



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 9: Demonstrate Allegiance  
Suggested Week of Use: January 30, 2022  
Core Passage: Daniel 3:14-26

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### News Story Summary

The Ford Hall of Fans, a part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH, announced five superfan nominees for the 2022 class. These five individuals have shown their undying allegiance to their favorite teams, no matter the score or season record. Each year, the Hall of Fans receives thousands of nominations of people who have shown their faithfulness and commitment to their teams. This year, the five are fans of the Detroit Lions, Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos, New York Giants, and Chicago Bears made the final balloting round. The public will now be able to vote for the person they think is the biggest fan. The three finalists will be announced on February 1, 2022, and they will be treated to a trip to Super Bowl LVI in Inglewood, California. The winner will be announced during the Super Bowl. The winner will also be recognized as an inductee at the Ford Hall of Fans during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week in August of 2022.

For more about this story, search “Ford Hall of Fans Announces 2022 Nominees”.

### Focus Attention

To replace the Welcome idea under Focus Attention, call for group members to use their smart phones to locate an image of a person showing their allegiance (sports fan, tech fanatic, standing up for someone’s rights, etc.) After most have arrived, invite volunteers to share the examples they found. Say: *Many people are avid sports fans and show their allegiance by how they act and dress at games.* Share the story of the nominees for the 2022 induction into Ford Hall of Fans. Complete the step using the question in the Discuss suggestion: *In what ways do people show allegiance to a particular person or cause?*

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Discuss idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of the superfans’ nomination into the Hall of Fans. Ask: *How might a fan’s allegiance be tested?* (losing season, team’s decisions, players’ actions, etc.) Ask: *How might a believer’s allegiance to God be tested? What situations have tested your allegiance to God?* Lead the group to respond to the third set of questions under Apply the Text, completed the Discuss step as suggested.