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Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:1-28



YOUR BIBLE READING

Daniel continued faithful prayer when pressure made it costly.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Rule Designed to Trap Daniel

Daniel 6:1-28



Daniel served under King Darius and was trusted with important work. Other officials looked for a reason to accuse him, but they could find no dishonesty or neglect in his duties. His faithfulness frustrated their plan. They decided that the only way to attack him was through his worship of God. The wrongdoing in this story begins with people trying to turn an honest person's faith into a trap.

The officials persuaded Darius to sign a decree. For thirty days, anyone who made a request of a god or another person instead of the king would be thrown into a den of lions. They presented it as an agreed plan among the officials, though it was directed against Daniel. Once signed under the kingdom's law, the order could not be changed. The king gave his authority to a cruel and dangerous rule.

Daniel knew that the decree had been signed. He went home, where his upstairs windows opened toward Jerusalem, and continued his usual practice of prayer. Three times a day, he knelt, gave thanks, and asked God for help. He did not begin praying only to make a display of opposition. The account says he continued what he had done before. The officials found him praying and took their accusation to Darius.

When the king understood the situation, he was distressed. He tried until sunset to find a way to rescue Daniel, but the officials insisted on the decree. Daniel was taken to the lions' den. Darius spoke of the God Daniel continually served as the one who could deliver him. A stone was placed over the entrance and sealed. Daniel remained inside, while the king returned to his palace for a troubled night.

Remember: I can keep turning to God when life is difficult.

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A Voice from the Den

Daniel 6:1-28



Darius passed the night without food or entertainment and could not sleep. Early in the morning, he hurried to the den. He called with an anxious voice, asking whether the living God Daniel served had been able to rescue him from the lions. The question shows the king's concern. He did not arrive knowing what he would find. The danger that his own decree had created was still before him.

Daniel answered from inside. He told Darius that God had sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths. The animals had not harmed him. He had been found innocent before God, and he had done the king no harm either. The account does not describe Daniel taming the lions or using a special skill to control them. It presents his safety as an extraordinary rescue from God within a place of real danger.

The king was greatly relieved and ordered Daniel to be lifted out. No injury was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. Darius then inflicted terrible punishment on the accusers and their families. That severe royal action belongs to this ancient account; it is not a pattern for how children should treat others. The story is serious about both the plot against Daniel and the harsh power of the ruler.

Afterward, Darius sent a message throughout his kingdom honoring Daniel's God. He spoke of God as living and enduring, whose kingdom would not be destroyed, and who had rescued Daniel from the lions. Daniel continued to prosper in his service during the reigns named in the passage. The honest official whom others had tried to remove remained. His regular prayer and faithful work had not ended when powerful people put pressure on him.

Pause and think: Which ordinary habit could help you practice honesty or gratitude more consistently?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Faithful in Ordinary Things



Before the lions appear, the story tells us about Daniel's work. The officials could not find dishonesty in it. Faithfulness can take ordinary forms: keeping a promise, returning what belongs to someone else, or completing a task carefully. These examples are for our lives today, not extra details about Daniel's office. Small acts of honesty matter even when nobody makes a grand announcement about them.

Daniel's prayers also belonged to an existing habit. A quiet time of thanks or an honest request for help can become part of a day. This story does not promise that prayer prevents every injury. People who are harmed have not necessarily prayed less faithfully. Daniel's rescue is a particular event, and we should not use it to blame anyone whose difficult story ends differently.

The officials used a rule to hurt someone. If a rule or a person's demand threatens your safety, tell a trusted adult and ask for help. Courage does not require entering danger on your own. We can honor Daniel's faithfulness while recognizing that safe adults should work to protect children from harm and challenge unfair treatment.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Faithfulness includes honest work and continued trust in God, even when others apply pressure.

Which ordinary habit could help you practice honesty or gratitude more consistently?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why did the officials attack Daniel's prayer life?

2. How did Daniel explain his safety?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ God protected Daniel, and the king had him lifted out.
- ☐ The officials obtained an order restricting prayer.
- ☐ Daniel kept praying and was put in the lions' den.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Daniel praying at the open window before the officials arrive.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can keep turning to God when life is difficult.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Daniel 6:10,22

A thoughtful conversation

This particular rescue does not promise that prayer prevents every injury. The full chapter includes severe punishment of the accusers and their families; that royal action is not a model for children to imitate.

Activity answers

1. They could find no dishonesty in his work and wanted a way to accuse him.
2. God had sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us be faithful, honest, and wise when we are afraid. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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