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Daniel and the Lions



The people of Israel did not always love God. They did not always follow His ways. So God sent the armies of Babylon to punish them. The soldiers took people away to Babylon. The soldiers took away a young man named Daniel. He lived in Babylon many years.

One day a new king ruled in Babylon. Daniel worked hard for the king. But Daniel never forgot God. Each morning, noon, and night Daniel prayed to God.

Some officials didn't like Daniel. They tried to find something wrong with his work for the king. But they couldn't. So they told the king, "We think you should make a law. Tell everyone to pray only to you for 30 days. Anyone who breaks this law must be thrown into a pit filled with hungry lions."

The king liked this idea. He made the new law.

When Daniel began to pray, his enemies said to the king, "Daniel broke your law. He prayed to God. Put him in the lions' den."

Now the king was sorry. But it was too late. The law could not be changed.

That night the king's men threw Daniel to the lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God save you."

The next morning the king hurried to the pit. He shouted, "Daniel, did your God save you from the lions?"

Daniel answered, "God's angel shut the mouths of the lions. I am not hurt."

The king felt so happy! The king said, "I want my whole kingdom to love Daniel's God. He is the true God."

We honor the
Lord above all.



Parents: Mark off an area of the floor with masking tape or a hula hoop to represent a lions' den. If you have toy lions, put them in the den. Sit together inside the lions' den as you remind your child that we can pray to God anywhere, anytime—even in a lions' den—not just at meals, church, or bedtime. God is with us everywhere. He hears us and takes care of us.