

# 56. Daniel in the Lion's Den

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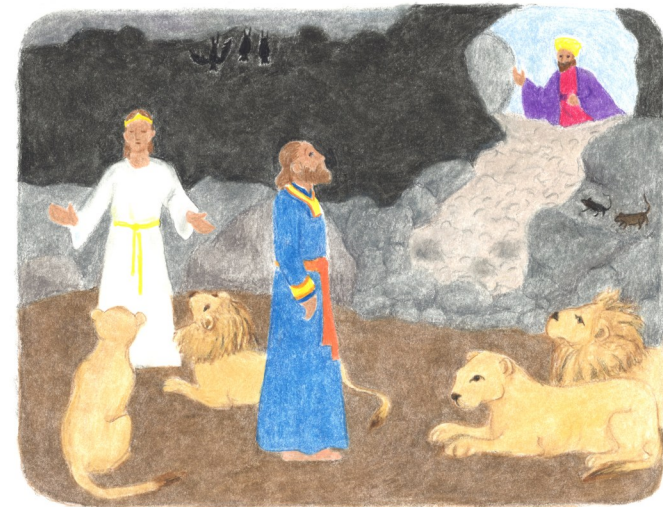
### Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Emphasize the jealousy. The other leaders didn't like Daniel because the king trusted him more than any of them. It's again a good time to talk of jealousy, but not to accuse the children of it, because they are on Daniel's side.
- b. They couldn't get him into trouble because he was such a good man.
- c. So how did they do it? By attacking him through the thing which made him so good—his belief in the Lord.
- d. Note how they fooled the king.
- e. Of course Daniel went right on worshiping the Lord three times every day.
- f. The jealous men thought they had caught him. The king didn't want to put Daniel in the den because he was so good. But he had made a law and it could not be broken.
- g. Note that the king secretly felt that Daniel's God could save him.
- h. Emphasize how the king ate nothing and didn't sleep all night, thinking about Daniel in the lions' den.
- i. Try to picture many dangerous lions in a place and no place to run away. But the angel is so powerful he won't

let the lions open their mouths, so they didn't kill Daniel.

- j. Note that the people who wanted Daniel eaten by lions got eaten by them instead.



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## The Lord Saves Daniel from the Lions' Den

After Nebuchadnezzar, there came a new king called Darius who made 120 princes and 3 leaders to help rule his whole kingdom. The king was thinking about making Daniel the top leader. So the princes and other leaders tried to find something wrong with Daniel but they could not. So they said, "The only way we shall find something is if it is against the law of his God." So they went to the king and said to him, "Darius, O King, live for ages. We think you should make a rule that if anyone prays to any other person but you, they shall be thrown into the lions' den." The king listened to them and made it a law.

Now Daniel knew about the law but he still knelt and prayed to the Lord three times each day and gave thanks to the Lord. Then the princes and leaders went to the king and said, "You made a law and Daniel has not listened to you but prays to his God three times a day." Then the king was very sad, but the men said to him, "You know, O King, that a law you have made cannot be broken." So the men brought Daniel to the king and the king said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve all the time, He will save you." Then the men threw Daniel into the den of lions. And a stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own seal so that no one could touch it.

The king went to his palace and he went all night without eating. No music was brought before him, and he could not sleep. In the morning, the king got up very early and he hurried to the den of lions. When he came to the den, he cried with a sad voice, "Daniel, Daniel, servant of the Lord, has your God saved you from the lions?"

Daniel said to the king, "O King, live for ages. My God has sent His Angel and has shut the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me because I am innocent and have done no wrong." Then the king was very glad and said they should take Daniel out of the den. When Daniel was taken up out of the pit, no hurt was found on him because he believed in the Lord.

Then the king ordered that those men who had accused Daniel be thrown into the den of lions. And King Darius sent out a message to everyone that the God of Daniel is the living God who shall rule forever.

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