



Daniel's and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10, 14-16, 19-23, 26-27

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Captain Drago, a fierce warrior from Planet Ephesus, has recently accepted Jesus. King Darius is a very nervous little man. "Handsome" is a human hand (Actor's body is hidden except for his hand.) Handsome assists everyone by handing them props.

Plot: Captain Yago's brother Drago visits Woodstock and hears how Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow to false gods and were thrown into a furnace. We learn that we must put God first and that when friends unite, God is present.

Costumes: Drago wears a black tunic, helmet, gloves, and boots. Darius wears a Bible times robe, crown, horn-rimmed glasses, and sandals.

Props: Bible, remote control, light saber, lion glove

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: 1960's Surfer music
2. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"
3. Warning siren
4. Choice bell
5. Promise fanfare
6. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
7. 3 dings: Microwave timer dings or bells
8. Lion's roar
9. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
3. Warning Lights: Red beacons
4. Warning Slide: ***"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel."***
Daniel 6:26a
5. Choice Lights: Blinking spotlight
6. Choice Slide: ***Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Daniel 6:10***
7. Promise Lights: Flashing lights
8. Promise Slide: ***"For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:26b-27***

9. Fallback Slide: **No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

The Love Sub
Unit 9, Lesson 45
Daniel and the Lion's Den
Daniel 6:26; 10; 26b-27

Video Intro: (available at ResourceWell.org) (VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle— (SFX: Record scratch) Woodstock: Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man! (SFX: Intro music, VFX: Animated sub) So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!**

Drago

Hello, dudes. Do not move! I Command you! I am coming down. I have stayed onboard this Love Sub to learn more about this bold and brave prophet named Daniel. Once he even faced a den of lions! I admire his courage. (SFX: 3 dings) (Handsome pops up holding remote.) Hello, my handy friend. What's that? You want to bring Daniel here to meet me? Please proceed!

Voiceover

Time Travel Alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a time travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Darius (enters through slide)
Ooh, ow, ooh. That hurt.

Drago
Are you Daniel?

Darius
No, I'm sorry. I'm King Darius.

Drago (draws light saber)
Darius! You are the cowardly king in the story! You threw Daniel into the lion's den!

Darius
Oh, don't hurt me! I didn't mean it! I like Daniel. He's my favorite advisor. He's so smart and so nice.

Drago
Then, why did you feed him to the lions?

Darius
I didn't mean to. My advisors tricked me into making a law. But I took it back and made a new law. I can show you! Do you have a Bible?

Drago
It's over there, in the power porthole.

Darius
Over here? (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole) **Ahh! What was that?!**

Drago (picks up Bible)
It is just the power source! Why are you such a chicken baby?

Darius
I'm not. I'm just a little nervous. I have a lot of advisors that can't be trusted. So, I have to stay on my toes all the time. But I did make a good law! Look! Here it is!
I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.
(SFX: Warning siren. VFX: Warning lights and slide) **Ah! What's that scary noise?** (he hides)

Drago

Oh, come out from there, you big girly man! It's just the warning!

Darius (hiding)

A warning! Oh no, are we under attack?

Drago

No, come out from there! The warning light is just to show us God's warnings from His prophets.

Darius

But, I'm no prophet.

Drago

I can see that. Sometimes God can even use a wimpy king who does not serve Him to speak God's truth!

Darius

I wish I knew that before I listened to those nasty advisors.

Drago

What advisors?

Darius

Well, you see, I have 120 men who watch over my kingdom and three administrators who watch over them and report to me. Daniel is my very favorite advisor. Actually, he's the only one I can really trust. I was going to put him in charge of everything until—

Drago

Until? Until what?

Darius (whispers)

Until my other advisors found out.

Drago

Why are you whispering?

Darius (looking all around)

My advisors ... they're always plotting and trying to trick me. (Handsome pops out of hole) **Wah! What is that scary thing?**

Drago

Relax. It is only my assistant, Handsome. You're afraid of your own shadow.

Darius

It's my advisors. They make me so nervous. Do you know what they did? They were so jealous of Daniel that they cooked up an evil plan. They talked me into passing a law that said for thirty days everyone had to worship only me. If anyone worshipped any other god or man they would be thrown into a den of lions!

Drago

That is the same kind of foolish thing that King Nebuchadnezzar had done!

Darius

I know! You think I would have learned from his mistake? But no! It seemed like such a good idea at the time. Oh, I was so foolish to trust them. I can be so stupid sometimes.

Drago

Well ... don't be so hard on yourself. Everyone makes foolish mistakes.

Darius

Really? Even you?

Drago

Of course not! I'm no fool! So, what did Daniel do?

Darius

I'll read it to you:

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

(SFX: Choice bell, VFX: Choice lights and slide)

AHH!!

Drago

You are a king! Why are you so afraid?

Darius

When you're the king you're always a little afraid.

Drago

You should learn from Daniel! He was not afraid to pray to God even when his life was in danger!

Darius

I know. He's so much braver than me. That's one of the reasons I admire him. It's his habit to pray to his God every day. He'd never let any man keep him from his God, not even a king! But, those other advisors were out to get him. They caught him praying in his room and they all came back and told me that Daniel broke the law. I had to throw him to the lions.

Drago

Why didn't you change the law?

Darius

I couldn't until the thirty days were over. Believe me I didn't want to do it! I tried every way I could to rescue him. I said, "What if we throw him into a den of puppies?" They wouldn't go for it. I said, "How's about a pit of angry chickens?" But they insisted the law says it must be lions. They had totally tricked me into punishing an innocent man. I said, "Daniel, I hope the God you serve rescues you!"

Drago

What did he say?

Darius

Nothing, he just prayed. That's the kind of relationship he has with God. He talks to Him all the time. So, we sealed the entrance with a boulder.

Drago

You should be ashamed!

Darius

Are you kidding? I felt awful! I couldn't eat or sleep all night long. In the morning I ran to remove the stone and guess what? Daniel was alive!

Drago

God shut the lions' mouths.

Darius

Yes! God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths! I was so happy that I made a new law telling everyone to honor Daniel's God:

"For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

(SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide)

Drago

You are not afraid of that sound?

Darius

No. You know what? Now that I've seen Daniel's God rescue him. I feel brave! (SFX: Lion's roar) (Handsome pops out wearing lion glove.) Ah, a lion! Oh Handsome, it's just you.

Drago (slaps him on back)

Fear not, King! We have God's promise! We have nothing to fear! Not lions! Not laws! Not jealous advisors! Not hands that live inside of walls! Nothing can keep us from the God who loves us! Remember that, kids! Don't ever let anything keep you from trusting and praying to God. Until next time, "No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!" (SFX: Intro/outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

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