



INTEGRITY based on Daniel 1:1-21 using music

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ALBUM: These Streets (2006 Warner Music)

ARTIST: Paolo Nutini

SYNOPSIS: The debut album from the singer from Paisley who, at the age of just 20, already has quite a story to tell.

TRACK: [5] These Streets

LENGTH: 3 minutes 53 seconds

THEME: This session is designed to enable your young people to step into the story of

Daniel and his exile in Babylon. And to ask the question; how do we live a life of integrity when temptation comes our way?

You will need:

- The track and the means to play it.
- Bibles or a copy of Daniel 1
- Collage materials - photos, pens, magazines, glue etc
- Small mirrors 1 per person

Setting the scene

As you begin this session, invite your group to 'picture the scene' with you; You're young, far

from home, everything you see and encounter is new and different, there's no-one to check up on you ... so how do you choose to live now?

Play the song

As you introduce the song, explain that the singer is telling his story of life in a new land,

as discussed in the introduction. Play the song and then ask your young people to identify the temptations that Nutini has encountered in the 'new streets' in which he finds himself.



Bible study

Split your young people into three smaller groups and provide each group with a copy of Daniel 1. Ask one group to look at Babylon, another to look at Daniel himself and the third group to look at God's role in the story.

Provide each group with collage materials - photos, paper, pens, magazines, etc and ask each group to explore the text through the eyes of their given topic (Babylon, Daniel or God) and to present their findings in a collage. Once complete, display all three completed pieces at the same time; Babylon on one side of the room, God on the other and Daniel in the middle.

Explain to your group that this is the place in which Daniel found himself.

Stuck between

everything he had known before, and a strange new world. It was in this place that Daniel had to choose to follow God and act in a way that honoured him, in spite of the temptation that came his way.

A whole new world

If possible, take your group away from your meeting place to a location they are unfamiliar

with, perhaps to the middle of a busy city or to an empty field. Ask your young people how it

feels to have no sense of where or even who they are. Explain that spiritually, as well as

physically, this is how Daniel would have felt. Everything he knew had been removed and

instead of relying on external influences he had to look in and to listen to God's call on his own heart.

Response

Explain to your group that God calls each of us to live a life of integrity, just like Daniel.

As you close the session, provide your young people with small mirrors to look into. Tell them that this is who God is looking at.



Pray for your young people as you close.