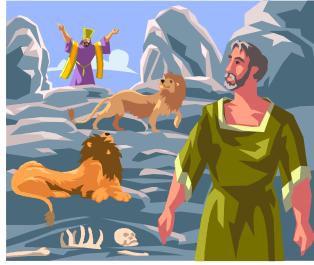


## KIDS PLUS (FAMILY OR SMALL GROUP)



**THEME:** Daniel in the Lion's Den

**SCRIPTURE:** Daniel 6

**VERSE:** "I sought the Lord and He answered me, He delivered me from all my fears."  
Psalm 34:4

**CONCEPT:** By maintaining a close relationship with Jesus, we can trust in Him to deliver us from any fearful situation.

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**Read the following story about Daniel or if you have a children's video depicting the story, show the video.**

Daniel worked for the king. The king loved Daniel. He knew that Daniel would do what was right.

Some of the king's men did not like Daniel. They wanted to get rid of him. When the king would give Daniel important jobs to do, these men watched Daniel all the time. Maybe they could find Daniel doing something wrong. Daniel was a good man who loved God very much.

Then the men thought of something they could do. The men went to the king.

"Oh, king," they said, "You are great and wonderful! We want you to make a new law. Make a law that no one in this land may pray to anyone except you! If anyone does not do as your law says, he should be put into a den of lions!"

The king was pleased with this new law. Therefore, he signed it. The word was sent out through the entire kingdom. All the people were told they must pray only to the king.

Daniel heard about the law, too. However, do you think he stopped praying to God? No! Daniel still went up to his room three times every day. He went over to his window and opened it. Then he knelt down in front of the window and prayed.

The king's men were hiding nearby. They were watching Daniel. They heard him praying. Then they hurried to the king.

"Oh, king, there is a man in your kingdom who is not obeying your new law!" they said.

“Really?” said the surprised king. “What is he doing?”

“He prays three times every day to his God. Therefore, he must be thrown into a den of lions. Isn’t that what your law says?”

“Yes, that is the law,” said the king. “Now, who is this man?”

“It is Daniel,” they answered.

Then the king was very sorry he had made the law. He loved Daniel. He didn’t want him thrown to the lions. However, there was no way he could save Daniel’s life.

That night Daniel was put into the den where the lions lived. He couldn’t get out. Brave Daniel knelt down and prayed to God. The lions just stood and watched him. They didn’t try to hurt him at all. Do you know why? It was because God sent an angel to take care of Daniel. God closed the mouths of the lions so they couldn’t hurt Daniel. He kept Daniel safe all through the night.

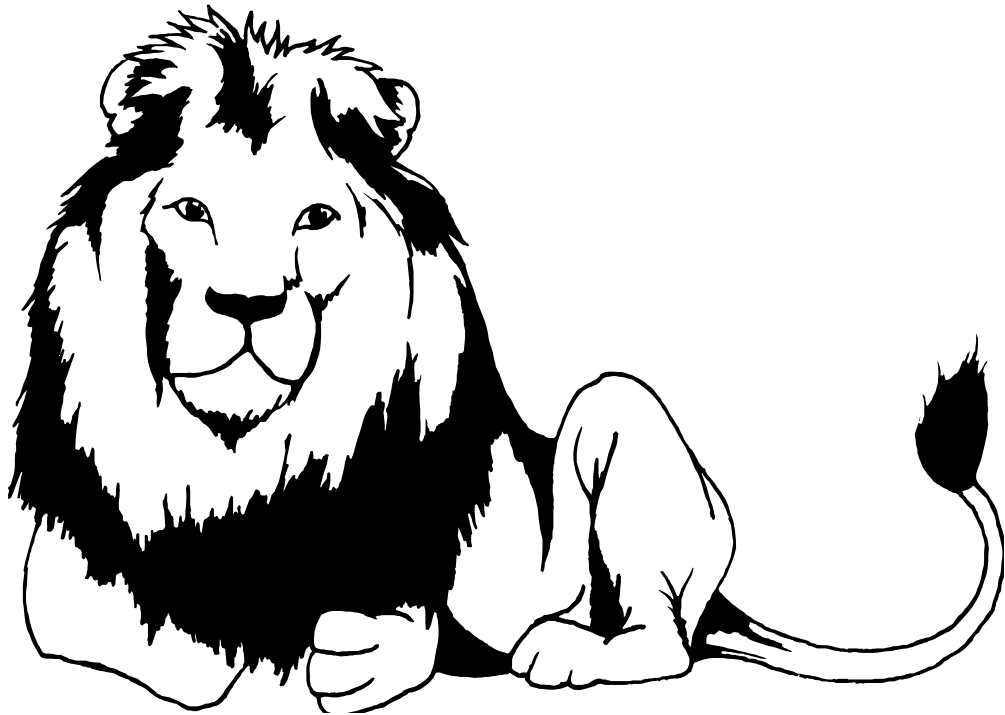
### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Why was Daniel thrown into the den with the lions?
2. Why didn’t the hungry lions eat him?
3. Do you think Daniel was afraid?
4. Who delivered him from this scary situation? Why did God rescue him?
5. What must we do to be assured God will save us from scary situations?
6. Can we always trust Him? Discuss some times you know God protected you. Pray and thank the Lord for His loving protection.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

Gather materials together where everyone could make lion masks (paper plates are good for this). Cut out eyes and mouth. Glue on yarn and paper for face, ears, and hair. Use a stick for the bottom of the plate which can be used as a handle. At dinner one night have someone tell the story again. When the ferocious lions are mentioned, all the masks go on accompanied by terrible roars. While Daniel is in the den, the lions purr like friendly kittens. They again roar as the evil men are thrown in with them at the end of the story.

GOD SHUT THE LIONS MOUTHS  
GOD PROTECTED DANIEL  
HE WILL PROTECT ME TOO



## Daniel is Faithful

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Daniel	den	lions
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day	times	angel
God	protect	law
kingdom	shut	mouth