



Kindergarten-2nd

September 28-29, 2013

DATE

Daniel

LESSON TITLE

Daniel 6

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Rescues Daniel

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Keep in mind, kids might not be perfectly engaged during small group. Do your best to engage every kid, but don't let redirecting take the place of reviewing the story and doing today's activity. You may be surprised at what they pick up...even if they appear to be disengaged!

check-in/out

As kids leave, make sure they have their lion magnet so they can remember to retell the story at home.

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about how God rescued Daniel from a room full of hungry lions! It's a story of not only Daniel's obedience but also God's sovereignty.



instructions

Goal: To help kids review the story and create a tangible reminder of what happened.

Why? This story is a great example of obedience, but it's also a fantastic reminder of God's power and sovereignty. We want kids to remember it!

Tip: You have 3 extra activity suggestions at the end of the small group section. Decide ahead of time which one(s) you want to try!

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. If you were Daniel, would you have kept praying to God, even though you knew you'd be thrown into a lions' den? Why or why not?

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did the king make a law that people had to pray to him?
2. Why do you think Daniel decided to keep praying to God and obey God instead of the king?
3. How did God rescue Daniel?
4. What do you think Daniel felt like during the night in that lions' den?
5. What's your favorite/the most surprising part of this story and why?

ACTIVITY

Today we're going to make lion magnets to remember how God protected Daniel. Encourage kids to show their parents, brothers, sisters, and friends and to tell them about the story. Then suggest that they ask their parents if they can stick it on the refrigerator at home. Tell kids every time they look at it, they can remember that God rescued Daniel!

- Give each kid a **lion magnet pack**. Walk them through the assembly of the lion.
 - Place the biggest mane (1 of 2) on the body.
 - Place the 2nd large mane on top of the first, shifted slightly.
 - Place the smaller mane (1 of 2) on top of the larger mane.
 - Place the 2nd large mane on top of the first, shifted slightly.
 - Place the face on top of the manes.
 - Place the magnet on the back.

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***Pray with the kids, thanking God for giving Daniel the courage to obey—and thanking God for rescuing Daniel!**

Extra time? Here are a few ideas: (1) Make up little games, like asking the kids to “Roar” with their lions...then practicing silence like when God shut the lions’ mouths! You can do loud roars, quiet roars, underwater roars, low roars, high roars, or singing roars—be creative and have fun while you practice retelling parts of the story! (2) Read Daniel 6 out loud and have kids make their lion “roar” whenever you read about lions. (3) Play “Lion, Lion, Daniel” (This is like “Duck, Duck, Goose.”)

- *Sit kids in a circle on the floor.*
- *Choose one person to be “it” and call him/her “Daniel.”*
- *“Daniel” circles the group, touching each kid on the head and saying “Lion.” When he/she is ready for some action, he/she says “Daniel!” Then the new “Daniel” chases the person who’s it around the circle, trying to beat him or her to the open seat in the circle.*

special notes

Daniel made a big obedience decision in this story. There's a section in the middle designed to help kids relate to this decision. Really try to help them personalize it!

presenter tips

A room full of listening and actively engaged kids is a sign of an awesome presenter. Feel like you're losing 'em? Change things up a bit! Spin around, change the volume of your voice, or sit down and start whispering. Change up your tone and posture to keep 'em guessing!

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. Today, we have an amazing story that reminds us of just how much God loves to rescue us!

Before we hear today's story though, let's imagine what it would be like to spend the night with a bunch of animals. Ready?

(Show picture of kittens.) What would it be like to spend the night with a bunch of kittens? (Let kids say fun, cute, soft, etc.) Yeah, that wouldn't be so bad, would it?

(Show picture of ducks.) What would it be like to spend the night with a bunch of ducks? (Let kids say: loud, etc.) They might quack a lot, but that's about it. Ducks are pretty cute.

(Show picture of horses.) What about spending the night with horses? (Let kids respond.) Maybe it would be stinky in their stalls, but you could curl up on the hay and it could be cozy. At least horses are nice and gentle. Let's try one more:

(Show picture of lions.) WOAHH! Lions?! What do you guys think it would be like to spend the night with a bunch of lions? (Let kids respond. Help play up the drama.) Those big teeth would be pretty scary. And when they got hungry...watch out!

But did you know that there was a guy in the Bible who DID spend the night with lions?? Raise your hand if you know his name—or if you just want to guess. (Let kids respond.) Yep, Daniel.

INTRO: DANIEL

(Show picture of Daniel praying.) Now, Daniel didn't just love lions and decide to be a daredevil and see if he could survive a night with them. Actually, he was a really nice guy who loved God. He was well-known for praying every single day.



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The problem was, some people didn't like Daniel. See, the king *really* liked Daniel and that made some other people jealous. So they decided to get Daniel in trouble. They wanted him to get eaten by lions—that's how much they hated him!

So they watched him ...and watched him, looking for SOME bad thing he did so they could run to the king and tell on him.

But Daniel didn't do anything wrong. The only thing they could find him doing regularly...was praying! So the people who hated Daniel had an idea...they realized that they could get Daniel in trouble IF they could convince the king to make a rule that said, "No praying to God allowed! You can only pray to me, the king!"

Now, who did God want Daniel to pray to, God... or the king? (Let kids say: God!) YES, God ONLY wants us to pray to him! And Daniel knew that.

DANIEL OBEYS

So Daniel knew he should keep praying to God, not the king, but he also knew he would get in BIG trouble if he prayed to God.

Think about what you would do: if you knew that if you prayed to God, you'd get thrown into a room of lions...do you think you would keep on praying? *(Let kids think about that for a moment. Use your own discernment to decide if you want a couple kids to share or to keep it a personal question. Kids will have a chance to react to this in small groups too.)*

Well, these mean guys convinced the king to make the rule and...what do you think Daniel did? Do you think he kept praying or do you think he stopped? (Let kids say: He kept praying.) Yep, he kept praying. But that meant he got thrown into a room full of lions! He should have been eaten, but he wasn't. Because God rescued Daniel!

DANIEL AND THE LIONS' DEN

We're going to watch a video that tells us Daniel's story. As you watch, see if you can figure out how God rescued Daniel!

Video: KBS / Daniel

Wow, that's amazing, isn't it?! So how did God rescue Daniel? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he closed the lions' mouth! The next day, the king went and got Daniel—and then he said that everybody should pray to God, because he realized just how powerful God is!

Daniel loved God so much, that he kept praying even though he knew he'd get in trouble. That's like what God says to do John 14:15:

SLIDE: John 14:15: "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Daniel obeyed, and God rescued him. Then a whole lot more people started following God



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because God is a rescuer!

Before we worship God today, we're going to watch one more short video—it's like a quick version of today's story to remind us of how amazing it was when God rescued Daniel.

Video: Daniel (30 Second Bible Short)

WORSHIP

Pretty cool, right? Wow, I'm so glad we can pray *anytime*. We're going to watch a music video to remind us that we are free to pray whenever we want. Then we'll sing a song to thank Jesus for being powerful, because we can trust in him and be brave.

Song: Pray Anytime

Song: Bravery

PRAY

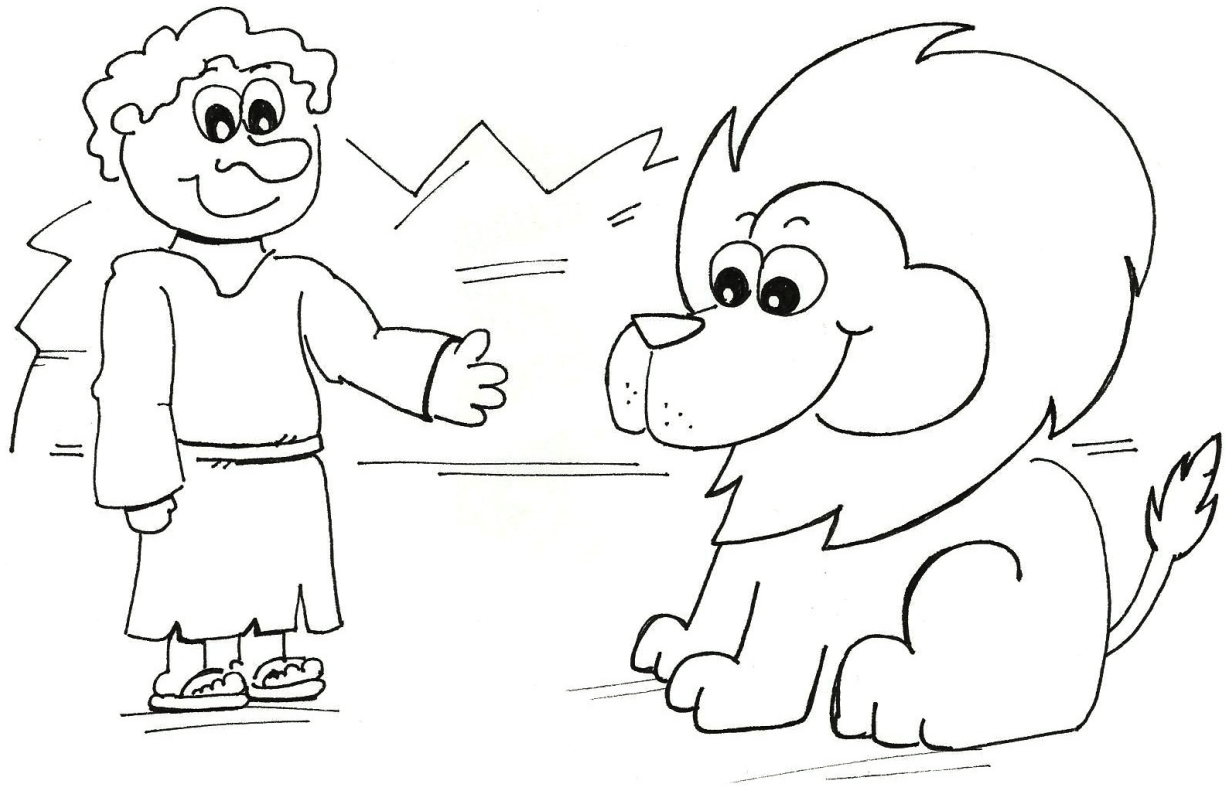
Ask somebody to come thank God that Daniel obeyed and that God rescued Daniel.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Daniel and Lion

Markers

1 Lion magnet craft kit per kid (OT: IN-48/9255, should come in individual packets and must be separated from the lambs magnets that also come in the kit; PreK did this craft last year, so there may be extras)

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

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special room set-up

None needed

connect questions

Tell me about Daniel.

How did God rescue Daniel?

parent page

When the king issued a law that people who prayed to God would be thrown into a lions' den, Daniel got into big trouble...because he kept right on praying! Miraculously, God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. Ask your kid to tell you about it—and show you the lion magnet they made. You can also read the story together in Daniel 6.