

GOD DELIVERS - DANIEL AND THE LION'S DEN

Unit 1 Lesson 4



MEMORY VERSE

Daniel 6:27

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁷He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

VALUES FOR LIFE:

- ⇒ God has control over all of His creation.
- ⇒ Even when we feel alone, God is with us and will send His angels to protect us.
- ⇒ God will deliver those who are faithful to Him.

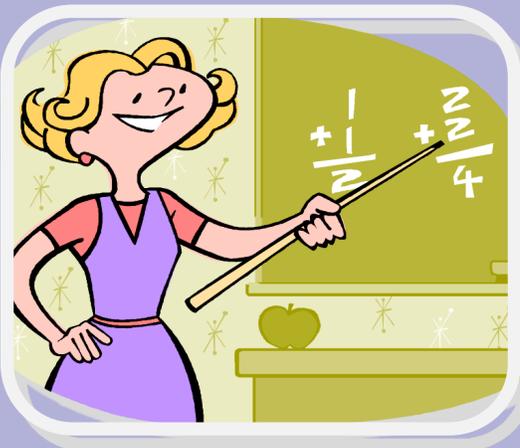
LIFE RESPONSE/MY DECISION:

- What would you do if there was a rule that you couldn't pray to God?
- Will you be faithful to God even though it could get you in trouble?
- Will you put your trust in God to protect you?

My Decision: I will stand firm like Daniel and trust in God to deliver me from all dangers. We must also pray for those in need of water.

LESSON THEME: God takes care of those who trust and obey Him.

AIM: GOD EVEN CONTROLS HIS CREATION FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM.





Bible Passage

Daniel 6:15-23

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¹⁵ Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶ Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Daniel Saved from the Lions

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰ When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹ Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Main Ideas

Daniel did not obey King Darius’ law to only worship him. Instead, Daniel continued to worship the One True God. King Darius was trapped by his own laws to do something he didn’t want to do: punish Daniel for disobeying his laws. Daniel was punished by being thrown into a den of lions but King Darius hoped that Daniel’s God would deliver him. When King Darius rushed to the den the next day, Daniel was able to tell him that His God is a faithful God who sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. God rewarded Daniel for being faithful to Him.

Activities & Review

Activity 1: Song “Daniel and the Lions” (to the tune of “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”)

Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den, lions’ den, lions’ den.
Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den,
‘Cause he prayed to God alone.

God sent His angel to the lions’ den, lions’ den, lions’ den.
God sent His angel to the lions’ den
And He shut the lions’ mouths.

Activity 2: Play “Lion, Lion, Daniel” (similar to “Duck, Duck, Goose”)

- Have the children sit on the floor or on chairs in a circle and roar like lions.
 - Similar to “Duck, Duck, Goose”, one child (representing an angel from God) will tap the other children on the head in a circle and either call them a “Lion” or a “Daniel”.
 - If they are lions, they have to stop roaring and close their mouths like the lions did in the story. If they are Daniel, they have to get up and chase the “angel” child around and race for the empty seat. Whoever doesn’t reach the seat will become the next angel.
- Remind the children that Daniel is only safe from the lions because God sent His angel.

Lesson Review:

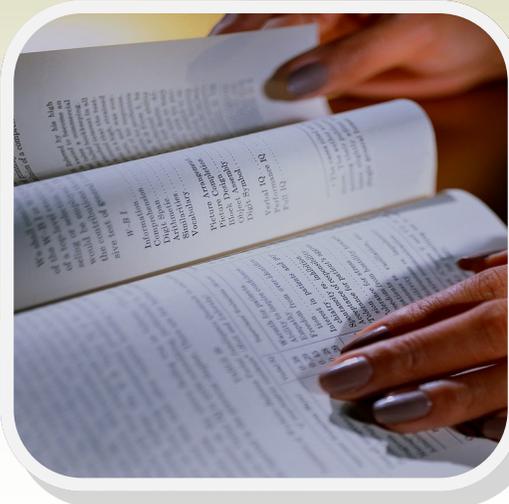
Key Terms:

- Interdict/Ordinance: rule or law
- Den: home for wild animals
- Signet: small seal or stamp
- Fasting: going without food

Review Questions:

1. Why did King Darius throw Daniel into the den of lions?
2. How did King Darius feel about doing that?
3. What did King Darius do while Daniel was shut away with the lions?
4. Was it right or wrong for Daniel to not follow King Darius’ rules?
5. Who helped Daniel to live thru the night with the lions?

TEACHER'S CORNER



TEACHER'S NOTES

Sometimes our own rules prevent us from serving God. In this case, we learn about King Darius' rules putting his friend Daniel in danger. But God is able to turn a scary situation into an example of His power over all of creation and His love for His servant, Daniel.

- Discuss how King Darius was forced to do something that he didn't want to do.
- Show how King Darius revealed his devotion to his friend, Daniel.
- God saved Daniel from the mouth of the lions because Daniel was faithful to Him.
- God delivers those who are faithful to Him.
- We are called to follow God even when we follow Him alone.



OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for bringing us together today to learn from your word. Open the eyes of our hearts and the ears of our mind to listen to your message for us today.

Amen.



CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for protecting me always. Help me to stay strong like Daniel even when I could get into trouble. Send Your angels to watch over me just like they watched over Daniel.

Amen.