

# Bible Story Summary

- Babylon had a new king. His name was Darius. King Darius picked Daniel to be one of his helpers.
- The king decided to reward Daniel with a better job because of his hard work.
- The other helpers were not happy that Daniel was going to get a better job. They tried to catch Daniel making a wrong choice, but Daniel did what was right.
- They tricked the king into making a law. For thirty days, everyone had to pray to the king.
- Daniel knew the new law meant he was not supposed to pray to God during that time. But Daniel went into his house and prayed to God three times every day, just like he had always done.
- The men spied on Daniel and saw him praying to God. They hurried to the king to tell on Daniel.
- King Darius was sad. He did not want to put Daniel in the lions' den, but that was the law. "I hope God saves you," the king told Daniel. And Daniel was thrown into the lions' den.
- All night long, the king worried about Daniel. In the morning, he ran to the lions' den to ask Daniel if he was okay. Daniel told him that God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths.
- King Darius was so happy. Daniel came out of the lions' den. He wasn't hurt. Daniel had trusted God to keep him safe. The king made a new law. The law said that everyone must respect God. God had saved Daniel and kept him safe from the lions.

# **Family Discussion Questions**

**As a family read Daniel 6**

- **Why is it a sin to pray to anyone besides God?**
- **What are some ways God has answered your prayers?**
- **How has God saved you?**

FAMILY

# Activity

As a family sit in a circle on the floor. The person who is "It" will walk around the circle and roar at each person, trying to make them laugh. They can do silly movements or make a funny face while roaring. The people around the circle should try not to smile or laugh at the roar. Whoever smiles or laughs first will then become "It".

Talk about how Daniel was obedient to God even when he knew he would be punished for it.

# Craft

**Daniel knew the importance of prayer and lived it out in his daily life. This prayer journal will help you remember ways God has answered your prayers.**

**What you need:**

**One piece of colored paper**

**Five pieces of copy paper**

**Markers**

**Stickers**

**Stapler**

- **Place the copy paper on top of the colored piece of paper.**
- **Fold all the paper in half making a book.**
- **Staple the left folded edge to bound the paper together.**
- **Use markers and stickers to decorate the outside.**
- **Write prayer themes at the top of each page. (e.g. thank you for, please forgive me, I love you, please watch over)**

