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DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN MIGHTY MESSAGE

The story of Daniel in the lions' den will teach children in Sunday school or youth ministry the importance of not falling for peer pressure. Daniel prayed only to God. But when that became a crime during the Great Exile, could he stand up to these pagan worshippers threatening to kill him? Would God come to his rescue?

How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Cut - Paste - Color Puzzle
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST :

- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Hole Punch
- Scissors
- Ring Clip to Secure Flipbook
- Masking tape (game)
- Blindfold (game)
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hard copy)

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

EXCERPTS OF DANIEL 6 (NIV)

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



DANIEL 6

³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever!

⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.

⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.”

¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den.

²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

CONTINUED...

²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever!"

²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Questions for Children about Daniel:

1. Daniel did not listen to the people when they told him to do the wrong thing. Have you ever had other children try to talk you into doing something bad? How did you respond?

2. Look up Daniel 6:21-22. What did Daniel say the angel did? **A: Shut the lions' mouths and made them not hungry.** Can we always count on God to get us out of trouble without any scary events occurring? (Consider that Daniel still had to be thrown into the lions' den.) How can we count on God without losing faith?

3. Have you ever had to go through something hard, but you felt afterward that you are a bigger person? If so, what happened?



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

King Darius loved Daniel! Daniel enjoyed a close relationship with the king. Mean men were jealous of Daniel. They tricked the king into passing a law that said people had to treat the king like a god. If they didn't, they would die.

Daniel knew there was only one God. He refused to stop praying to him.

Daniel spent the night praying to God with the hungry lions surrounding him. The lions never came near.

Daniel did not listen to the people when they told him to do the wrong thing. He prayed to God and refused to say the king was a god. He didn't give in to peer pressure.

We have all been in situations where people around us were doing wrong. They may have tried to get us to go along with it! God will come to our rescue like he came to Daniel's. We should not feel like we have to give in to peer pressure.



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Printable Flipbook Craft

1

Print the pages into white cardstock or paper.

2

Cut into individual pages. You will have 1 cover page and 15 individual pages.

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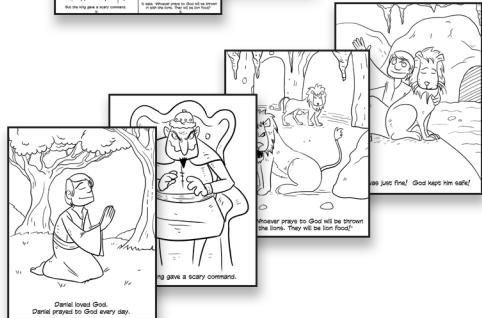
Punch holes where indicated and put the pages in order.

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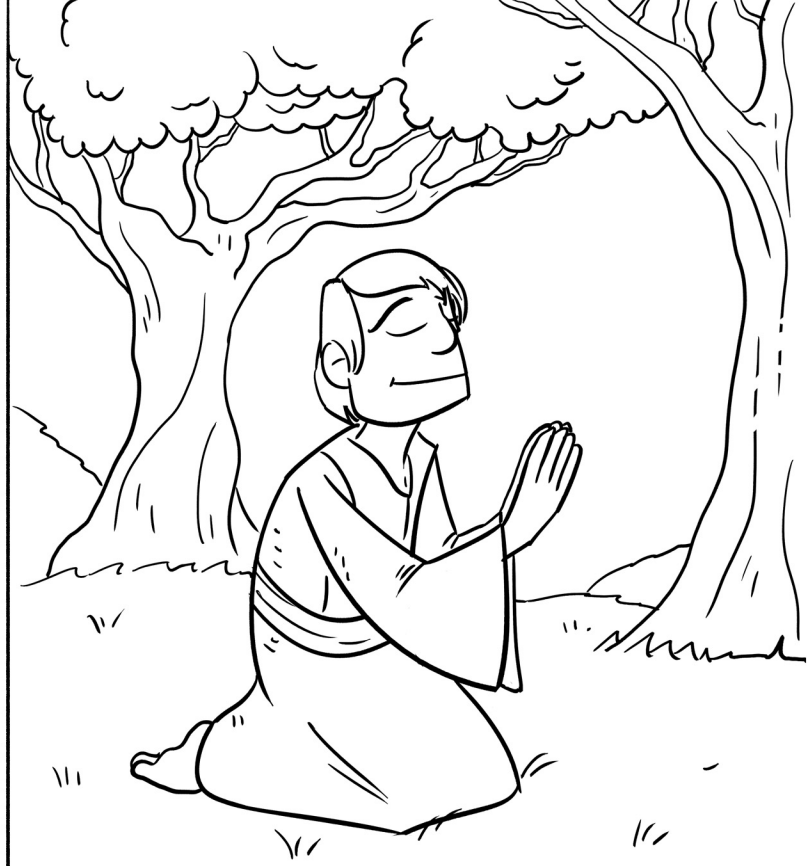
Connect the pages with a book ring or a string.

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Color all of the pages.



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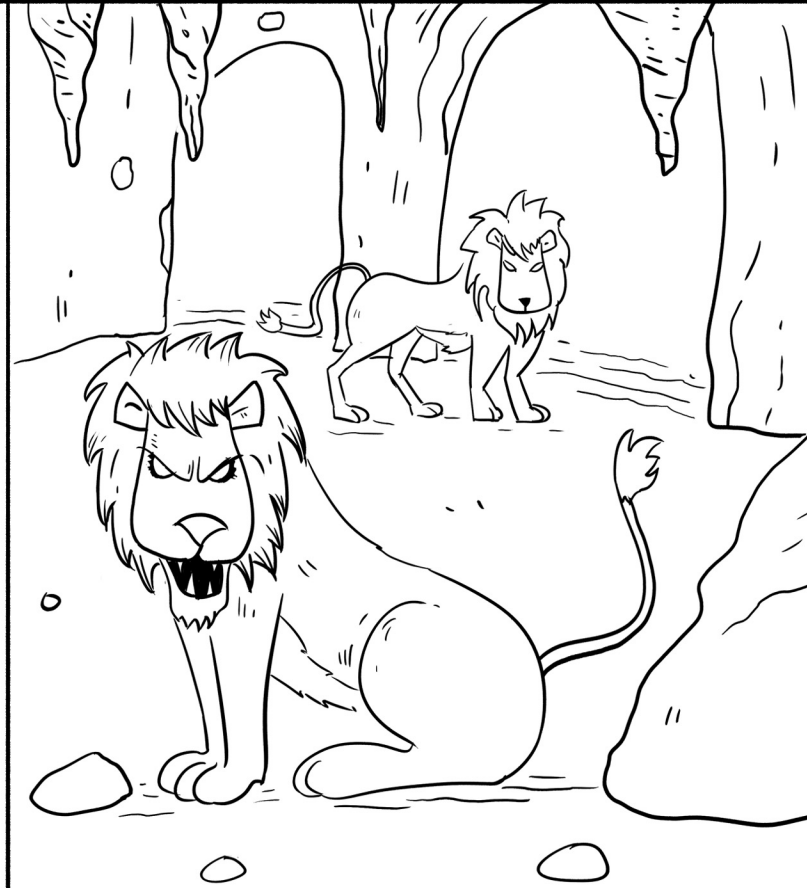
Daniel loved God.
Daniel prayed to God every day.

1.



But the king gave a scary command.

2.



It said, "Whoever prays to God will be thrown
in with the lions. They will be lion food!"

3.



But Daniel loved God so much.
He kept praying to God every day.

4.



A mean man saw Daniel praying and told the
king. Daniel got sent to the lion's den.

5.



Daniel prayed to God and believed that he
would hear him. The lions weren't hungry. Their
mouths stayed closed and they didn't even
scratch Daniel.

6.



The next day the king checked on Daniel.

7.



Daniel was just fine! God kept him safe!
8.

THE LION IS IN THE DEN!

The Lord can save us—as this game will show. Blindfold the lion and have children escape around him - sort of like Daniel did, by using his faith.



MATERIALS:

- Masking Tape
- Blindfold



PREPARATION:

Lay down two strips of masking tape going from wall to wall which will mark off your playing field. It should run the length of the room, but be about six feet wide.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pick one child to be the lion. Put him in the center of the room. Blindfold him.
2. Have all the other students line up on one end of the room. The object is for each child is to get to the opposite wall without being tagged by the lion.
3. Have the first child prepare to run. Say **Daniel's in the Lions' Den!** The child should take off and can either be fast or sneaky. The lion has to listen and use his "lion's instincts" and try to tag that child.
4. If he tags her, she goes into captivity, meaning she has to sit on the floor beside the playing field. If she gets past, she stands by the other wall, safe.
5. Once all the children have tried, speak to the ones who are in captivity. **You're not eaten yet! The Lord can save you still...run on three! One...two...three!**

CONCLUSION:

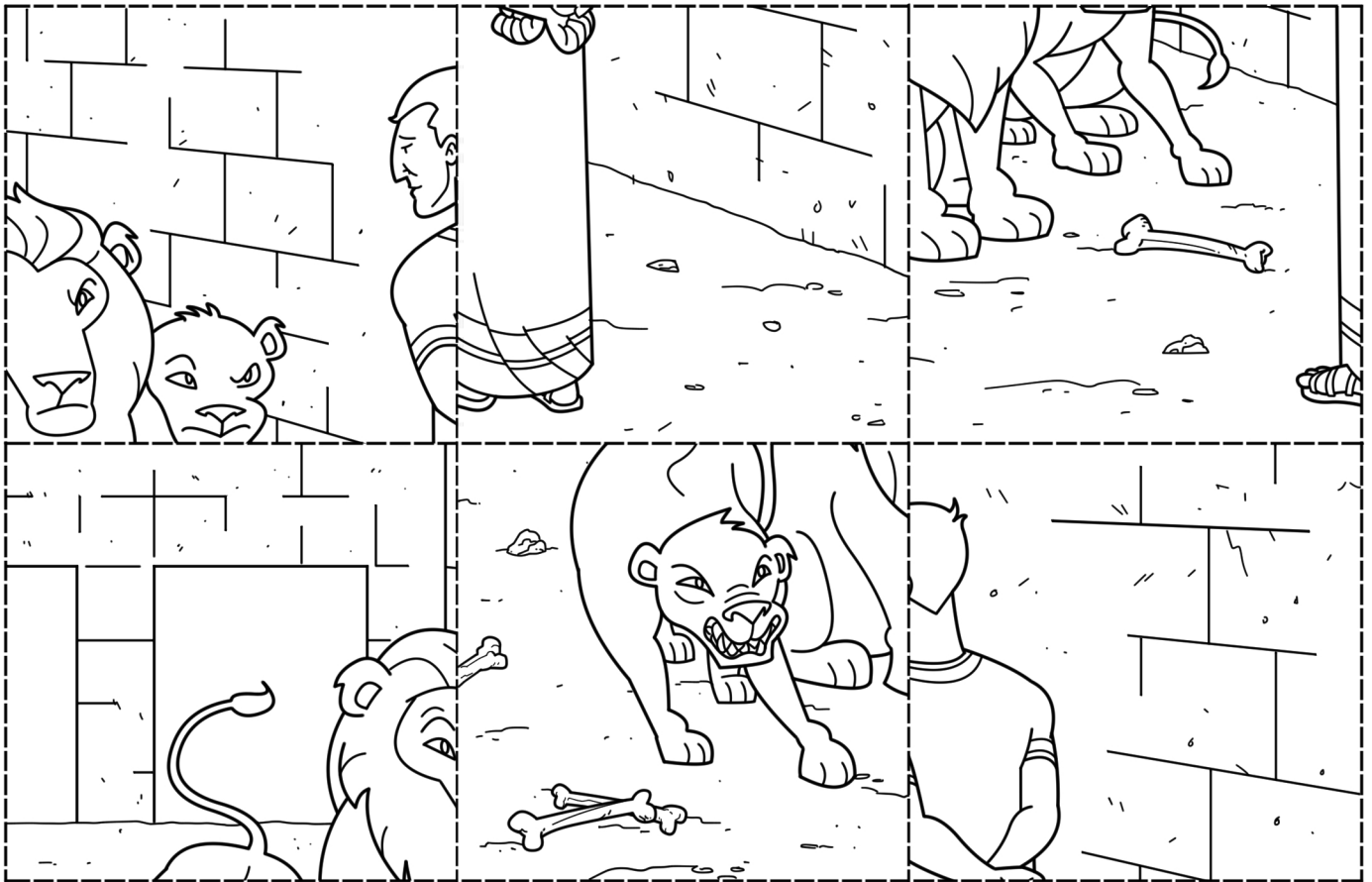
Lions are not people and don't need salvation. They move on blind instinct. That's why we blindfolded our lion. We don't see lions in our real life, but we see hard circumstances sometimes. We have to run past them without getting hurt. And even when we get in trouble, God is there to help us all!

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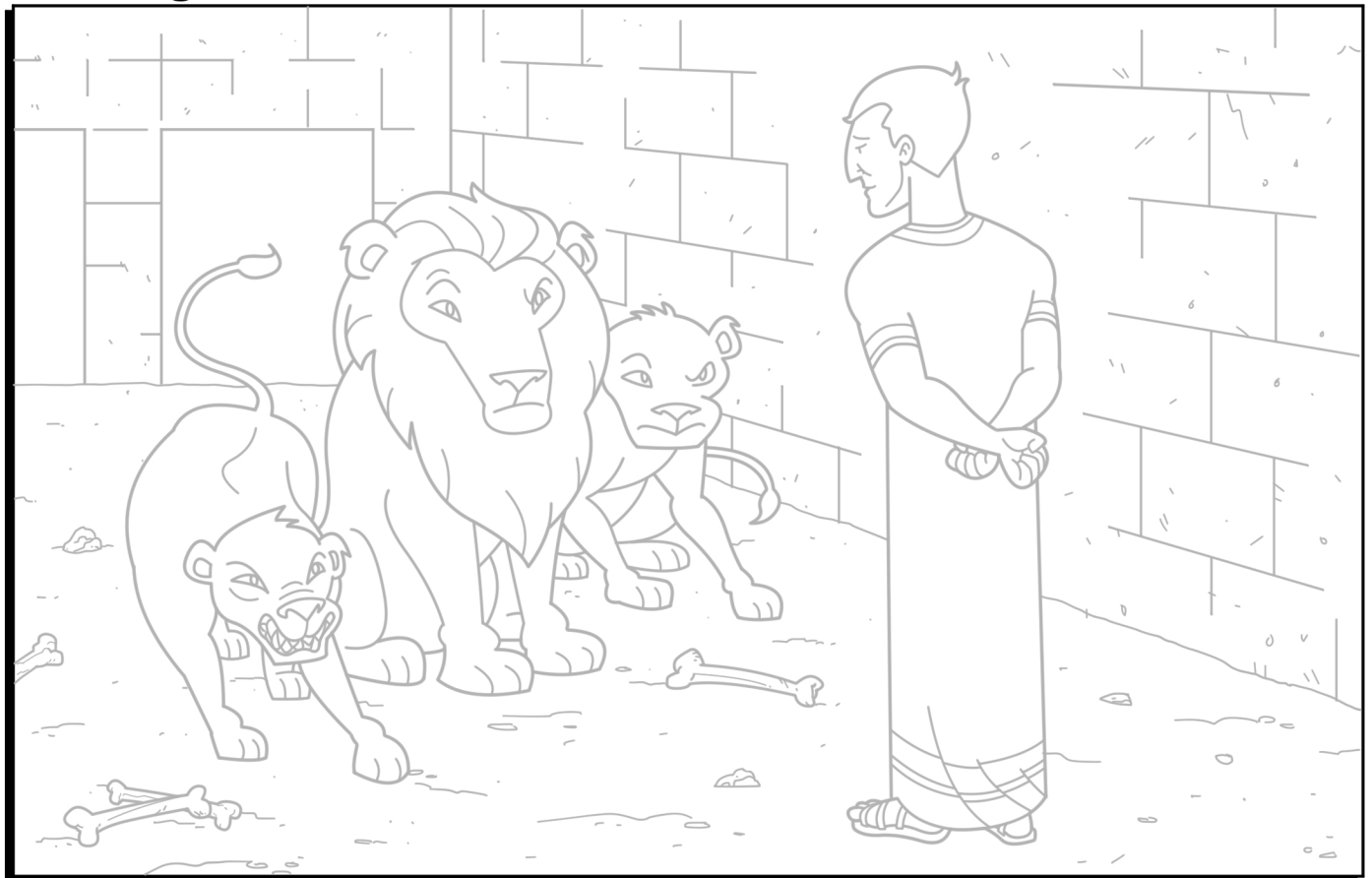
Cut-Paste-Color!

Cut along the dotted lines & arrange in order below.



Daniel gets thrown in the lion's den.

Daniel 6





WORD SEARCH

Daniel wasn't just that good guy who got thrown in with the lions. He was a prophet who wrote the **BOOK** of **DANIEL**, one of the most intriguing books of prophecy known to man. Daniel wrote about lots of things--all those below. Find them in the puzzle.

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B	A	K	D	S	H	V	U	S	O	E	A	A	T	I	N
T	V	A	E	J	J	D	I	R	L	C	S	S	O	G	Y
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O	U	L	B	Q	P	R	O	P	H	E	C	Y	K	E	C

Words to Find:

ANGELS
APOCALYPSE
ASSYRIA
BABYLON
BEASTS

BOMBS
DOCUMENTS
EGYPT
HISTORY
ISRAEL

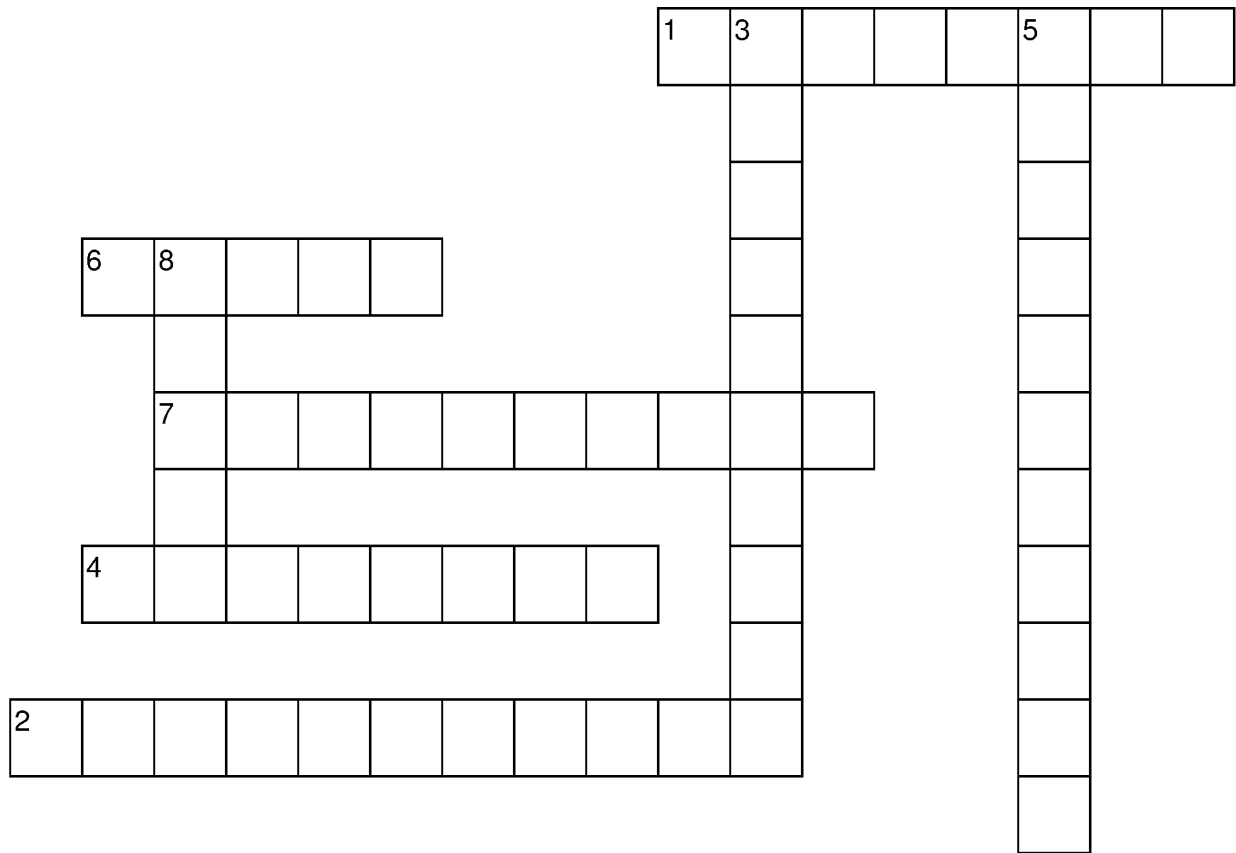
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MESSIAH
NUMBERCODES
PERSIA
PRAYERS

PROPHECY
REVELATION
SECRETS
VISIONS
WARS

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the 'Daniel At-a-Glance Reference Sheet' to help you fill in the answers:



Across

1. Daniel is mainly known for this futuristic type of writing
2. He wrote about this scary futuristic period
4. He said multitudes are doing this in dust
6. Daniel said this protected him from the lions
7. He predicted the death of this local

Down

3. Daniel's prophecies match those in this king book of the New Testament
5. God's friends will arise to this kind of life
8. Daniel was from this class in Jerusalem

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW

DANIEL

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4000 BC 3000 BC 2000 BC 1000 BC 0 BC 30 AD 60 AD 90 AD

- 1. Daniel was taken to Babylon by this scary king who attacked Judah (Daniel 1:1)
 - a. Jehoiakim
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar
 - c. Herod
 - d. Pilate
- 2. Daniel 1:12 shows Daniel refusing rich foods and wines and eating this for health:
 - a. Yogurt
 - b. Pork
 - c. Vegetables
 - d. Nuts
- 3. Daniel's first claim to fame was doing this for the king (Daniel 2:45)
 - a. Killing Goliath
 - b. Killing lions
 - c. Interpreting dreams
- 4. Daniel's three friends were thrown into the fiery furnace for refusing to (Daniel 3:15)
 - a. drink wine
 - b. kill Daniel
 - c. worship a statue
 - d. gossip
- 5. After Daniel survived the lions' den, King Darius issued a decree saying (Daniel 6:26)
 - a. all should worship Daniel
 - b. Daniel's God is real
 - c. both
- 6. In Daniel's visions, wild beasts represent (Daniel 7:17)
 - a. demons
 - b. tough times
 - c. kings
 - d. death
- 7. Daniel 12:4 implies that we will not know the meaning of Daniel's prophecies until
 - a. we get to heaven
 - b. the end times begin
 - c. we die
- 8. In Daniel 11:36, he predicts the anti-Christ doing this
 - a. Exalting himself above God
 - b. Killing Christians
 - c. Dropping nukes

Draw this scary best in Daniel 7:6

UNSCRAMBLE

This last line of Daniel 12 tells you your reward for a faithful life:

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RUYO OTDTLAL THINERACEN

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PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: Daniel 6:19-22



This Week We Learned About ...

Daniel loved God very much. He was also one of the King Darius' beloved friends. One day, one of the king's advisors hatched a plan to hurt Daniel. He told the king to make a law so people could only pray to the king and not to God. Daniel didn't want to break the law but had to pray. When he did so the King was forced to follow his own law and throw Daniel to the lions. Magically, however, the lions never touched Daniel. God protected him and rewarded him for his faithfulness.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. What did Daniel do to be thrown in the Lion's den? **A. He prayed when it was against the law**
2. How did the king feel when he had to put Daniel in the Lion's den? **A. He was sad**
3. What happened to the men who convinced the king to make that mean law? **A. They were put to death.**

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

Daniel got in trouble for believing in God and praying when people thought he shouldn't. Has anyone ever made fun of you for being a Christian or for praying? Tell the story of what happened.

The moral of Daniel's story is that God protects those who are faithful to him. What are some ways you can be faithful to God in school or around those who don't believe?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

Daniel 6:27



To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless

Psalms 18:25



For he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Proverbs 2:8

DANIEL

AT-A-GLANCE



CHILDHOOD:

- Daniel is thought to have been born in Jerusalem.
- Daniel was one of the noble young captives first carried into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, probably during his teen years.



MARRIED:
Unknown

Birth of Jesus

Birth: Approx. 620 BC

2000's AD

Death: 533 BC

CLAIMS TO FAME:

- 1 While in captivity in Babylon, Daniel rose to great favor with Nebuchadnezzar. He held one of the highest government positions under the Chaldean, Median, and Persian dynasties.
- 2 Daniel was thrown into a lion's den for refusing to worship idols, but the lions did not touch him.
- 3 Daniel wrote the prophecies that match those in Revelation, giving specific time periods for events like the Great Tribulation. He was the first to use terminology that Christians have come to believe mean "seven years" and "three-and-a-half years."

FAMOUS QUOTES:

"You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means."
Daniel 5:17, just before he predicted King Belshazzar's death

"May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."
Daniel 6:21-22, after Daniel spent the night in the lion's den and came out unharmed

"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."
One of Daniel's most famous prophecies, from Daniel 12:2



Bible Lookups: Daniel 1:17, Daniel 6:3-4, Daniel 7:16-24

Daniel's life was full of amazing stories! Being in the lions' den is only one. Read the chapter before that tale, Daniel chapter 5, and see another eerie story of Daniel. Write down Verse 22:

Lookup: Write down Verse 30:

This is the famous Daniel story from which the saying comes, "We could see the handwriting on the wall." It means you can see what will obviously happen next in a given situation. God wrote something bad for Balshazzar because the king was a horrible idolater. If God wrote on a wall about you, how would you want it to read?

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask if God will make his way in life for you as plain as handwriting on a wall. Use your own words:

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QUIZ



Daniel had a whole lot of other adventures along with sleeping among lions. He was also a great prophet. Look up the verses below to discover other adventures as well as prophecies to complete the quiz.

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER

1. Daniel was taken to Babylon by this scary king who attacked Judah (Daniel 1:18)

- a. Jehoiakim
- b. Nebuchadnezzar
- c. Herod
- d. Pilate

2. Daniel 1:16 shows Daniel refusing rich foods and wines to eat this for health:

- a. yogurt
- b. pork
- c. vegetables
- d. nuts

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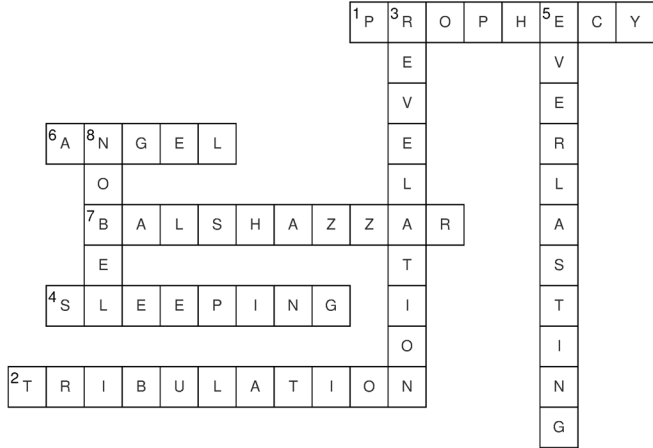
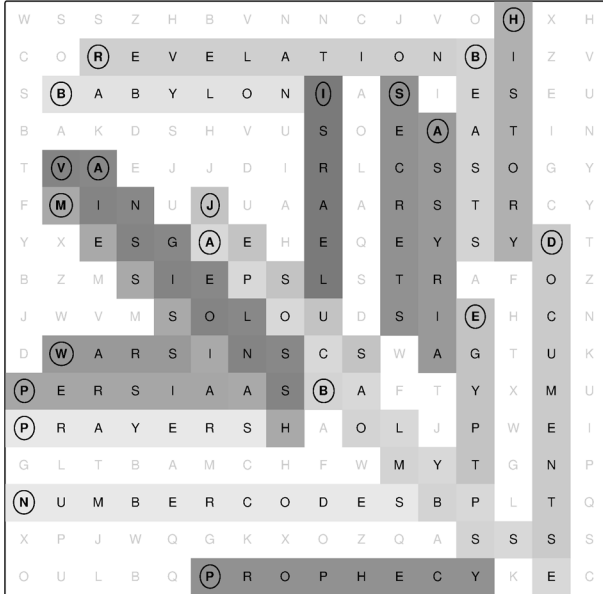
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8. In Daniel 11:38, he predicts the anti-Christ doing this

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