

Daniel and the Lion's Den

Now there was a new king of Babylon named Darius. He chose three men as supervisors in his Kingdom, and Daniel was one of them. Daniel was very good at his job, so the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom. Because of this, the other supervisors were jealous of Daniel.

So, the supervisors went to the king and said: "King Darius, the people who work for you have all agreed that you should make a new law for everyone to obey: For the next thirty days no one should pray to any god or human except to you, O king. Anyone who doesn't obey will be thrown into the lions' den. So King Darius signed the law.

Even though Daniel knew that the law had been written, he went to pray in an upstairs room in his house, which had windows that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day Daniel would kneel down to pray and thank God, just as he always had done.

Then those men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and said, "Daniel, one of the supervisors, is not obeying the law. Daniel still prays to his God three times every day." The king became very upset when he heard this. He wanted to save Daniel, and he worked hard until sunset trying to think of a way but he could not.

So, King Darius gave the order, and Daniel was brought in and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May the God you serve save you!" A big stone was brought and placed over the opening of the lions' den. Then the king used his signet ring to seal the rock so no one could get Daniel out. Then King Darius went back to his palace. He did not eat or sleep that night.

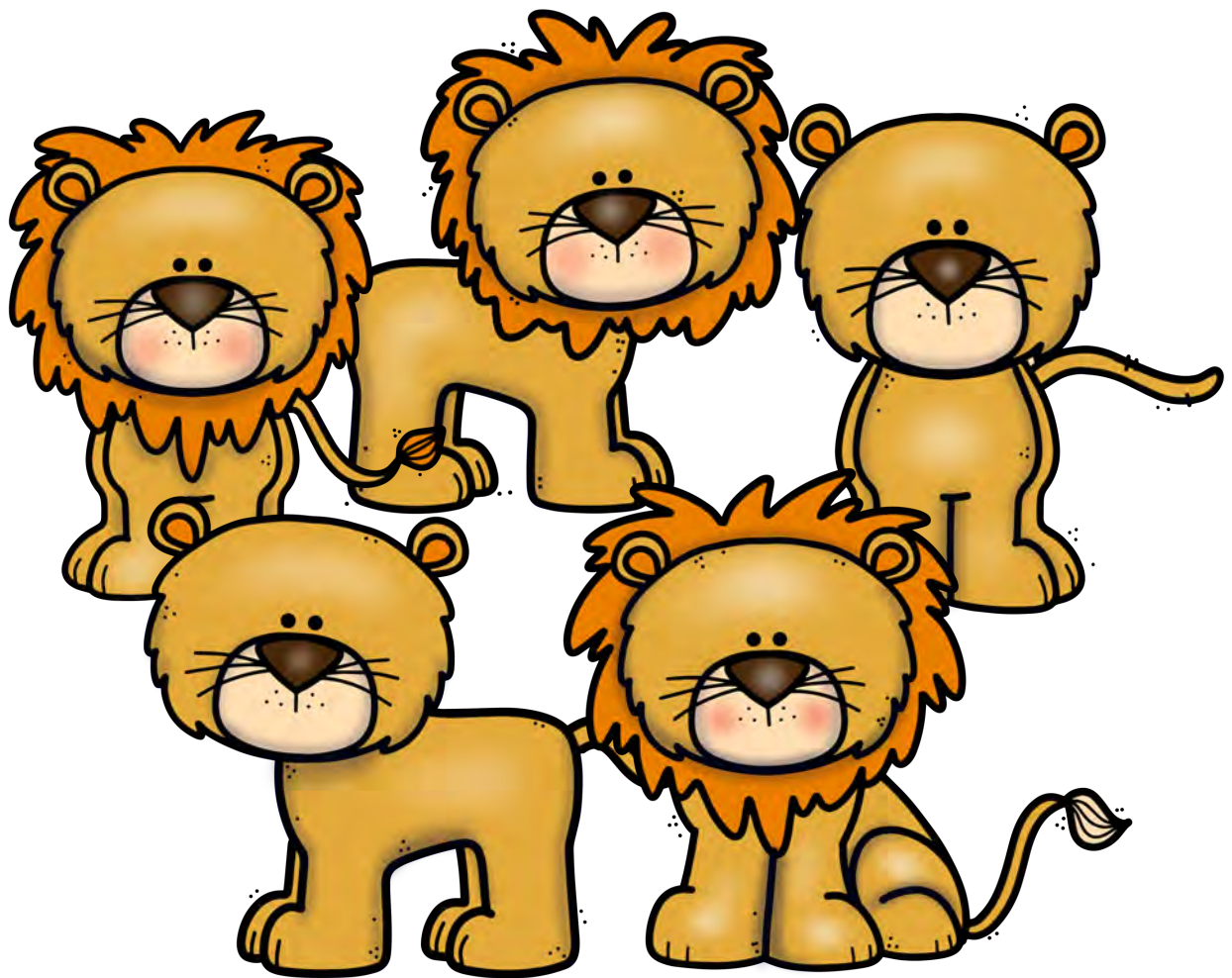
The next morning King Darius was so worried the he got up at dawn and hurried to the lions' den. He called out to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Has your God that you worship been able to save you from the lions?"



Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel to close the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me, because my God knows I am innocent. King Darius was very happy and told his servants to take Daniel out of the lions' den, and he was not hurt because Daniel had trusted in his God.

Then the king commanded that the men who had accused Daniel and their families to be thrown into the lions' den, and the lions killed them. Then King Darius wrote a letter to all people and all nations, to those who spoke every language in the world:

I am making a new law for people in every part of my kingdom. All of you must fear and respect the God of Daniel, for Daniel's God is the living God, He lives forever!



Daniel and the Lions Puppet Script

Daniel lived in Israel a long, long time ago. (Daniel puppet appears)
But when he was a younger lad, he was captured by his foe.
They took him off to Babylon and made him serve the king. (Daniel appears)
But Daniel prayed (he bows head) and lived for God in spite of everything.

King Darius, he looked around for someone wise and good
Someone he could really trust to do the things he should. (Daniel appears again)
The king picked Daniel but it made the others very mad
So they figured out a plan to make Daniel look bad. (Daniel disappears)

The men (angry men appear) they came before the king and said, “You are so great
May we suggest a simple rule that you can legislate.
For thirty days and thirty nights to you alone we’ll pray.
The lion’s den will be the fate of all who disobey!”

The king agreed, and so the rule was made into a law.
The evil men watched Daniel close and this is what they saw:
Daniel went into his room and kneeling down to pray (Jerusalem sign appears)
Toward Jerusalem his window faced he prayed there every day.

He thanked the Lord and asked for help to save him from this law
He could not pray to any man; he looked to God with awe.
The evil men ran to the king said Daniel disobeyed.
The king was sad, but couldn’t change the rule that he had made.

And so the men took Daniel quick and brought him to the den
They threw him to the lions fierce; oh, what would happen then?
The king was so unhappy then, he couldn’t sleep that night.
When morning came, he quickly ran and cried, “Are you all right?”

Daniel answered, “Yes, oh king! They didn’t get a bite!
For God sent his angel good to shut their mouths up tight!”
King Darius was so impressed by Daniel’s God that day
“All must respect the one true God of Daniel,” he did say.

So Daniel’s trust in God above to keep him safe and sound
Helped a king believe in God, who once was lost, now found.
So if we live like Daniel did to worship God and pray
He will always care for us, protect us night and day.



Daniel's Song

To the tune of "The Ants Go Marching 1 by 1"

Daniel prayed to God alone, to God, alone
Daniel prayed to God alone, to God, alone
Daniel prayed to God alone through window wide
the sun it shone
And the evil men went down, to the king, to tell all
that they saw, Tromp, tromp, tromp

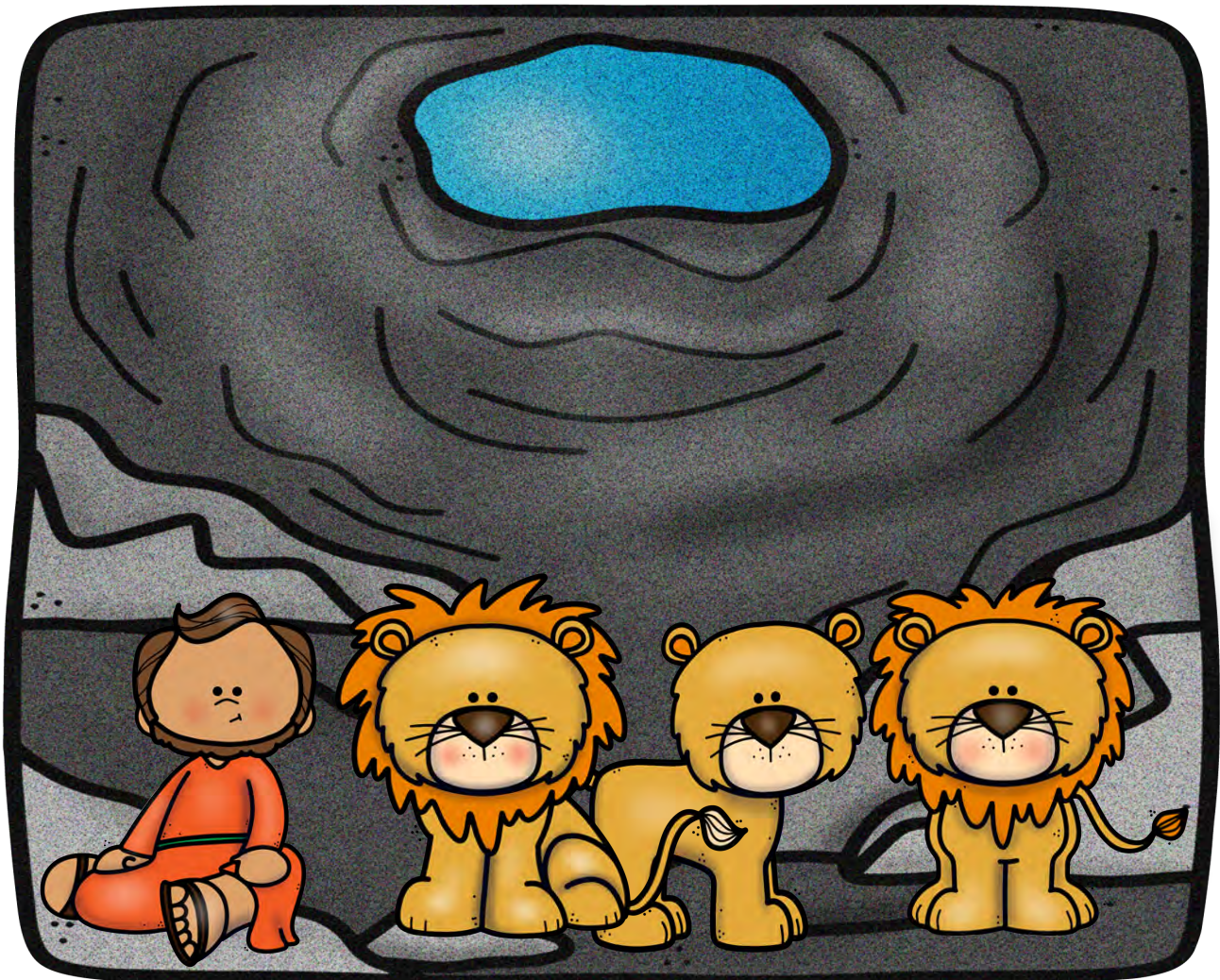
The king he ordered Daniel thrown into the den.
The king he ordered Daniel thrown into the den
Into the lion's den went he
with lion's fierce as they could be
But they all refused to bite, cause the Lord
stopped their mouths, with His word, stop, stop,
stop

King Darius was filled with joy, Hurrah,
hurrah
King Darius was filled with joy, hurrah,
hurrah.
He prayed to Daniel's God
above,
And showered Him with
words of love,
And ordered all to love, and
respect, the true God up
above, love, love, love...



Daniel in the Lion's Den Song II

Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel in the li li lions,
Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel in the li li lions,
Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel in the li li lions,
Daniel in the lion's,
Daniel in the lion's,
Daniel in the lion's DEN.



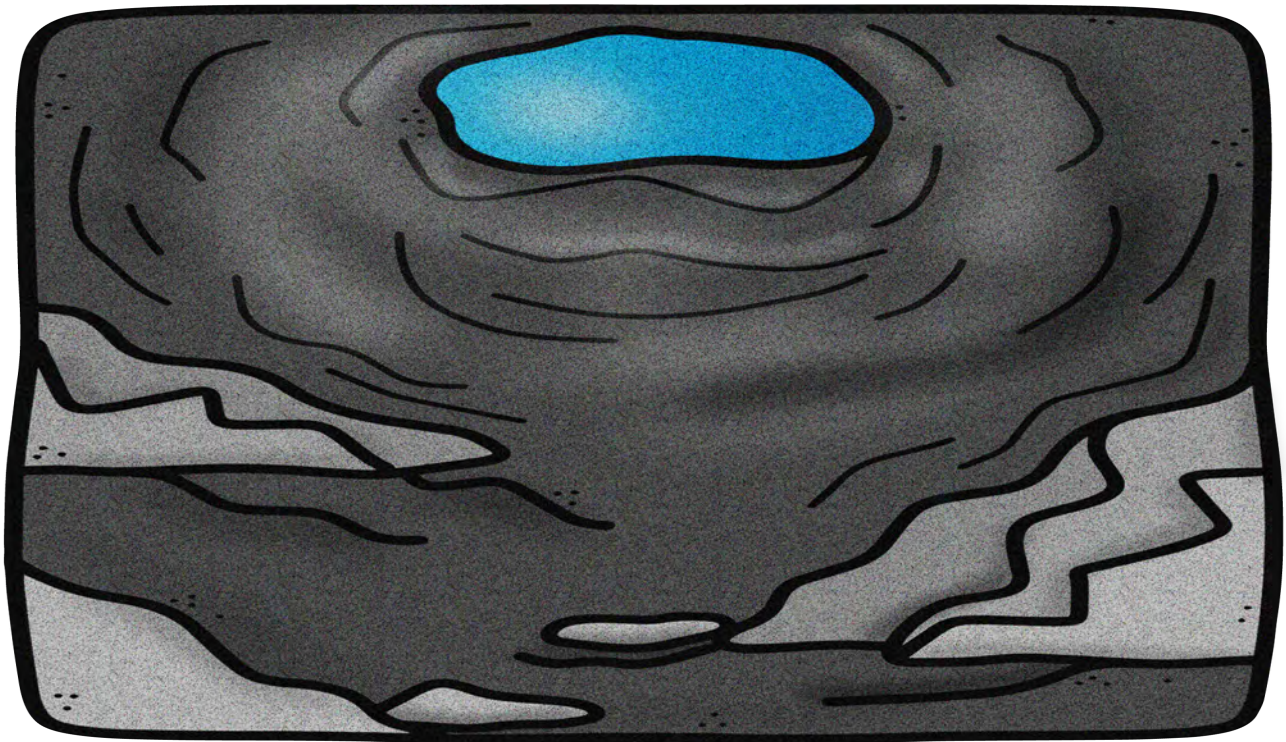
Daniel

Memory Verse



“And when Daniel was lifted
From the den of lions,
no wound was found on him
because he had trusted in his God.”

Daniel 6:23



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Application Questions

Daniel trusted in God and God saved him from the lions!

1. Why do you think the mean men didn't like Daniel and wanted to hurt him? (they were jealous because the king liked Daniel)
2. When Daniel learned that for 30 days he wasn't allowed to pray to God, did he stop praying? (no) Why not? (he knew it was the right thing to do, he loved God, no law was more important than worshiping God)
3. Why was Darius so upset when he heard that Daniel had been praying to God? (because he loved him, because he knew that he would have to throw him into the lion's den and he didn't want to)
4. Darius couldn't sleep that night after Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. Why not? (he was so worried about Daniel)
5. When Darius found out Daniel was safe, how did he feel? (happy)
6. What new law did Darius make?
(everybody must respect Daniel's God because he is the living God)
7. Would you have been scared to shut up in a den of lions? (yes)
8. When we are scared, what should we do? (pray to God, talk to our parents or teachers)





Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel and the Lions Crafts



Make a cute lion puppet with some construction paper and a paper bag!

<http://www.artistic31mama.com/2013/02/bible-lesson-daniel-and-lions-den-craft.html>



Love this paper plate lion with a curly mane!

<https://sunshinewhispers.com/lion-paper-plate-craft-for-kids/>



Or cut the middle out of the plate and YOU be the lion with this great lion mask!

<https://www.famiizuu.ca/family-life/bring-circus-your-home-these-crafts>



Yummy lion cupcakes would be fun and delicious!!!

<http://www.nsumckids.info/daniel.html>



Super easy lions made with graham crackers and pretzels! YUM!!!

<https://ministry2kidz.com/2014/11/22/daniel-and-the-lions-den-snack/>



Easiest craft EVER!!!
Make the lions with cupcake liners!

<http://www.blessingoverflowing.com/sunday-school-crafts-daniel-in-the-lions-den/>



Fun and easy game! Make lion paws with sidewalk chalk and see who can jump from paw print to paw print without missing!!!



Awesome pasta lion! Any kind of pasta would do!

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