



Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

GOD MADE ME • GOD LOVES ME • JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

STORYTELLER: I'm so excited to tell you something **WOW** I read in my Bible.

Today, we are going to hear about a man named Daniel. Daniel loved God and prayed to God (hold up three fingers) three times a day. Count with me. (*Demonstrate.*) Praying just means talking to God.

Daniel also worked for the king and the king **REALLY** liked Daniel. But some mean guys were mad that the king liked Daniel. The mean guys came up with a plan to trick Daniel and get him in big trouble.

The mean guys knew Daniel loved God and prayed to him (*hold up three fingers*) three times a day. So they made a rule that said people could only pray to the king and no one else... not even God.

Then the mean guys watched Daniel and waited for him to break the rule.



STORYTELLER: When the mean guys saw Daniel breaking the rule and praying to God, they took him to the king. Because Daniel broke the rule, he had to be thrown into a den of lions. A den is like a hole or a cave that has a wild animal in it... and this den had lions in it. Oh no! Say, “Oh, no!” with me. *(Demonstrate.)*

The king was so sad and didn’t want to put Daniel in the lions’ den. Show me your sad face. *(Demonstrate.)* Oh, those are some sad faces. But it was a rule and everyone had to follow the rules.

That night, the king sent Daniel into the lions’ den.

Pat your legs and pretend like you’re walking into the lions’ den with Daniel. *(Demonstrate.)* Walk, walk, walk! Walk, walk, walk.



STORYTELLER: After Daniel was inside the lions' den, it was dark, and Daniel could hear the lions roaring.

Let me hear your loudest lion roar! *(Let children respond.)* Good job!

Daniel spent the whole night in the den with the lions. I think I would have been scared. It was dark and maybe cold and all those lions were around... let me hear your lion roar again. *(Let children respond.)*

The king was so sad and worried about Daniel all night long. As soon as the sun came up in the morning, he ran to the lions' den and yelled out *(cup hands around mouth)*, "Daniel, has God kept you safe?"

And Daniel yelled back to the king *(cup hands around mouth)*, "God kept me safe! The lions didn't hurt me."



STORYTELLER: God was with Daniel the whole time. There wasn't even a scratch on Daniel. **WOW!** The king was so excited that Daniel was okay and he let Daniel out of the den.

God loves us and cares about us just like he loved and cared about Daniel. You can remember that God is with you and will help you be brave when you have to go to the doctor. And God is with you and will help you be brave when you're scared during a big storm. And God is with you and will help you be brave if you have to go somewhere new. God is with you and he loves you. God cares about you and **[Big Idea] God cares about me! [Key Question] Who cares about me?**

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **[Big Idea] God cares about me!**

STORYTELLER: Let's pray and thank God for always being with us!

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: Dear God, thank you for loving us and caring about us. Thank you for always being with us. We love you, God. Amen.

