

DANIEL AND THE LIONS



Daniel 6

Darius became the new king of Babylon. Daniel was his chief helper. The king's other helpers did not like Daniel.

They said to the king, "You are such a wonderful king. You should make a new law that for the next 30 days, everyone must pray only to you. If they disobey, they will be thrown into the lions' den."

King Darius made the new law, but Daniel kept praying to God because Daniel loved God. The king's helpers caught him praying.

They told King Darius, "Now you must throw Daniel into the lions' den." The king knew he had been tricked, but he had to obey his new law.

Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. He was not afraid. He knew God would take care of him. King Darius told Daniel, "I hope your God will save you." That night, the king could not sleep. He was too worried about Daniel.

At sunrise, the king hurried to the lions' den. "Has your God saved you from the lions?" he called. "Yes!" answered Daniel. "My God sent his angel to protect me."

So Daniel returned to the palace. Then King Darius ordered everyone to honor and respect God.

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PRESCHOOL

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WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - - - - **Floor** - cars & trucks

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Display the picture of the lion. **What sound does a lion make?** (Let them roar together!) **A long time ago, there was a man named Daniel. Daniel loved God very much. Every day, Daniel talked to God. He prayed three times a day — morning, noon, and night. God always listens when we pray, and we can talk to Him no matter where we are. Let's listen to how God heard Daniel's prayers and helped Daniel.**

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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible starting on page 251; or play the video on the TV from the thumb drive.

Prayer is talking to God.
We can pray anywhere, anytime.
God hears every prayer.

SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the November 2026 file.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks.
Philippians 4:6

ACTIVITIES

INDOOR OBSTACLE COURSE

- Set up the provided props (balance bar, tunnel, etc.) to create a simple obstacle course. Feel free to use painter's tape to create a pathway around the room, too.
- Place the pictures or stuffed lions throughout the course.
- Show interested preschoolers the simple obstacle course. Demonstrate the course and what they should do at each different stage.
- Instruct the preschoolers when they see a lion, they should state the following: **God is with me!**
- As preschoolers exit the course, state: **Daniel was safe because God was with him, and God is with you too!**

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SLEEPING LIONS

- Guide preschoolers to lie in sleeping positions on the floor. An assistant or the lead teacher will be the hunter.
- Once the game starts, lions are not allowed to move. The hunters will walk around the room trying to spot a moving lion. The hunters can make jokes, funny noises, or actions to try and make the lions laugh. If a lion move or laughs, they become a hunter.
- **In our story today, we learned how God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions when Daniel was put into their den. They were not allowed to harm Daniel and Daniel was kept safe.**

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.