

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Daniel in the Lions' Den

DANIEL 6

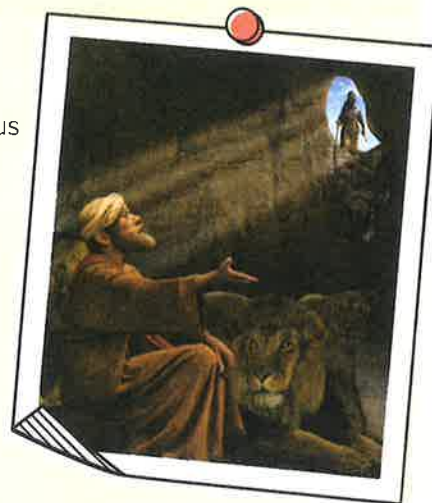
Daniel followed God's commands. God made Daniel a strong leader. King Darius was so impressed with Daniel, he gave him a very important job. The other leaders working for King Darius were very jealous of Daniel and they wanted to get Daniel in trouble with the king. They could never find Daniel breaking the rules.

The leaders decided to find a way to get rid of Daniel. They went to King Darius and talked the king into making a new law that could not be changed. For the next thirty days, no one in the kingdom could pray to anyone except King Darius. If someone broke this law, he would be thrown into the lions' den as a punishment. The leaders knew Daniel prayed to God three times a day.

When Daniel heard about the law, he immediately went home. He got down on his knees at the open window facing Jerusalem and prayed. The officials saw him praying and went to King Darius. They told him Daniel was praying to his God. The king was sad and tried to save Daniel, but he had no choice.

The officials placed Daniel in the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you continually serve, rescue you!" The king spent the night without eating, and he could not sleep.

Early the next morning, the king hurried to the lions' den and cried out to Daniel. He heard Daniel say, "May the king live forever." God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths and they did not harm Daniel. The king was overjoyed and ordered to have Daniel lifted out of the den. King Darius issued a decree that all the people worship the God of Daniel.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, in today's Bible story your child learned that God gives people strength to obey in difficult times. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den for disobeying the king's law, but God protected him.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child understand that she will face difficulties in her Christian faith. Talk about situations she might have already faced because of her beliefs. Remind your child that God is with her, just as God was with Daniel.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God is powerful and in control of all things.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Joshua 1:9

Monday: Psalm 46:1

Tuesday: Psalm 16:8

Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Thursday: Psalm 34:17

Friday: Proverbs 18:10

Saturday: Nehemiah 8:10

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9

LIFE POINT: God gives people strength to obey in difficult times.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Daniel in the Lions' Den* in Bible Studies for Life in the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.



UNIT 1.
SESSION 4

Daniel in the Lions' Den

UNIT VERSE

Love the LORD your God, obey him,
and remain faithful to him.

DEUTERONOMY 30:20 (CSB)

PICTURE THE PROMISE

Write the first letter of each picture shown on the line below it to decode a promise from God.





TO THINK ABOUT

What is something the Bible tells us we can do when we are afraid or sad?

GOD IS ALWAYS THERE

The story of Daniel reminds us that God is with us wherever we go. Draw a picture of yourself in a place where you know God is with you.

