

A Roaring Rescue

Daniel and the Lions' Den Daniel 1:1-4; 6



Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- Why was Daniel arrested? (He would not pray to King Darius. Daniel continued praying to God.)
- **★ What happened to Daniel after he was arrested?** (He was thrown to the lions.)
- ₩ What did the angel that God sent do? (The angel shut the lions' mouths.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Darius liked Daniel. But Darius had to punish Daniel because he broke the law. God sent help to Daniel. He sent angels to shut the lions' mouths.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Daniel was punished for breaking an unfair law. We all deserve punishment for breaking God's good law. Every person sins and disobeys God. Just as God sent help to Daniel, God had a plan to send help for all of us, too. Jesus died to take the punishment for sin that all of us deserve.



"My God (point both hands up) sent his angel (stretch arms out like wings) to shut the lions' mouths (clap hands once)

so that they would not hurt me (scrape fingers across chest and shake head),

for I have been found innocent (place both palms over chest) in his sight. And I have not (shake finger "no") wronged you, Your Majesty (slight bow)."

Daniel 6:22 (NLT)



Dear God,

Just like You heard Daniel, I know You hear everyone who calls out to You—including me. Thank You for hearing me. Help me remember that I can always call on You. Amen.

