

Parents Connect

Bible Story:

Daniel and the Lions
(Daniel 6)

Bible Phrase:

"God rescued Daniel from
the power of the lions"
(Daniel 6:27).

Bible Truth:

God is our rescue
and strength.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything.



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story for Parents

We can learn much from Daniel. In today's story we see examples of unwavering faith and commitment. Daniel refused to let the threat of death keep him from praying. Too often we adults let our busy lives keep us from prayer.

Say: "You know that God loves us and takes care of us and wants us to talk to Him in prayer. Today I want to tell you about a man in the Bible who wanted to pray even though he might be punished by the king for praying." Open your Bible to Daniel 6 and tell the story.



window wide open.

As Daniel prayed, the men watched and then went to the king. They told the king that Daniel was breaking the law by praying to his God. King Darius was very sad because he liked Daniel, but there was nothing he could do. The law had been made, so Daniel had to be punished.

Daniel was taken to the lions' den. Before he was thrown into the den the king said,

"May your God, who you serve continually, rescue you!" The authorities placed Daniel in the den and slammed the door shut.

All night long the king thought about Daniel. The next morning he ran to the lions' den and called out, "Daniel, Daniel, has your God been able to save you from the lions?"

Daniel answered, "My God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions, so they haven't harmed me."

The king ordered Daniel to be taken out of the lions' den. God had rescued Daniel! King Darius was thankful that God had protected his friend. The king wanted all the people in the kingdom to worship Daniel's God—the only real God.

Say: "Just like God loved and took care of Daniel, he loves and takes care of us. One way that God leads us is through prayer."

Pray thanking God for His leadership in our lives and the ability to talk to Him in prayer.

Activity Suggestion

Make Daniel and Lion Puppets

Use the supplies that you may have such as: paper towel rolls, construction paper, yarn, fabric, glue, markers. Make these as simple or complex as you wish.

After the puppets are made, let your preschooler retell the story using the puppets.

Bible Story

Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6)

Daniel was an Israelite who was wise and respectful. Most importantly, he loved God. When Daniel was a young boy, he, along with other Israelites, had been taken to live in another country. God had taken care of Daniel and his friends. Now as a much older man, Daniel worked for a Persian king named Darius. King Darius liked Daniel and had plans to make him a great ruler.

Some other men who worked for the King did not like Daniel. They tried to catch him doing something wrong, but Daniel faithfully obeyed God and honored the king.

Three times a day Daniel went into his room and prayed to God with the window open. This was one way he showed his love for God. The men who did not like Daniel encouraged the king to make a law Daniel could not obey. The king followed their advice without really thinking about what he was doing. The law required that no one could pray to anyone except the king. Anyone who did not follow the law would be thrown into the lions' den.

The men watched Daniel closely. They wanted to see if he would keep praying to his God. Sure enough, even though the king had made the law, Daniel continued to pray with his