



# 3PK

Nov. 8-9, 2014

DATE

Daniel

LESSON TITLE

Daniel

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Rescued Daniel

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids.

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

## 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. You may be surprised at what they pick up...even if they appear to be disengaged!

## check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to use the coloring page to tell their parents about the story.

## large group heads up

Today, we're learning about how God rescued Daniel from a room full of hungry lions!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids that we're going to talk about a guy who spent the night with lions.
  - Now spend time making roaring sounds. Make scary roars, low roars, high roars, soft roars, tall roars, short roars, etc.
  - You can even lead the kids in a lion parade around the room, roaring at various objects.
  - If you want, get on all four "paws" and try to walk around that way!
  - If kids are bored with roars, make other animal sounds.

*Practice putting on your "listening ears." Then remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and tip-toe in together.*



## instructions

**Goal:** To help kids review the story in a way that makes it fun!

**Why?** Playing a game about Daniel and a bunch of lions will help kids remember today's amazing rescue story!

**Tip:** Read the activity options ahead of time and decide which you want to do with your group. (If you think they can handle both, great!)

## small group

***\*Serve kids a snack as you review the story:***

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did Daniel love to do? (pray)
2. What new law did the king make? (no praying allowed)
3. Daniel got in trouble for breaking the law. What was his punishment? (He spent the night with lions.)
4. How did God rescue Daniel? (God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths.)
5. Have kids say, "God loves to rescue us!" and cheer!

### ACTIVITY

This is like "What Time is It, Mr. Fox?" but we're calling it "What Time is It, Mr. Daniel?" Line kids up against one wall. Stand as far away from them as you can. Tell kids they are "lions." You are Mr. Daniel (turn your back or pretend to close your eyes).

- A second volunteer should lead the kids in saying: "What time is it, Mr. Daniel?"
- Answer them with a time, like "It's 5 o'clock."
- Kids can take that number of steps forward (ie. 5 steps for 5 o'clock, 1 step for 1 o'clock, etc.) while pawing or roaring (acting like lions). Depending on the size of your room, you may have to ask them to take baby steps.
- Continue until the kids reach you, then say, "God will protect me! You can't hurt me!"
- They have to close their mouths and run back to the starting line!  
You can play again or choose a kid to be "Mr. Daniel," although he/she may need your help.

**\*Pray together, thanking God that he rescued Daniel.**

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**\*\*Give kids a coloring page** and let them color until their parents arrive.

*If you have extra time, ask kids to act out today's story. At this age, they love dramatic play—and it helps them remember what happened. Be creative to make the story fun! Here's an idea for today's story:*

- *Kids sit in a circle.*
- *Choose one "Daniel".*
- *The lions start to roar and claw the air.*
- *"Daniel" jumps into the circle of lions.*
- *The lions close their mouths!*
- *Then cheer together because Daniel is safe!*

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# LARGE group



## special notes

You get to act like lions together in today's story; make that part of large group really fun!

## 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

**\*click to play intro music**

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kid's Club.

**Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others** (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

### REVIEW

Presenter: Does anybody know the name of this book? (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) That's right, it's the Bible! This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world (bring your hands in a circular motion above your head) and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.



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### INTRO: DANIEL

(Show picture of Daniel praying.) Well, today, we're going to hear about a guy who loved God SO much! His name was Daniel. Can you guys say, "Daniel"? (Let kids say: Daniel.) Raise your hand if you know somebody named Daniel. (Let kids raise their hands.)

It's a pretty cool name—and Daniel was a pretty cool guy. He LOVED to follow God. Every day he talked to God (fold your hands; encourage kids to follow)...and listened to him (cup your ear; encourage kids to follow). And God spoke to Daniel and gave him messages to share with other people. Daniel ended up getting to share God's messages with the *king*. Say, "Wooooow!" (Let kids say it.)

So the king treated Daniel better than he treated some of the other guys in the city. And that made the other guys jealous. *They* wanted to be the king's favorite! So they came up with a plan to get Daniel in trouble. Say, "Oh no!" (Let kids respond.)

Problem is, Daniel didn't do anything to get in trouble. The only thing he did was follow God and talk to him!

Hmm, so those other guys came up with a sneaky plan: they made a law...that said nobody could pray to God! Everybody say, "Oh no!" (Let kids respond.)

### DANIEL AND THE LIONS' DEN

Well, guess what? Daniel didn't care—he prayed to God anyway! And that meant...(dunh dunh dunh!) he was going to be punished. But the good news is, God rescued him! Let's watch a video about some kids telling us what happened. As you watch, see if can figure out how God rescues Daniel!

### Video: KBS / Daniel

Wow, that's amazing, isn't it!? Daniel got punished for praying. He was thrown into a den of lions. Let's imagine that for a minute. What sound does a lion make? (Let kids say: roar!) That's right, ROAR! So I need you all to stand up (let kids stand). Now, on the count of three, say roar! Show your teeth and be as scary as possible. Ready? 1-2-3: ROAR! Oh, wow! That's great, but I think you guys can be even scarier. Ready? 1-2-3 ROAR!

### GOD RESCUES DANIEL

Yikes! Great job. That was VERY scary. Imagine how Daniel felt when he was stuck in a room full of lions. He was probably pretty terrified. But guess what?! God saved him! God sent an angel to SHUT the lions' mouth. Now, instead of saying "ROAR," they could only say (make a mild, close-mouthed roar sound). See if you guys can roar with your mouth closed (let kids try it). Hard, isn't it? And they definitely couldn't eat Daniel because they couldn't open their mouths!

The next day, the king went and got Daniel—and then he said that everybody should pray to God, because God loves to rescue his family! Everybody say, "God loves to rescue his family!" (Let kids repeat it.)



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Good job! Let's pray—like Daniel!—and thank God that he loves to rescue us. (Pray together, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for rescuing Daniel. Thanks for rescuing me. I love you. Aaaaaa-MEN.

**WORSHIP**

Now let's sing some songs to God together!

**Song: Be Strong**

**Song: Deep and Wide**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Lion Parade – no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

Per kid

Coloring pages: Daniel and Lion

Per group

Markers

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## large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (pp. 152-159)

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others
3. Image: Daniel praying (pg. 153 in JSB; no text)
4. Video: KBS / Daniel
5. Song: Be Strong
6. Song: Deep and Wide

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## connect questions

Tell me about Daniel.  
How did God rescue Daniel?

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## parent page

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