

REFERENCES: DANIEL 6:1-23; *PROPHETS AND KINGS*, PP. 539-548.

# Daniel and the Lions

## *Memory Verse:*

“[Daniel] went to his room three times a day to pray” DANIEL 6:10, NIV.

## *The Message:*

I can talk to God every day.

## *Parents:*

By the end of the month, you can help your child

**Know** that God wants them to talk to Him.

**Feel** confident that God listens to their prayers.

**Respond** by praying every day.



*See the lions. Lions are big cats. Lions say, “Grrrr, roar!”*

See Daniel. (*Point to Daniel.*) Daniel is a brave man. Daniel is God's friend. Daniel is the king's friend too.

See Daniel's house. (*Point to Daniel's house.*) See Daniel's window. (*Point to the window.*) Daniel prays there three times every day.









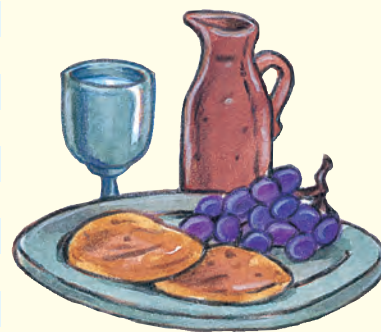






Daniel is a brave man. Daniel is God's friend. Every morning Daniel talks to God. Daniel is praying. Daniel says, "I love You, God."

Some bad men want to hurt Daniel. They ask the king to make a new law. The law will say that people who pray to God will be thrown to the lions.

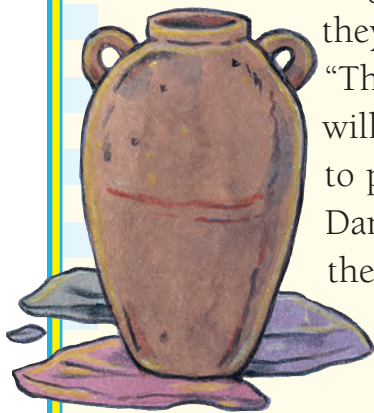


At noon Daniel kneels by the window. Daniel talks to God. Daniel is praying.

At night Daniel kneels by his bed. Daniel talks to God. Daniel is praying.

Daniel is not afraid to pray. He prays one, two, three times a day. *(Count on your child's fingers.)*

Some bad men see Daniel pray. "We will tell the king," they say. "The king will have to put Daniel in the lions' den."















Daniel prays to God in heaven three times a day,” the bad men say. “He must be put in the lions’ den.”

“Daniel is my friend,” says the king. “I do not want to hurt him. But I must do what the law says. Daniel’s God will take care of him.”





The bad men take Daniel to the lions' den. Grrrr! Roar! (Roar.) The lions are hungry. Grrr! Roar! (Roar.)

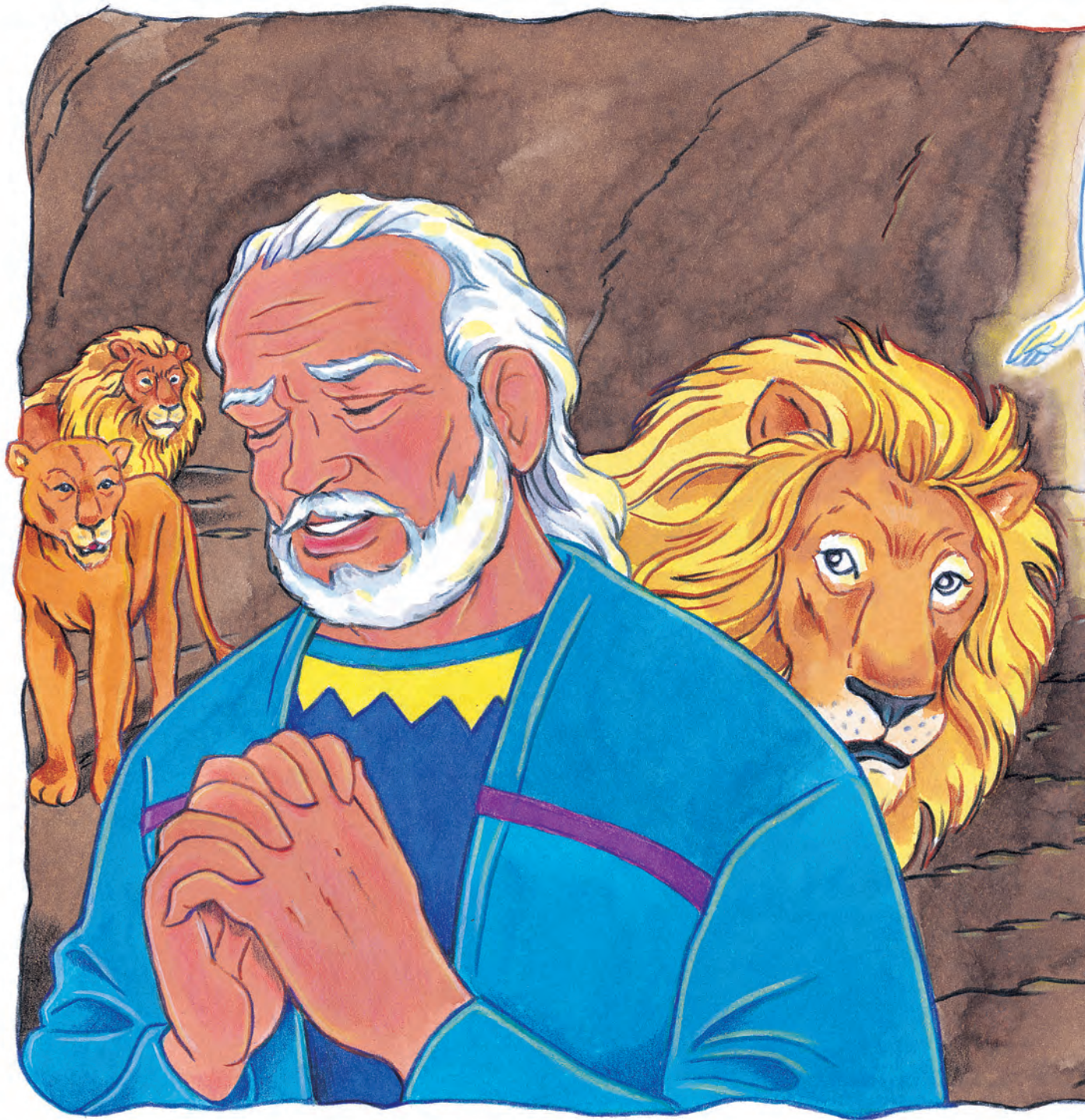
Daniel is not afraid. His angel is there. The angel will shut the lions' mouths. (Show your closed mouth trying to roar.)















Get up, Daniel.  
It is morning.  
Time to pray.

Daniel prays to  
God. (*Clasp hands;  
close eyes.*) “Dear God,  
thank You for sending  
Your angel. Thank  
You for taking good  
care of me. I love  
You, God. Amen.”





The good king calls, “Daniel, did your God take care of you? Did the lions hurt you?” (*To child.*) Did the lions hurt Daniel? No! (*Shake head.*)

“O, King! My God sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths. God saved me!”

God sends His angels to watch over us too. Let’s thank Him for angels. (*Pray a simple prayer.*)









Have your child pray by the window three times today just like Daniel.

Take your child to visit a zoo, and look for the lions.

Pet a kitten while you explain to your child that lions are big, wild cats.

# Do & Say

Study these suggestions for something to do each day. Select those that are appropriate for your child's developmental stage and repeat them often.



You and your child can roar like a lion as you talk about Daniel's story.

With your child, look at pictures of lions in a book. Notice the difference between the male and female.

Take a walk with your child and tell God about all the pretty things you see.



Name three things for which you and your child can thank God. Then thank Him.

While praying with your child, thank Jesus for wild animals that will be tame in heaven.



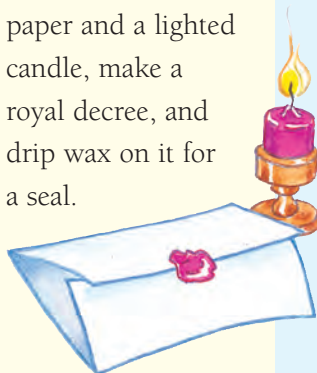
Help your child decorate a paper angel picture with glitter and crayons.

Use blankets, sheets, and some chairs to make a lions' den. Have your child's prayer time there today.

Look at pictures of family members with your child. Thank Jesus for each one.

Sing the memory verse song with your child (see p. 42); then thank God for watching over you too.

With a piece of paper and a lighted candle, make a royal decree, and drip wax on it for a seal.



Practice one of the finger plays learned in Sabbath School with your child. (See pp. 62, 63.)

Let your child find you as you make lion noises while hidden.