



K - 2ND

16.3
Daniel in the
Lions' Den



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

What is the scariest animal you can think of? Why do you think this animal is scary?



SET APART

Start by 9:20/10:45

Instruct kids to form a circle and link arms with one another facing the inside of the circle. Choose one kid in the group to turn and face the outside of the circle, with his or her arms still linked with the other kids. Stand on one side of the room and challenge the kids to move as a group toward you. Encourage the kid facing the opposite direction to try pulling the group in his direction. Repeat, allowing different kids to feel the pressure of trying to pull the group in the opposite direction.

You experienced what it felt like to be pulled in the opposite direction. Today, we will learn about Daniel and how he was pressured to disobey God. But Daniel trusted God, and God protected him. God also calls us to obey Him, even if this means being different from those around us. God tells Christians to be holy or set apart, showing the world what He is like. When we trust God and live set apart, we glorify God.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open them to Daniel 6. **The book of Daniel is in the Major Prophets division in the Old Testament. The book of Daniel covers the time period of the exile, when God's people were taken captive in Babylon.** Choose a volunteer to read aloud Daniel 6:4-5 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verses aloud.

How did Daniel show that he was faithful to God? Daniel kept praying to God and obeyed Him, even when it was difficult.

How can we give God glory every day? We can give God glory by praying, obeying His Word, and showing others that God is worthy of our worship.

What helps Christians live for God? Faith in Jesus helps Christians live for God and turn away from sin.



DISCUSSION

Why do we pray to God? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us. God always answers our prayers, even when He gives an answer we do not expect. Whenever God does something differently from how we expect, we can trust that God's way is much better than ours. Prayer shows our dependence on God and how we want to live for His will rather than our own.

Why do you think Daniel obeyed God rather than King Darius? God is the one true King; He is our ultimate authority. We are called to obey God above any earthly leaders. Daniel would have sinned against God if he chose to follow the king's law. Obeying God will always be for our good.

How did Daniel's obedience bring God glory? God was glorified because Daniel's obedience showed he loved God more than anything else. Daniel's obedience also glorified God because even though Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, this event allowed God to display His mighty power to save. King Darius praised God as the living God who rescues and delivers.



TRUST AND PRAY

Invite the kids to complete the "Trust and Pray" activity on the activity page. Pass out colored pencils to color in the backside of the page.

In today's story, we learned how God protected Daniel from the lions'. Daniel chose to trust God for protection and we know we can also trust God will protect and provide for us even when things seem bad.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.