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The king of Babylon ordered his army to bring Daniel and other young men from Jerusalem to him. These men were to study and learn how to serve the king.

Daniel and the others were supposed to eat the same food as was served to the king, but Daniel knew that the king's food had not been prepared according to God's law. He did not want to eat the king's food and disobey God. Daniel asked the chief official to excuse him and his three friends from eating the king's food.

The official worried that the four young men would not look as healthy and as good as all the other young men. So Daniel said, "Test us for 10 days. Give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then decide."

The official gave the men vegetables and water for 10 days. At the end of the time, Daniel and his friends didn't look as good as the other young men. They looked better! The official continued to give them vegetables and water.

God helped Daniel and his three friends to be wise. After three years, the official brought all the young men to the king. The king asked many questions, but none of the other young men answered as well as Daniel and his friends.

The four men served in the king's court. The king asked their advice about many things. He found them to be 10 times better than any other advisers!

— Based on daniel 1:1-20