

# BOOK OF DANIEL



## Courage in Culture

### THE THEME

Courage in Culture

### NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE (NEW)

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him.” **Nahum 1:7 - NIV**

### NOVEMBER CHALLENGE VERSE (NEW)

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

**Isaiah 43:2 - ESV**

### NOVEMBER 5 - LIFE APPLICATION

**“Know That God Promises His Presence.”**

## Note to Parents

From October through December, we are studying the **Book of Daniel** and how we can have “**Courage in Culture.**” The life application this week is “**Know That God Promises His Presence.**” Before talking with your kids, read **Daniel 6.**

In this chapter of Daniel there is another new king. (If you have an Action Bible, read the story starting on **page 506** with your kids and refer to your Bible for discussion as needed.)

### DISCUSS:

1. **Who became the king after Belshazzar? (Darius.) What job did Darius give to Daniel? (Daniel 6:1-3 - He appointed Daniel to be one of the three men to be administrators over the 120 satraps who ruled the kingdom. However, because Daniel impressed him so much, he planned to set Daniel over the three who ruled the satraps - as the second most powerful man in the land.)**
2. This made the other administrators angry and jealous. **What did they try to do? (Verses 4,5 - They tried to find anything they could to make Daniel look bad in the eyes of the king.)**

**Were they able to do so? Why not? (Verse 6 - They realized, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”)**

3. So the administrators set a trap for Daniel, so that the king had no choice but to condemn him. **What was it? (Verses 6-8 - they convinced the king to issue an edict that anyone who prayed to anyone except King Darius within the next 30 days would be thrown into the lion’s den.)**
4. Read **Daniel 6:10. Did Daniel obey the edict? (No, he continued to pray on his knees in front of a window facing Jerusalem three times a day. The satraps knew that Daniel would still pray to his God!) Why do you think Daniel disobeyed the king’s edict? (Discuss. Daniel believed only God was worthy of worship. He had great faith and trust in God.)**
5. Read **verses 15,16. After the men found Daniel praying and went to the king demanding that he could not change his edict according to the law, how did he react? (The king was greatly distressed and tried everything**

he could to save Daniel until sundown, when the punishment was set to happen.) **What did the king say to Daniel when he sent him to the lion's den?** (Read out loud: "The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!'")

6. After the king had Daniel thrown into the lion's den, he had a stone rolled over the mouth of the den, and sealed it himself. He then went home and worried all night! He couldn't even eat. **Why do you think the king was worried?** (Because he cared for Daniel and hoped that Daniel's God could save him.)
7. **What happened in the morning?** (Parents, read **Daniel 6:19-23** in a dramatic voice. Let your kids tell you how the king felt- excited and overjoyed!)

**How did Daniel explain to King Darius what had happened to him in the lion's den?** (The Lord sent an angel and closed the mouths of the lions because Daniel was innocent. Daniel told the king he had never done anything wrong against him.) God sent an angel.

**Who do you think the angel could have been?** (Many think it was Jesus. Jesus was always present, from before the earth was created until now, active in all things.)

8. The king then punished all of the men who had tried to hurt Daniel by throwing them into the lion's den. **Did God protect them?** (No, because they had done wrong and had tried to hurt Daniel.)
9. Together, read the king's decree, sent to everyone in the kingdom:

**26** I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God  
and he endures forever;  
his kingdom will not be destroyed,  
his dominion will never end.

**27** He rescues and he saves;  
he performs signs and wonders  
in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel  
from the power of the lions."

**28** So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

## LIFE APPLICATION

- Live courageously for Jesus. People may try to persuade you to do wrong, but stand firm.
- Trust God in the lion's den (in your hard times), and He will be with you. He may even send an angel! He can deliver you.
- You may even be promoted like Daniel was! Honored.
- Your life is a witness to those around you. Your life may be the only Bible someone may read! Always be faithful. From childhood to adulthood. Like Daniel.

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. After discussion, assign parts and act out the story. Join in and be very dramatic. Your kids will love it!
2. Together, watch Superbook- "Roar!" (available on Youtube)
3. For younger kids: Watch "A Roaring Rescue!" in The Bible App for Kids.
4. Have your family start learning this month's Bible verse. Write it on a large card and decorate. Place where it can be seen and recited over and over again!

## PRAYER

*"Dear God, we know that You protected Daniel because he was faithful and lived courageously for You. Thank You for saving Daniel, and for being with us when we go through trials and temptations. Please help us to be faithful, courageous and strong. In Jesus' Name, Amen."*

