

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

VBS Lesson Outline | Daniel 6

THE BIG IDEA

God protects those who trust Him. Daniel kept praying even when it was against the law because he loved God more than he feared the king. God shut the lions' mouths and saved Daniel.

MEMORY VERSE

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions." (Daniel 6:22, NIV)

OPENING (5 minutes)

Ask: What is the bravest thing you have ever done? Today we are going to meet a man who was so brave that he kept praying even though it could get him thrown to the lions.

STORY TIME (10 minutes)

Tell the story from Daniel 6. Key points: (1) Daniel was a man who loved God and prayed three times every day. (2) Some jealous officials tricked the king into making a law against praying to anyone but the king. (3) Daniel knew about the law but kept praying to God anyway. (4) He was arrested and thrown into a den of hungry lions. (5) The king was sad but could not change the law. (6) God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. (7) Daniel was lifted out without a scratch, and the king praised God.

DISCUSSION (5 minutes)

Questions to ask: Why did Daniel keep praying even though it was dangerous? What would you have done if you were Daniel? When is it hard to stand up for your faith? How does God protect us today?

ACTIVITY TIME (15 minutes)

Option A: Lion's Den Diorama (see craft sheet). Option B: Coloring page. Option C: Memory verse practice with hand motions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this story and what it teaches us. Help us to remember standing firm in faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.