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DANIEL 6 THE LION'S DEN

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-23

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Paper for prayer

Explain:

Today, we're going to read a story you may have heard before. But even if you know this story, you can still learn from it. Encourage them to listen to it with fresh ears.

Read: Daniel 6:1-23

Ask:

To create a break in the reading, ask questions like these examples:

- After verse 5: what do you notice about Daniel's character? (He distinguished himself, meaning he worked hard and well. People couldn't find fault with him, he wasn't corrupt)
- After verse 9: what caused the people to plot against Daniel? (Jealousy). Has jealousy ever caused you to do something?
- After verse 13: did you notice that Daniel didn't obey the king's law? Was that good or bad? (Reference how we're supposed to obey God over man).
- After verse 16: how would you feel if you were Daniel?
- After verse 23: wow, God rescued Daniel from the lions. When we're afraid we can trust God. He might not always answer our prayers exactly how we like, but he promises to never leave or forsake us. He is faithful and we can trust his plan and his promises.

Play a Game:

Go outside and play a game of Freeze tag.

- Have 1 or 2 people be the lions
- Have 1 or 2 be an Angel of the Lord
- All others are Daniels
- If the angels freeze a lion, the lion has freeze on all fours and count to 10 (1 Babylon, 2 Babylon...) until they can return to the game
- If the lions tag a Daniel, the Daniel has to freeze in a kneeling position, waiting for an Angel of the Lord to unfreeze them
- Play until their wiggles are out

Act it Out

Depending on your timeline, this is always a fun story for the kids to act out. Crown someone King Nebuchadnezzar and choose people to be the sneaky advisors. Have a Daniel praying, and let it all play out.

Apply:

Bring them together and remind them of how Daniel was willing to risk his life to pray. Prayer is such a special thing we can do but it can feel hard and awkward. But it can be like talking to a friend. Nothing you say can surprise God. You can tell him about your day, about things you're afraid of, about things that feel too hard for you. You can tell him about things you enjoy. Anything. Just start the conversation. He hears and listens and over time, you'll learn his voice.

Activity:

Then either have them find a spot outside by themselves to sit for a while or go back inside.

Spend about 5 minutes writing down a prayer request or drawing one or just praying.

Some kids feel very uncomfortable praying. Encourage them that this is okay, but it is still good to try. You can also lead the kids in a prayer. Maybe ask them to repeat it with you so they uncomfortable. Whatever you feel will be most helpful for them.

Memorize: Daniel 6:27

Close in Prayer