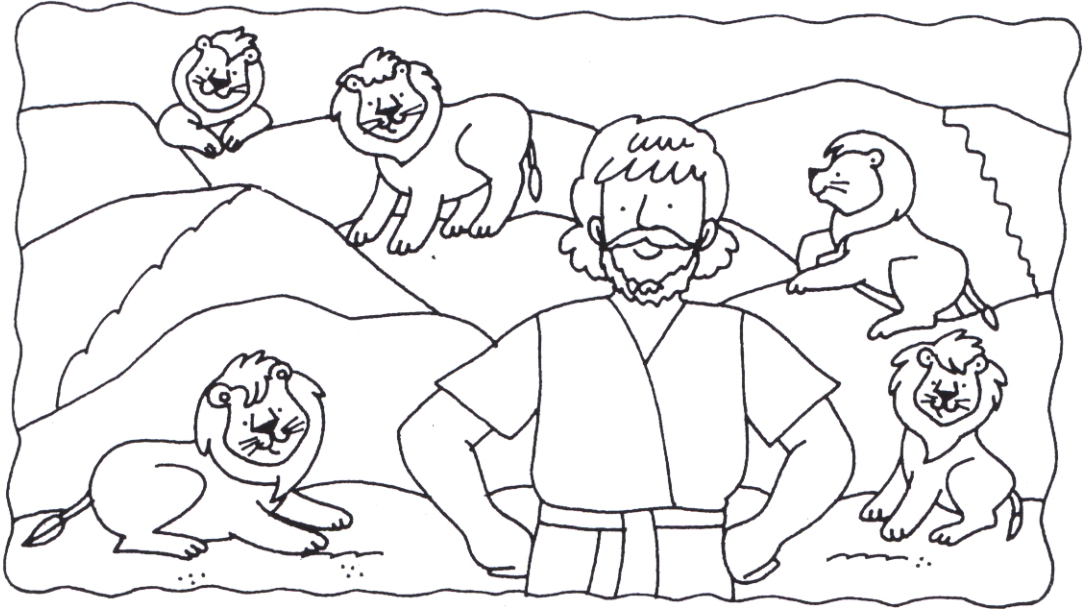


# Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6



Daniel was asked to read the writing that King Belshazzar saw on his wall. Daniel was able to read the words and explain their meanings. After King Belshazzar's death, King Darius came into power. As predicted, the new king divided Belshazzar's kingdom into 120 provinces. A prince was appointed to rule over each one. King Darius chose Daniel and two others to watch over the 120 princes.

Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and princes. The king made plans to place Daniel over the entire empire. This made the other administrators and princes jealous and angry. They began plotting against Daniel.

Daniel was honest and responsible. The other leaders could find no fault in his work. Daniel loved God and prayed to him three times a day in front of an open window. His enemies decided that through Daniel's religion they might be able to find a method of having him dismissed or killed. So they devised a wicked plan.

The administrators and princes went to the king and said, "We all agree that your majesty should make a law that will be strictly enforced. For thirty days, anyone who prays to anyone other than you will be thrown to the lions."

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King Darius signed the law. But when Daniel learned of the law, it didn't stop him from praying. As usual, he got down on his knees three times a day to give thanks to God.

When the officials saw Daniel praying, as they knew they would, they quickly went to the king. They said, "Did you not sign a law stating that anyone who prays to anyone, except to your majesty, will be thrown to the lions?"

"Yes," said the king.

Then they told the king that Daniel was paying no attention to the law. "He still prays to his God three times a day," they reported.

King Darius was very angry with himself when he heard the news. He had been tricked. The king respected Daniel and did not want to see him harmed. But in those days, no law that the king signed could be changed, even by the king himself.

So King Darius had no choice. He gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. "May your God, whom you worship continually, rescue you," the king told Daniel.

The king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He was so worried, he couldn't sleep all that night. Early the next morning, he hurried to the lions' den and called, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God able to rescue you from the lions?"

"Long live the king! My God sent angels to shut the lions' mouths," said Daniel.

The king was overjoyed! Daniel was lifted from the den. Then the king sent a message to the people throughout the world. "The God of Daniel is the living God. He will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end."



# Daniel's God

Use the number code to discover King Darius's message to the people of every race, nation, and language throughout the world.

A = 1	D = 4	G = 7	K = 11	O = 15	S = 19	W = 23
B = 2	E = 5	H = 8	L = 12	P = 16	T = 20	X = 24
C = 3	F = 6	I = 9	M = 13	Q = 17	U = 21	Y = 25
	J = 10	N = 14	R = 18	V = 22	Z = 26	

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**God's Word says:** "His kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end"  
(Daniel 6:26).

# Daniel in the Den

Finish the picture. Draw four more lions in the den. Then color the picture.



**God's Word says:** "A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den"  
(Daniel 6:17).