

Daniel and the Lions' Den

Sunday School Leader Guide



THE BIG IDEA

Even when we feel afraid, we can keep praying, choose what is right, and trust God.

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PASSAGE

Daniel 6

LENGTH

30-45 min

PREP

Low

A complete 45-minute lesson

Use the full plan or shorten the Create section for a 30-minute session.

5 min

Welcome

Ask: What helps you feel steady when you are worried? Children may answer or pass.

4 min

Watch

Play the film with captions. Ask the class to notice what Daniel keeps doing.

7 min

Talk

Use the four discussion questions. Reveal teacher hints only when helpful.

8 min

Play

Complete the story-order activity and practise the memory verse.

12 min

Create

Use the digital canvas or activity book, then make a Prayer Window.

5 min

Respond

Choose one prayer prompt and quietly bring one worry to God.

4 min

Close

Repeat the big idea and send home the five-day prayer challenge.

Questions, craft, and game

TALK ABOUT IT

- Why were the officials jealous of Daniel?
- What did Daniel do when the new law made prayer dangerous?
- How did King Darius show that he cared about Daniel?
- What is one worry you could talk to God about?

MEMORY VERSE

- Daniel 6:23 - 'He trusted in his God.'
- Say it normally, whisper it, use a brave voice, and repeat it with one hand over your heart.

SUPPLIES

Paper, crayons, child-safe scissors, glue, and optional blue or yellow paper.

SAFE CRAFT

Fold two paper shutters over a drawn window. Inside write: I can talk to God anytime.

ACTIVE GAME

Children move gently like lions. On Pray, everyone freezes, folds hands, and repeats the verse.

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I can keep praying and trust God.



This book belongs to: _____

Daniel arrives in Persia

Colour Daniel, the sunrise, and the city where he served faithfully.



AFTER YOU COLOUR

Draw one way you can be helpful today.

Daniel keeps praying

Colour Daniel praying beside his open window.



AFTER YOU COLOUR

Draw or write one thing you want to tell God.

God sends an angel

Colour Daniel, the angel, and the peaceful lions inside the den.

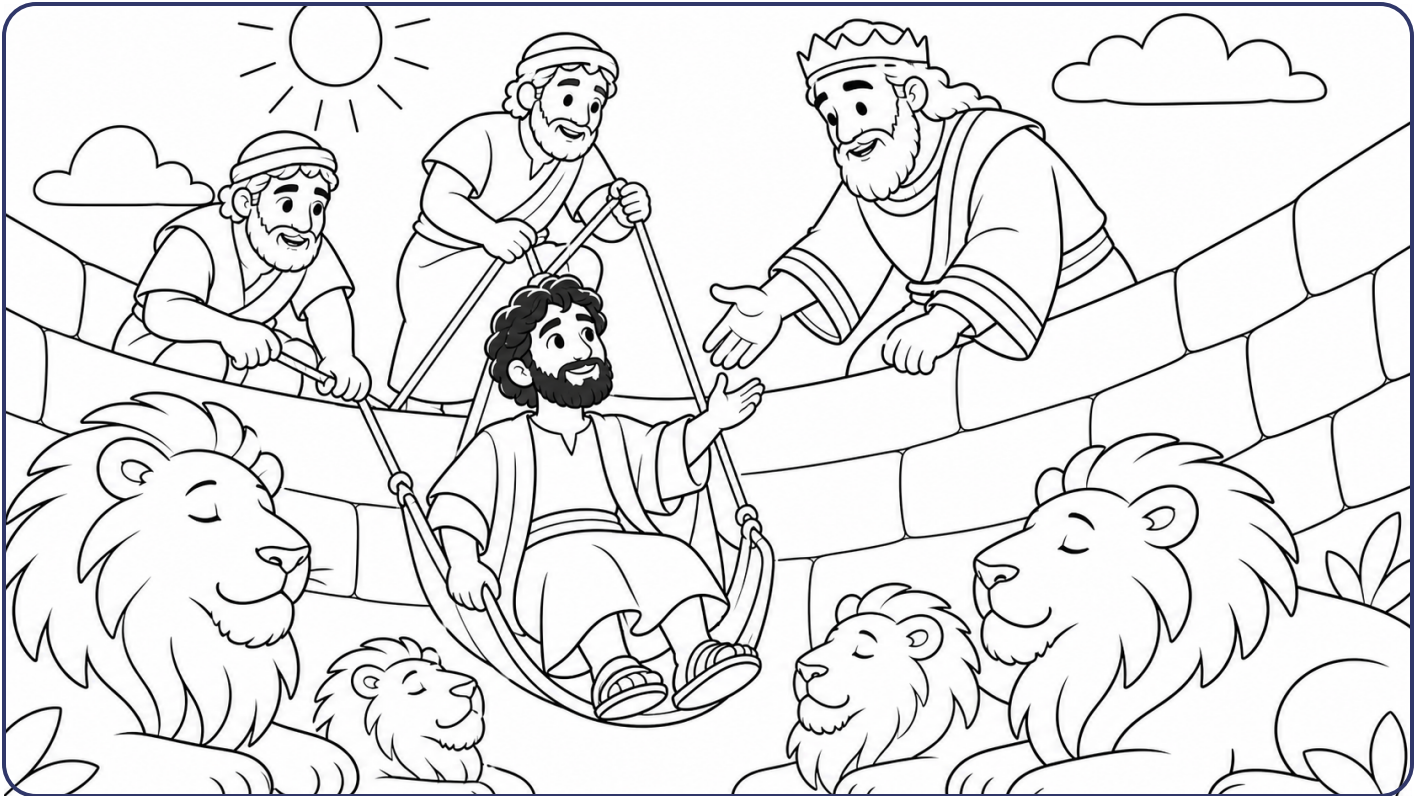


AFTER YOU COLOUR

Circle the lion that looks most peaceful to you.

Daniel is rescued

Colour Daniel being lifted safely from the lions' den.



AFTER YOU COLOUR

Draw a happy sunrise above the den.

Daniel trusted God

Colour Daniel, the peaceful lion, and the night sky.

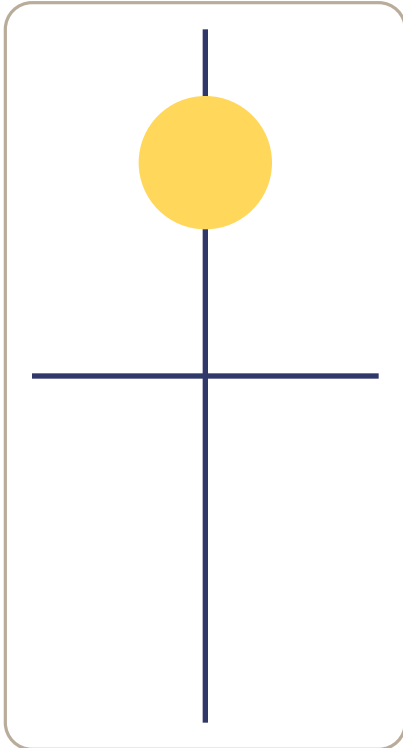


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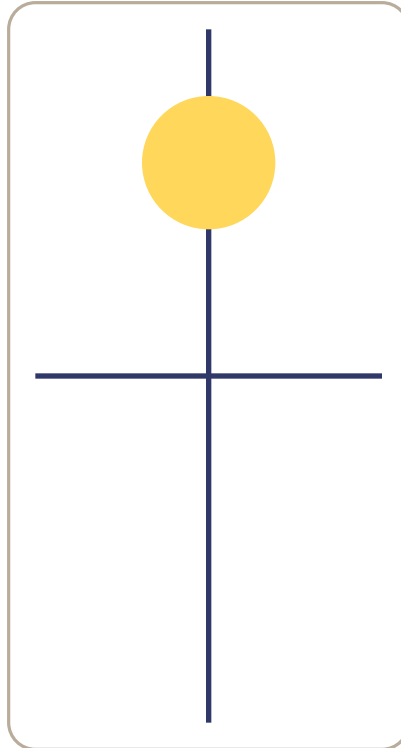
Draw one small prayer: a thank-you, a worry, or a brave next step.

Daniel prayed three times

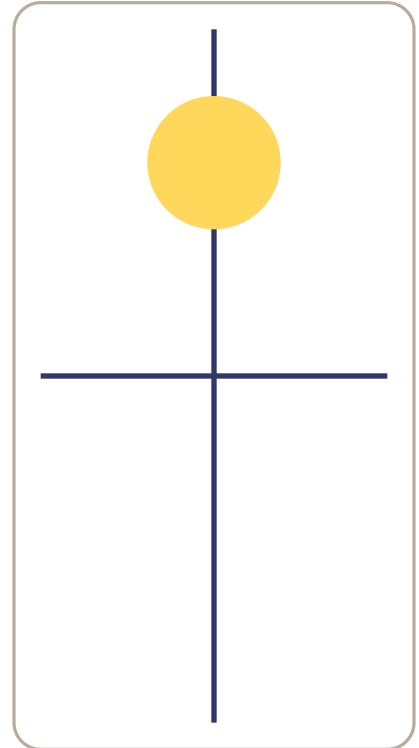
Write 1, 2, and 3 in the windows. Draw one thing you can thank God for in each window.



1



2



3

Prayer was already Daniel's habit before trouble came. What small time of day could help you remember to pray?

STORY ORDER

What happened first?

Write the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes to put the story in order.

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God kept the lions from hurting Daniel.

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Daniel served King Darius faithfully.

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The king celebrated and honored Daniel's God.

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Jealous officials made an unfair law.

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Daniel kept praying to God.

THINK ABOUT IT

What did Daniel keep doing even when the law was frightening?

MEMORY VERSE

He trusted in his God

Daniel 6:23

TRACE THE WORDS

HE TRUSTED IN HIS GOD

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Say it four ways

1

normally

2

whisper

3

brave voice

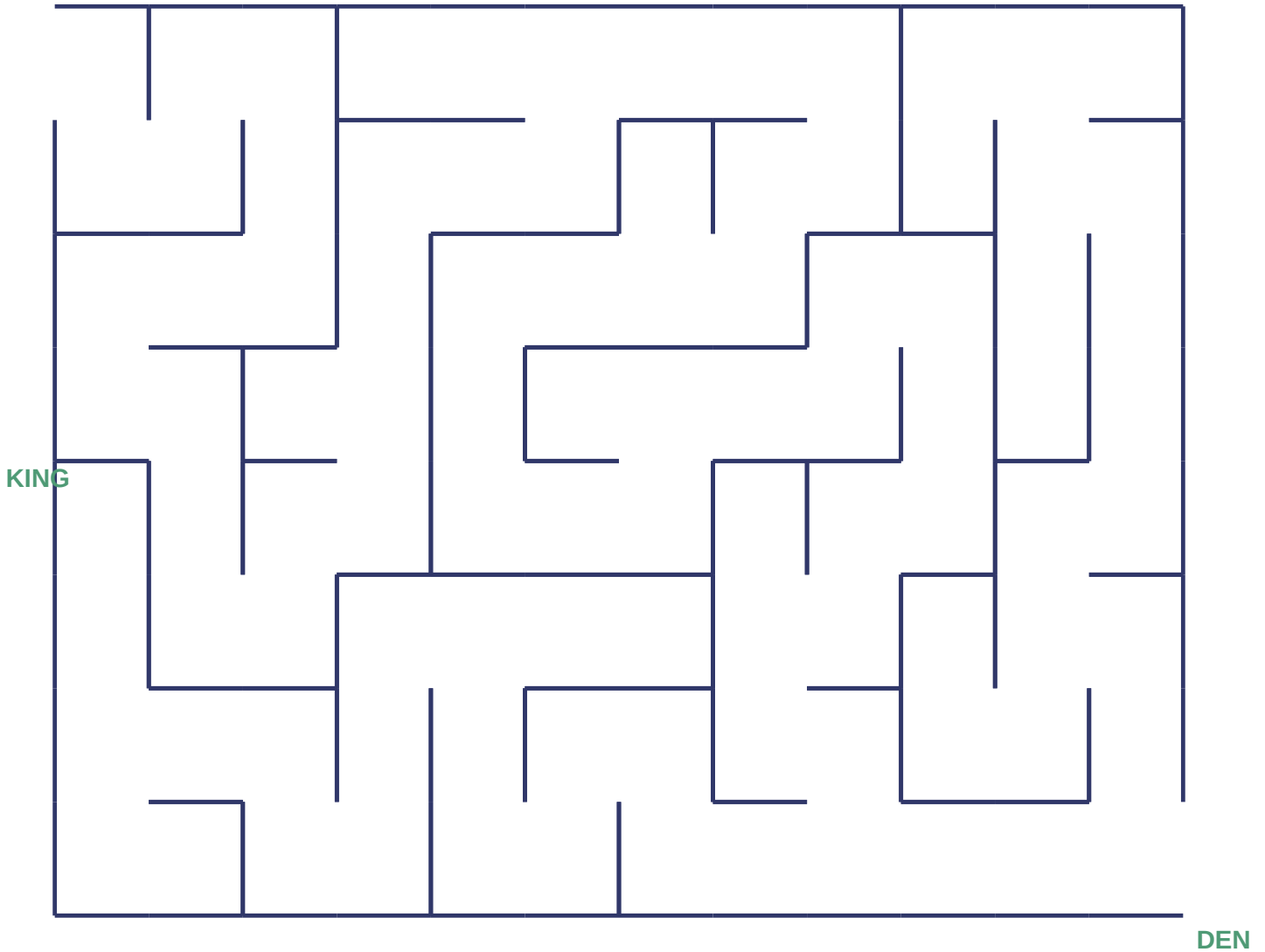
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hand over heart

MAZE

Help the king reach the den

Find a path from King Darius to Daniel at sunrise.



The king hurried to the den because he cared about Daniel. How can you show care to someone today?

DRAW AND PRAY

A worry I can bring to God

Draw or write about something that feels frightening. You may keep it private.

A large rectangular box with a dashed inner border, intended for drawing or writing. The box is empty and occupies the central portion of the page.

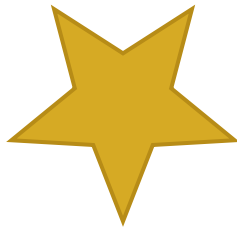
THINK AND TALK

- What helped Daniel stay brave?
- What did the king do because he cared?
- What is one right next step you can take?

Courageous Prayer Certificate

This certificate celebrates

for learning to keep praying and trust God.



HE TRUSTED IN HIS GOD

Daniel 6:23

TEACHER OR PARENT

DATE

Five days of courageous prayer

Open one prayer window each day. Talk for a minute, then pray together.

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1 - THANK

Thank God for one good thing.

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2 - ASK

Tell God about one worry.

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3 - TRUST

Say together: I can trust God.

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4 - COURAGE

Choose one right next step.

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5 - PRAISE

Say or sing something true about God.

FAMILY PRAYER

God, thank You for listening when we pray. Help us choose what is right, bring You our fears, and trust You each day. Amen.