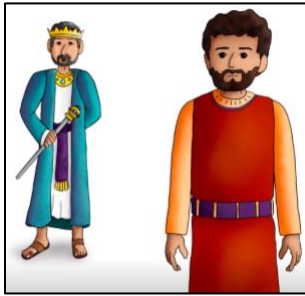


Video:
biblestoriesonline.com/stories/Daniel-Gets-Pet-Lions-Instead-of-Getting-Eaten



Lesson #12: GOD PROTECTS DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN (Daniel 6)



The Bible says that King Darius was the new king of Babylon. Daniel was still living in Babylon and he worked to help King Darius.

There were 120 men helping Darius rule the kingdom, but God made Daniel stand out as special.



Daniel was doing such an excellent job with his work, that the king wanted to make Daniel ruler over his whole kingdom! Wow! The king trusted Daniel a lot to give him all that responsibility.

But some of the 120 other men got jealous of Daniel. They didn't like that Daniel was getting a better job than they had. They were angry that the king liked Daniel so much. The jealous men tried to find something bad about Daniel.



They watched him, but they couldn't find anything wrong about Daniel. All they saw was that three times a day, Daniel got on his knees to talk with God.



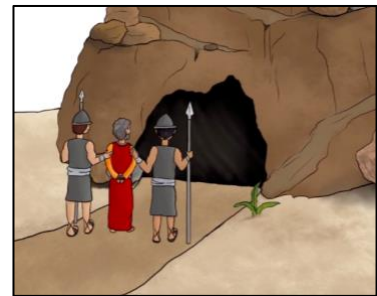
The men made a mean plan to get rid of Daniel. They went to King Darius and tricked him. "O King," they said, "we all think you should make a new rule. Make a rule that for 30 days, people have to pray to you. And if they pray to God, they will be thrown into a den of lions."

If Darius had known they were trying to hurt Daniel, he wouldn't have done it. But the king did make it a rule that couldn't be changed.



As soon as Daniel heard about the rule, do you know what he did? He went straight to his room, and got on his knees by his window and prayed to God — even though he knew that could make him get thrown into the lion's den.

When they saw Daniel talking to God, they ran and told King Darius, "O King, Daniel keeps praying to his God!" Darius couldn't rescue Daniel. The soldiers took Daniel to the lion's den. "Daniel," King Darius said, "the God that you are always serving will rescue you." Then the men threw Daniel in.



Darius was so worried that night, that he couldn't sleep. He kept thinking about Daniel. As soon as the sun shone in the morning, he ran to the lion's den. "Daniel!" he yelled. "Daniel, the servant of the Living God! Was your God able to rescue you?"

And Daniel answered him! "O King, my God sent His angel and kept the lions' mouths shut so they could not hurt me." King Darius was so happy. "Pull Daniel up out of the lion's den right away!" he ordered. But the men who had tried to hurt Daniel — the king threw them into the lion's den instead, and the lions ate them.



Then Darius sent a letter to his whole kingdom. It said, "Everyone should honor the God of Daniel! He is the Living God. He has rescued Daniel from the lions!"

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY
Color the picture of Daniel in Lions' Den



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY
Complete the Activity from Bible Pathway Adventures

Daniel loved Yahweh and prayed to Him every day. How do you show God you love Him?

Imagine you are Daniel in the lions' den. What would you say to the Angel?

Daniel teaches me...

Draw a picture of Daniel in the lions' den.

