



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 9, Lesson 45

## Daniel and the Lions' Den

Lesson Aim: To live a life of prayer in a trusting relationship with God.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What do you think is the scariest wild animal?

**GAME:** Lions' Den Freeze Tag

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Read Worship Scripture: Daniel 7:13-14.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD GOD RESCUES DANIEL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the furnace.

**Today, we will hear about Daniel.** Point to Daniel (580 B.C.). Point to Ancient Babylon. **Daniel was a captive in Babylon who risked his life by worshiping the one true God. He was greatly respected and served four different Babylonian kings. Daniel's enemies were jealous, so they tricked King Darius into making a law which stated that, for 30 days, anyone who prayed to a god or to anyone other than King Darius would be thrown into the lions' den.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Daniel 6:10, 14-16, 19-23, 26-27. Pray. Read.

**Daniel made a CHOICE to pray to the one true God.** Read Daniel 6:10, 14-16, 19-23. **King Darius made a new decree, or rule, stating the WARNING for everyone to worship God and a PROMISE about God's kingdom.** Read Daniel 6:26-27.

### THE WAY PRAY LIKE DANIEL PRAYED

**With the new "No Prayer" law in place, what CHOICE did Daniel make?** (To pray anyway.) **How did God save Daniel in the lions' den?** (An angel shut the lions' mouths.) **King Darius saw this miracle and made a decree that was a WARNING for everyone to respect Daniel's God. What was the PROMISE about God's kingdom that**

**King Darius told the people?** (It would never end.) **The kingdoms in Babylon would not last, but God's kingdom would last forever.**

**In some countries today, believers are not allowed to worship together or to talk about God. Other countries only allow praying in certain places. Can those laws stop us from praying silently in our hearts? What kinds of things besides laws can cause you to break your habit of daily prayer?** (Forgetfulness, being busy, being tired, etc.)

**Many of us say a blessing at mealtime. What else do you think God wants us to pray about? God wants us to pray about everything!**

**Let's see what ideas we can learn from Daniel and each other about building a strong habit of prayer. God hears our prayers whenever, wherever, and however we pray. When, where, and how did Daniel pray?** (Three times each day, in his room, on his knees.) **When, where, and how do you like to pray?** Encourage discussion of the children's favorite times, places, and positions of prayer. **What do you think would be the best time, place, and way for you to pray alone each day?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**In his prayers, Daniel praised God, requested what he needed, and admitted his sin. 600 years later, Jesus taught us a prayer we can say daily. It has the same three parts. Raise your hand when you hear one of the parts.** Reveal Matthew 6:9-13. Read, pausing to help children recognize praises, requests, and admissions of sin.

**To remember the three parts, think of the first three letters in the word P.R.A.Y.** (P: Praise God., R: Request God's help., A: Admit your sins., Y: Yes! Close with "Amen!" which means "Yes!") Have children create hand motions for each letter.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: P.R.A.Y. magnet
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Angel shutting the lions' mouths when Daniel was in the lions' den
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Lion Snack

**GAME:** Let's P.R.A.Y.

**CRAFT:** P.R.A.Y. Plaque

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Praise Tag, Four Praise Corners

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**