

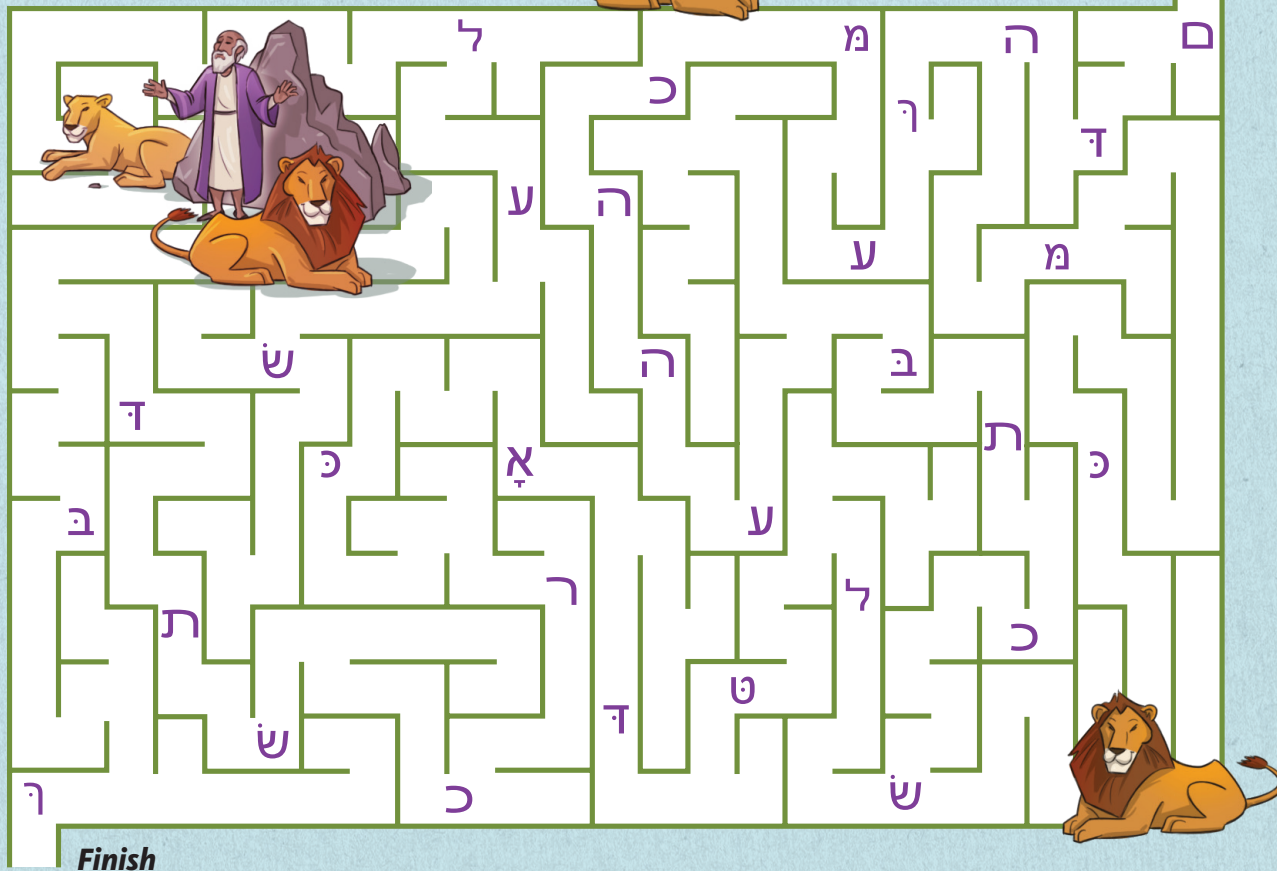
Daniel Serves Faithfully

Name

Help Daniel through the maze of lions! As you reach the symbols along the correct path, use the code to find the matching letters and write them in order in the blanks to learn what happened when Daniel was thrown into the lions' den.



Start



Finish

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M
ב ד ה ז ט ן כ ל ן נ ם ף פ
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



How well do you know the memory verse? Fill in the blanks by memory or look up the verse for help.

Therefore the _____ waits to be _____ to you, and therefore he _____ himself to show

_____ to you. For the LORD is a God of _____; blessed are all those who _____ for him. **Isaiah 30:18**

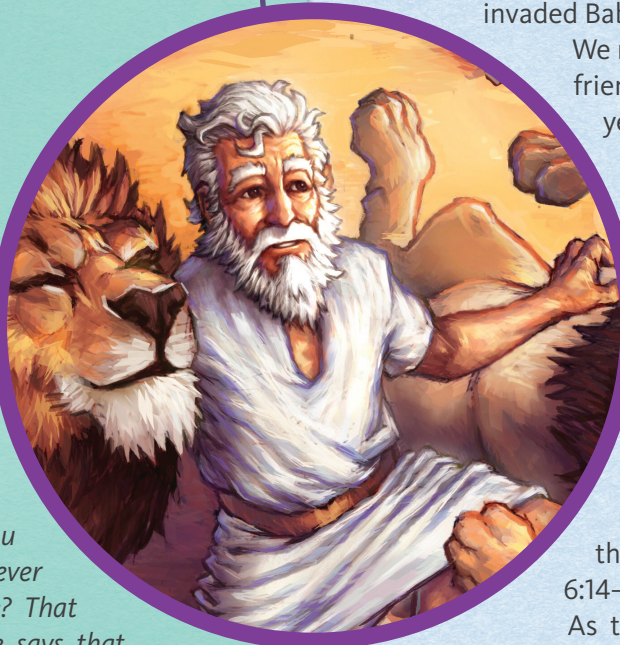
What You Heard *In the Word*

- Daniel told King Belshazzar the meaning of the miraculous writing on the wall: God was judging the king's sin and taking his kingdom to give to the Medes and the Persians. This judgment occurred that very night.
- Daniel continued to pray faithfully to the Lord and was thrown into a lions' den as punishment for breaking King Darius' law. God sent his angel to protect Daniel, and God's name was glorified among a foreign people.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend said that she prays for things every day, but she doesn't always get what she asks for. **What could you say?**

That's great that you're praying every day. God wants us to come to him with requests, especially when we're in need of help, but he wants our prayers to be more than that. How would your parents feel if you only came to them asking for stuff or for help with an emergency? What if you didn't talk to them about anything else or ever say thank you for all they've already done? That wouldn't be a good relationship. The Bible says that prayer should be part of our relationship to God and should include giving praise and thanks. We have the joy of talking to God as our heavenly Father. We should thank him for all the blessings he's given us and the prayers he's answered. Because he is the all-powerful Creator, we should praise him for his amazing qualities, like his mercy, love, and wisdom. And just like with our parents, we must remember that sometimes an answer is no or not now because God knows what's best for us, and we can thank him for that, too.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Daniel served under two kingdoms and at least four kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus. Daniel remained a highly favored court official throughout each reign, and God continued to use him. Daniel interpreted dreams for Nebuchadnezzar. Later, when Belshazzar saw a hand writing on his wall (Daniel 5), Daniel was called to interpret the meaning of the words. He explained that God had judged the king, and his kingdom would be divided and given to the Medes and the Persians (Daniel 5:26–28). That very night, the Medo-Persian army invaded Babylon and the king was killed.

We next see Daniel in a situation similar to the one his three friends had faced with the fiery furnace. Daniel was near 80 years old during the reign of Darius the Mede when jealous leaders hatched a plot to have Daniel killed. They convinced King Darius to issue a decree that no one could pray to any god but the king for 30 days.

Daniel knew of the decree and faced a choice: continue to honor God by praying to him or face being thrown to the lions. The men who set the trap had surely seen Daniel's habit of praying three times a day and were waiting for him to remain faithful to God. Seeing Daniel praying as usual, the leaders took the charge before the king, demanding that Daniel receive the penalty. Despite the king's efforts to reverse the situation, Daniel was thrown into the lions' den (Daniel 6:14–16).

As the morning dawned, King Darius ran to the den and called out to Daniel, asking if God had delivered him. To the king's delight, Daniel replied that God had sent his angel to shut the mouths of the lions. Because Daniel trusted in God, he was saved through this trial. In response, King Darius had those who had plotted against Daniel and their families all thrown to the lions where they were quickly destroyed (Daniel 6:19–24). Darius also wrote an edict that everyone in his kingdom should fear God.