no words or adults helping!