

Daniel

Today is the last lesson about Daniel, we are going to learn about how Daniel trusted God to protect him.

Game

Set up an obstacle course in your room or garden. Blindfold one person and lead that person around the obstacle course, ensuring they get round safely. How did you feel when you were blindfolded? Did you trust the person leading you?

Today we are learning about a time when Daniel placed all his trust in God.



Bible Reading



You can also read this story on p106 of your Big Bible Story Book or watch a video of this story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV3eQ2PBqHE>

Daniel in the Pit of Lions

Darius decided to appoint 120 governors to hold office throughout his empire. In addition, he chose Daniel and two others to supervise the governors and to look after the king's interests. Daniel soon showed that he could do better work than the other supervisors or the governors. Because he was so outstanding, the king considered putting him in charge of the whole empire. Then the other supervisors and the governors tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel administered the empire, but they couldn't, because Daniel was reliable and did not do anything wrong or dishonest. They said to one another, "We are not going to find anything of which to accuse Daniel unless it is something in connection with his religion."

So they went to see the king and said, "King Darius, may Your Majesty live for ever! All of us who administer your empire — the supervisors, the governors, the lieutenant-governors, and the other officials — have agreed that Your Majesty should issue an order and enforce it strictly. Give orders that for thirty days no one be permitted to request anything from any god or from any human being except from Your Majesty. Anyone who violates this order is to be thrown into a pit filled with lions. So let Your Majesty issue this order and sign it, and it will be in force, a law of

the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." And so King Darius signed the order. When Daniel learnt that the order had been signed, he went home. In an upstairs room of his house there were windows that faced towards Jerusalem. There, just as he had always done, he knelt down at the open windows and prayed to God three times a day.

When Daniel's enemies observed him praying to God, all of them went together to the king to accuse Daniel. They said, "Your Majesty, you signed an order that for the next thirty days anyone who requested anything from any god or from any human being except you, would be thrown into a pit filled with lions."

The king replied, "Yes, a strict order, a law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed."

Then they said to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, does not respect Your Majesty or obey the order you issued. He prays regularly three times a day."

When the king heard this, he was upset and did his best to find some way to rescue Daniel. He kept trying until sunset. Then Daniel's enemies came back to the king and said to him, "Your Majesty knows that according to the laws of the Medes and Persians no order which the king issues can be changed."

So the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and he was thrown into the pit filled with lions. He said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve so loyally, rescue you." A stone was put over the mouth of the pit, and the king placed his own royal seal and the seal of his noblemen on the stone, so that no one could rescue Daniel. Then the king returned to the palace and spent a sleepless night, without food or any form of entertainment.

At dawn the king got up and hurried to the pit. When he got there, he called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was the God you serve so loyally able to save you from the lions?"

Daniel answered, "May Your Majesty live for ever! God sent his angel to shut the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. He did this because he knew that I was innocent and because I have not wronged you, Your Majesty."

The king was overjoyed and gave orders for Daniel to be pulled up out of the pit. So they pulled him up and saw that he had not been hurt at all, for he trusted God.

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Big Questions



1. What do you think we can learn from Daniel in this story?
2. Daniel was faithful to God. Do you know what this means? How was he faithful?
3. Daniel prayed for protection, what other kind of things can we pray for?

Don't forget it's important to give thanks when we pray!



Prayer



What kind of prayers did you think of for question 3?

- ★ Can you think of something to thank God for?
- ★ Can you think of a way to praise God? This means saying what God is and what he has done.
- ★ What do you need to confess to God? This means saying sorry for things you have done wrong.
- ★ How do you need God's help?



Songs



Every move I make -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgf1YzscBIE&list=PLA7AF2331A0E16AEA>

Brave -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCC9fGnHH4I&list=PL08n6bjvyRgVa29D5frC1LHZKvCFDn81k>



Craft



1. Make a lion mask

You can use this template <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/03/19/daniel-in-the-lions-den/>



2. Lion Puppet

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/category/bible-crafts/ot-crafts/daniel/>

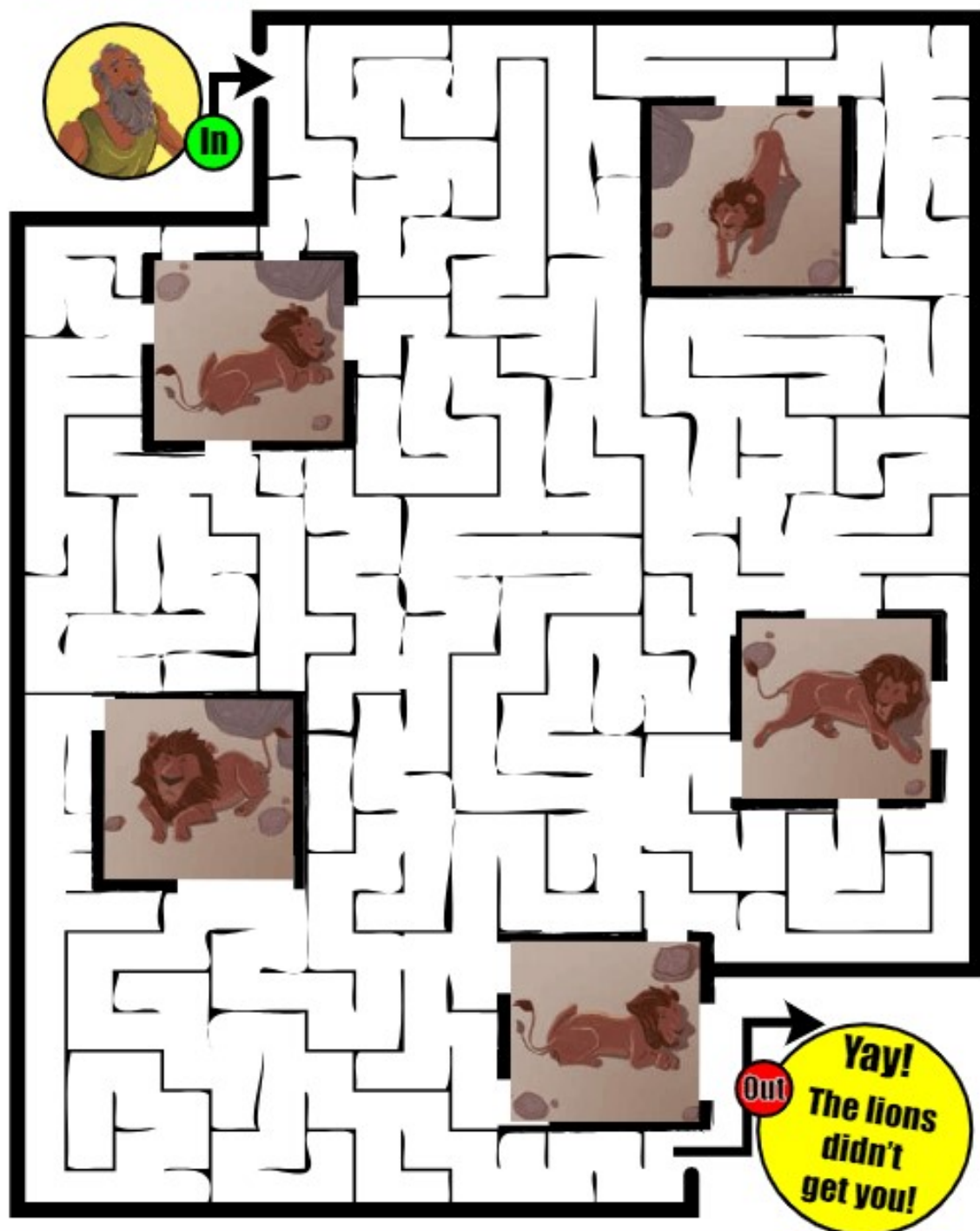


3. Draw a picture of Daniel in the lion's den

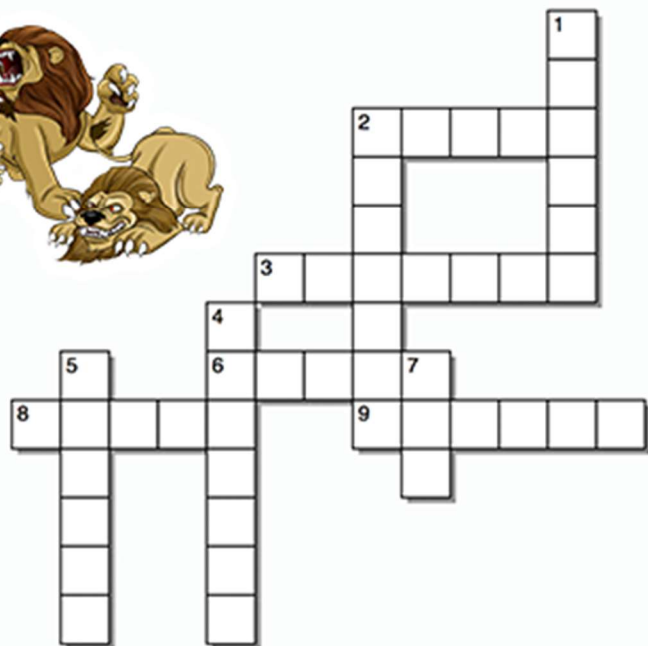
4. Complete the colouring and other activities on the following pages.

The Lions' Den

Can you be as successful with the lions as Daniel was?
Find your way through the maze without going through
any lion cages.



DANIEL AND THE LIONS



ACROSS

- 2) Daniel prayed _____ times a day. (Daniel 6:10 ESV)
 3) Daniel had understanding in all _____ and dreams. (Daniel 1:17 ESV)
 6) "My God sent His _____ and shut the lions' mouths..." (Daniel 6:22 ESV)
 8) Daniel was cast into the den of _____. (Daniel 6:16 ESV)
 9) "King _____ wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth..." (Daniel 6:25 ESV)

DOWN

- 1) King Nebuchadnezzar had _____. (Daniel 2:1 ESV)
 2) Daniel was taken out of the den and no harm was found on him because he had _____ in his God. (Daniel 6:23 ESV)
 4) The king spent the night _____. (Daniel 6:18 ESV)
 5) The king sealed the den with his own _____. (Daniel 6:17 ESV)
 7) The king could not change the new _____. (Daniel 6:15 ESV)

