

Bluey – Perseverance



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*'So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you...
Isaiah 41:10*

Bluey becomes discouraged while learning to ride her bike because she finds it really difficult. Sometimes things can seem hard and overwhelming, sometimes we can't do the things we want to do or the things that God is asking us to do. Even following God can seem like a difficult task when it is something that our friends may not do.

In the Bible we read about Daniel ([watch this clip](#)) who was captured, along with many more of God's people and taken to live in a foreign country. It was difficult for Daniel to fit in with the new country's customs, but he worked hard and was faithful to both God and King Darius. He became a favoured servant which annoyed the other servants, who made it even harder for Daniel by getting the King to make a law that the people should only worship King Darius. But Daniel chose to continue serving God. Even though it would get him in trouble. Daniel still honoured God by praying 3 times a day. When the king discovered that Daniel was breaking the law by praying to God, he had no choice but to throw Daniel into a den of hungry lions. God helped Daniel by protecting him from being eaten by the lions. We aren't going to be facing hungry lions, but that doesn't make our challenges any less difficult. We need to ask God to help us to be determined to keep going no matter what.



Things to think and talk about and do:

- Talk about something that you would like to be able to do, like ride a bike?
- Make a plan for how you will learn to do it and don't give up until it's something you can do.



Prayer

Dear Lord, we may not face the same kind of lions in our life that Daniel did, but we do face many challenges. We need your help to keep on facing them even when we want to give up. Help us to be as determined as Daniel. Amen.

The Story of Daniel can be found in most children's Bibles such as The Lion Storyteller Bible where this story can be found on page 76, called 'Daniel and the Lions.'