## SEQUENCING STRIPS FOR THE STORY OF DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

This is a retelling of the story in Daniel 6, to be cut apart into strips and then reordered in the correct sequence.

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So the king commanded that Daniel be cast into the den of lions. But he said to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

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Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. And he could not sleep. Then the king arose very early in the morning and hurried to the lion's den.

And when he came to the den, he cried out with a sad voice to Daniel, saying, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

They went to the king and suggested that he make a royal decree, that anyone who prays to any god or person except the king shall be cast into the den of lions. King Darius signed the written decree.

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When the king heard this, he was greatly displeased with himself and decided in his heart to save Daniel; and he thought about how to do this until the sun went down. But the law could not be changed.

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that they should take Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

Then King Darius made a decree that everyone in his kingdom must worship the God of Daniel who delivers and rescues as he had delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. And Daniel prospered while Darius was king.

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## THE ANSWER SHEET

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