

Week 2 of November Bible

Memory Verse: Luke 11:28 "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

Day 1: Daniel and His Friends (Daniel 3) Theme: Trusting God in Difficult Times and Choosing to Do What is Right

- Introduction: Introduce the children to the story of Daniel's friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- Discuss how some of the Babylonian officials at the time were jealous of them because they had become wise and trusted leaders. They convinced King Nebuchadnezzar to make a new law that everyone must bow down to a golden idol.
- Talk about how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood firm and didn't bow down to the idol. They continued to worship God and the King got really angry. They told him that it didn't matter if he threw them into the fiery furnace because God would protect them.
- King Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the fiery furnace that was heated 7 times hotter than usual. When he looked in the furnace, he saw a 4th man walking around unharmed. The 4th man was the Son of God. God kept them safe!
- King Nebuchadnezzar was so impressed that their God had protected them, so he promoted them to a higher office and made a decree that everyone worship the God of Israel.
- Activity- have the children act it out.

Day 2: Discuss and set the background for the events leading up to King Darius throwing Daniel into the lions den

- King Darius was king of Babylon. He appointed Daniel to be the leader of all his advisors.
- King Darius loved and respected Daniel.
- King Darius and all the advisors knew that Daniel worshipped God and followed his commands.
- The other advisors were very jealous of Daniel and they plotted to get rid of him.
- Discuss with the children how people may not like it because we choose to follow God and obey what God's word says, but we need to stand firm in our beliefs and do what God tells us to do.

Day 3: The Plot to Kill Daniel (Daniel 6)

- Bible Story: Read Daniel 6
- Discuss how the advisors that didn't like Daniel convinced King Darius to make a new law that people could only worship and pray to the king-and if they didn't- they would be thrown into the lion's den.
- They knew Daniel worshipped and prayed to the God of Israel three times a day, so they knew that Daniel would not obey the law.
- Daniel stood firm and still prayed 3 times a day. The advisors went and told King Darius that Daniel was breaking his law by praying to God and not him.

- The king was very sad because Daniel was his friend and he loved him. The King had to make a decision that was very hard for him- he had no choice but to follow through with the punishment.
- Lesson: Explain that God watches over us and delivers us from harm when we trust in Him.
- Activity: Have a lion-themed craft, such as making lion masks or drawing pictures of Daniel in the lion's den.

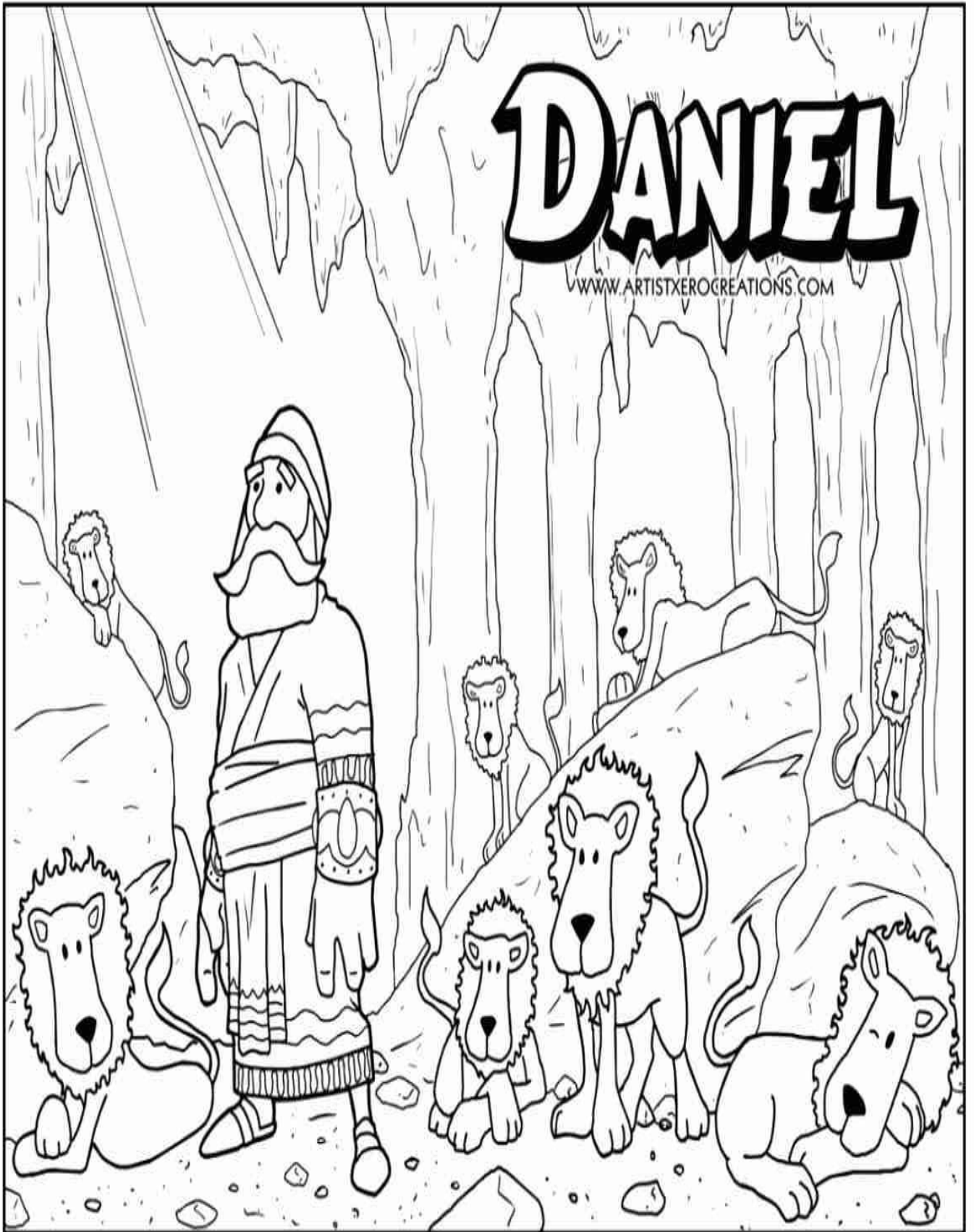
Day 4- King Darius Gives the Order to Throw Daniel Into the Lions Den

- The king ordered him to be thrown in with the lions
- He told Daniel that he hoped his God would protect him
- He worried all night long if Daniel's God would protect him
- God shut the mouths of the lions and sent an angel to protect him. The lions didn't hurt him at all!
- King Darius ran to the lions den to see if Daniel had survived, and to his surprise- Daniel was alive and well! The king ordered the advisors that accused Daniel to pull him out of the den.
- The king had the advisors thrown into the lions den.
- King Darius was so happy that he made a decree that all the people in the land should worship the God of Daniel.

Day 5- Conclude the week with a short review of the lessons learned from Daniel's life. Emphasize that God loves and cares for us, and when we trust and obey Him, He guides and protects us just like He did with Daniel. Encourage the children to be faithful and trust in God in their own lives.

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Skills: Large circles, short dotted lines

Steps: Cutting, pasting, coloring

Suggestions: Curl fringed edges. Paste yarn pieces to mane.

Literature Link: *Forget Me Knot*
by Paul Rogers

A story about an absent-minded lion.

