

Dramatization of Daniel in the Lions' Den

From Daniel 6

Preparation

Make simple costumes for Daniel, Darius, the angel, and lions.



Daniel: Let the child playing the part of Daniel wear a large T-shirt with a sash at the waist.

Darius: Make a crown for the child playing the part of Darius. This child could also wear a bathrobe.

Angel: Dress the angel in white—perhaps a large white T-shirt.

Lions: Use paper plates to make lion masks for the rest of the children. Color the plates with brown crayons or markers. Cut out holes for the eyes. Glue brown yarn or strips of brown construction paper (can be curled gently with scissors) as fringe around the outside of the paper plate. Attach 2 pieces of string near eyeholes so the mask can be tied on.

Procedure

Retell the story while the children act it out.

- ◆ Daniel is a good man who works for King Darius.
- ◆ Daniel loves the Lord, and he kneels in prayer 3 times every day.
- ◆ Bad people get King Darius to make a new law that people can only pray to the king. Daniel knows about the law, but he still prays to the Lord.
- ◆ King Darius learns that Daniel broke the new law. Darius is sad, but he has to punish those who break the law.
- ◆ Daniel is put into a den of lions. He trusts the Lord to keep him safe. The Lord sends an angel who closes the mouths of all the lions. *[Have the angel go to each lion to "shut" its mouth.]*
- ◆ Darius is happy to see that Daniel is safe. *[Read what Darius and Daniel say.]*
- ◆ Darius lets Daniel come out of the den of lions. He was not hurt at all, because he was a good man who trusted in the Lord.