

All-in-One

BIBLE

FUN

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Daniel

Bible Verse

Pray at all times.

Romans 12:12, GNT

Bible Story

Daniel 6:1-23, 25-28

The story of Daniel is a story of faith. The king was tricked into setting a law that said the people could pray only to him. If anyone broke this law, he or she would be put to death. Even though he knew the penalty for praying, Daniel remained faithful and continued praying to God. The people who tricked the king reported Daniel, and Daniel was put into a den of lions as punishment. God delivered Daniel, and the king made a new law telling all the people to honor God.

Daniel was taken captive as a young man and brought to Babylon with other captives. He was selected by the king to be trained for service at court. This meant that he was educated in many of the important subjects of the time. He was probably taught reading, writing, mathematics, medicine, and astronomy. Even though Daniel was educated by the king, he remained faithful to God.

As Daniel matured, he became a successful and trusted official in the court. His faith in

God was the reason behind Daniel's success. At the time of the story with the lions, he held an important position for the king. Some of the other officials for the king became jealous of Daniel's success. They plotted to get rid of Daniel by tricking the king and using Daniel's faithfulness against him. The plot backfired, however, as God intervened and delivered Daniel.

Daniel must have been afraid when he faced the den of lions. Yet he kept his trust in God. For Daniel, prayer became a tool for trusting God.

Young children experience all of life's emotions, from happiness to fear. As teachers and parents we can help children learn to pray for God's help in all situations and at all times. Modeling prayer as an everyday habit in our own lives is an effective way to help children learn to ask for God's help. Take a few moments and pray for your children right now.



We can talk to God and ask God to help us.

If time is limited, we recommend those activities that are noted in **boldface**. Depending on your time and the number of children, you may be able to include more activities.

ACTIVITY	TIME	SUPPLIES
Lion Lineup	5 minutes	Reproducible 1A, construction paper, scissors
Face a Lion	10 minutes	Reproducible 1A, small paper plates, safety scissors, crayons, craft sticks, glue, masking tape
Rainbow Romp	5 minutes	lion puppets from "Face a Lion" activity (Reproducible 1A), different colors of ribbons or crepe paper streamers, scissors, tape
Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions	10 minutes	lion puppets (Reproducible 1A), scarf or bandanna
Bible Verse Fun	5 minutes	Bible, lion puppets (Reproducible 1A)
Sleep, Lion, Sleep	5 minutes	None
Leaping Lions	10 minutes	Reproducible 1A, scissors, masking tape
Face Freeze	5 minutes	Reproducible 1B, scissors
Roll a Prayer	5 minutes	ball

JOIN THE FUN

BIBLE STORY FUN

LIVE THE FUN

Supplies

Reproducible 1A, construction paper, scissors

Lion Lineup

Photocopy the lion faces and lion pictures (**Reproducible 1A**). Make enough copies for each child plus one more. Cut the lion faces and lion pictures apart along the solid line. Use the lion faces in the "Face a Lion" activity.

Place one lion picture on a table or on the rug. Cut the construction paper into one-inch strips. Cover the lion picture with the strips. As the children arrive for today's lesson, show the children the covered picture. Take away one strip of paper.

Ask: Can you tell me what this picture is?

Continue to remove strips of paper one at a time until the children guess that the picture is of a lion.

Say: Today our Bible story is about a man named Daniel. Daniel had to spend the night with lions. Daniel was afraid, so he talked to God and asked God to help him. We can talk to God and ask God to help us when we feel afraid. We can talk to God anytime.



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Face a Lion

Photocopy the lion faces and lion pictures (**Reproducible 1A**) if you haven't already. Give each child a lion picture. Let the children color the lions with crayons. Write each child's name on his or her picture. Print each name in large letters. Line the lion pictures up in your story area.



Cut out a lion face (**Reproducible 1A**) for each child. Let the children color the lion faces with crayons. Give each child a small paper plate. Have the child glue the lion face in the middle of the paper plate.

Give each child a pair of safety scissors. Show the children how to use the scissors to make cuts around the edge of the paper plate. This will make the lions' manes. Remember that young children are learning to use scissors. They need to practice their cutting skills. Affirm their efforts.

Glue or tape the paper plates onto craft sticks to make puppets.

Rainbow Romp

Cut several different colors of ribbons or crepe paper streamers into 12-inch lengths. Gather all the ribbons or streamers together. Wrap tape around one of the ends to make a rainbow streamer. Wave the rainbow streamer as you lead the children around the room to your story area. Let the children hold their lion puppets from "Face a Lion" activity (Reproducible 1A).

Come, follow me on a rainbow romp.

We'll step, step, step and stomp, stomp, stomp.

(Wave the rainbow streamer.)

Let's step, step, step, step, step, step to our story.

(Step around the room.)

Come, follow me on a rainbow romp.

We'll step, step, step and stomp, stomp, stomp.

(Wave the rainbow streamer.)

Let's stomp, stomp, stomp, Stomp, stomp, stomp to our story.

(Stomp around the room.)

Come, follow me on a rainbow romp.

We'll step, step, step and stomp, stomp, stomp.

(Wave the rainbow streamer.)

Let's roar, roar, roar, Roar, roar, roar to our story.

(Have children hold up lion puppets and roar.)

Come, follow me on a rainbow romp.

We'll step, step, step and stomp, stomp, stomp.

(Wave the rainbow streamer.)

(Quiet voice.)

Let's tip, tip, toe,

Tip, tip, toe to our story.

(Walk on tiptoes.)

(Continue to speak in a quiet voice.)

Come, follow me on a rainbow romp.

We'll step, step, step and stomp, stomp, stomp.

(Wave the rainbow streamer.)

(Whisper.)

Let's sit, sit, sit,

Sit, sit, sit for our story.

(Have children sit down in your story area.)



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