Daniel 1, Listen to God revised

[Narrator] Today our story takes place a long time ago in a city called Babylon. Our story is about Daniel and his friends who have some hard decisions to make. As we will see, they listened to God, and, well they will tell us.

In our story are Daniel and his friends and a court official of the kingdom of Babylon. Let's say hello to them.

[Scene] friends, Daniel, and court official are gathered. Official has a clipboard that he reads from.

[Official] So you are the new guys from, um, Jerusalem. Well, you are some of the most fortunate young men in the kingdom of Babylon. I know that it may not seem like it since you've been taken away from your homes and families, but I will explain and soon you will agree.

You see, you've been picked to come to a very special school. This school is for young men who are smart and strong, young men who we will teach to be great servants of Babylon. Your lessons start tomorrow. You will be treated very well. In fact, you will eat the same food as all of the kings' servants. Lots of pulled pork, hot dogs, shrimp and lots of wine so that you will grow up healthy and happy.

[Daniel] Mr. Official, I think that you need to know that God doesn't want us to eat pulled pork, or hot dogs or shrimp, could we please...

[Official] You'll eat better than almost anyone in the kingdom of Babylon. Be glad that you aren't working hauling rocks or doing something even harder. I've got other things to do.

[Scene] Official slaps clipboard on thigh and walks away.

[Scene] Daniel and friends gather.

[Friend #1] Daniel, what are we going to do?

[Daniel] We are going to pray and listen to God.

[Scene] Daniel and friends kneel.

[Narrator] So Daniel and his friends spent the night in prayer and listening to God. The next morning, Daniel left to find the official.

[Scene] Daniel finds official.

[Daniel] Mr. Official.

[Official] Yes um. I remember, you are the one who was worried about food.

[Daniel] Mr. Official, my friends and I have been praying and listening to God and we know that God doesn't want us to eat a lot of the foods that you want us to eat. We were wondering if we could eat vegetables and water instead?

[Official] Well, I listen to my Gods also, but mostly I listen to the king. Let me tell you, if you guys don't do well the king will take it out on me and if I told him that you weren't eating like everyone else, well...

[Daniel] Mr. Official. I think that if you let us eat what God wants us to that we will be able to do just as well and even better than everyone else. We've been listening to God and that is what we heard God tell us.

[Scene] Official looks up.

[Official] I want to say no, that would be the safest thing, but I kind of hear someone telling me to let you guys give it a try. Alright!! You can have your vegetables and water for 10 days. If you are doing as well as, or even better than the others, well we'll see.

[Narrator] After 10 days it was really clear that Daniel and his friends were doing better than the other young men. They were healthier and learning fast so the official let them continue to eat what God wanted them too. After three years, the king of Babylon gave all of the young men tests, and guess who came out at the top? Yes, Daniel and his friends. In fact, nobody did better than Daniel because he listened to God.