

A Polite Way

God gave his people rules about what they could and couldn't eat. Daniel was one of the Jews who were held captive in Babylon. Since Daniel was chosen to be trained to serve the king, he was to eat what the king ate. Daniel knew that he couldn't eat the food from the king's table and still please God. But he didn't just sit there and refuse to eat. Read Daniel 1:8–16 to find out how Daniel politely spoke to the official and convinced him to allow Daniel not to eat the foods that God didn't want him to eat.

Do you ever disagree with your parents over rules they set? At mealtime, ask whether you can read this story, and then decide how Daniel's way could be your family's way. Decide together to politely discuss your differences and how to handle them.

Live It!



Daniel 1:8–16