



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 38

DANIEL + LIONS

Scripture: Daniel 6

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Stick puppets, prayer journals (Found on Katiethesundayschoollady.com on the Kid's Bible Study Resources page.)

Ask:

- Does anyone remember the names of the three men we learned about last week? (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
- Who can tell me what happened to them? (Thrown into a fiery furnace)
- Why were they thrown into a furnace? (They wouldn't worship a statue the king had made)
- They stood up for what was right, even though they knew it could cost them their lives. They were so brave! We're going to learn about one more story in the book of Daniel where Daniel himself was very brave.

Summarize

At this time, Nebuchadnezzar is no longer king. Now Darius is king, and he has placed Daniel in charge of many things. At this time, Daniel was about 70 years old and he still hasn't retired! Do you know anyone 70 years old?

Read: Daniel 6:1-5

Explain:

Even though Daniel was 70 years old, they couldn't find anything to get him in trouble! Many people who have been in the government for that long have usually accepted a bribe or made a bad choice, but not Daniel. He was upright in what he did. This doesn't mean he never made a mistake, but he didn't do anything bad enough that they could fire him. They knew the only way to trap him would be to force him to do something against the law of God. That is pretty impressive that Daniel's commitment to God was that obvious.

Read: Daniel 6:6–9

Ask:

It was only for one month that Daniel couldn't pray to God. What do you think he'll do?

Do you think it would have been easy for Daniel to think, "Oh God will understand. I'll just pray to him in a month, and it will be okay." That would have tempted me! Let's see what Daniel does.

Read: Daniel 6:10–14

Explain:

Just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel decided following God was more important than saving his life! He had great courage to obey the will of God over the will of the king.

- He still prayed three times a day. We're going to pray three times during this lesson, and the first will be now.
- Have everyone go to a space in the room and pray for 2 minutes. If kids feel uncomfortable with this, explain that prayer can feel weird. But we can talk to God like we're talking to a friend. We can tell him about our day, we can ask him for things. It doesn't have to be perfect, he just wants to hear from us and listen to him.

Read: Daniel 6:15–23

Explain and Apply:

God rescued Daniel from the mouth of the lions. He was willing to die to do what was right, and in the end, God saved him. We can trust God, too. It can be so hard to stand up and do the right thing, especially if we could get hurt or made fun of for doing it. But we can remember that God is always with us and is always able to save us. And even if he doesn't save us from pain or bullying, we trust that he has a purpose to work it all out for his glory.

Pray for the second time

Activity:

Cut out and color the stick puppets.
Reenact the story of Daniel in the Lion's den.

Pray for the third time

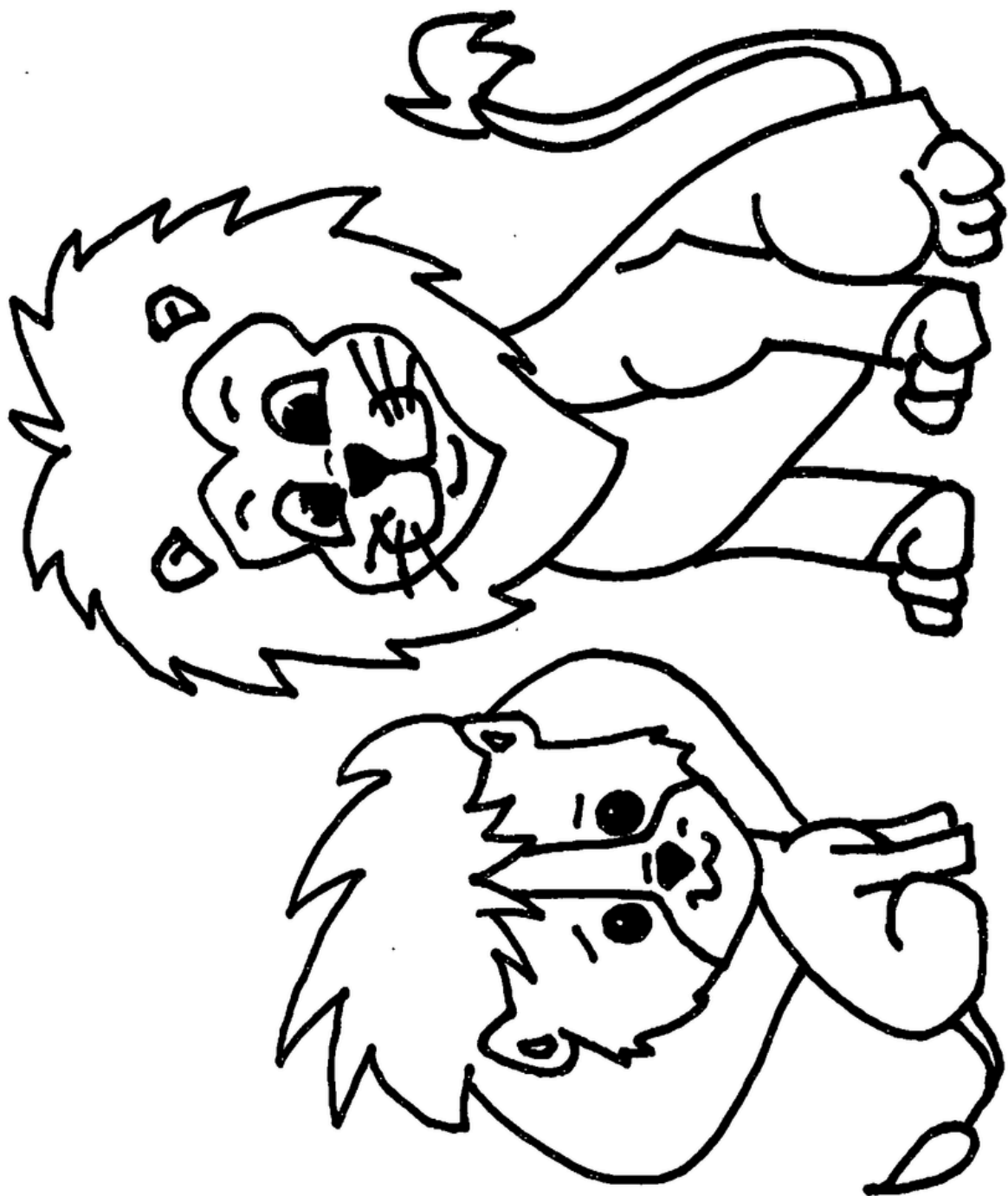
Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids color the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den in their comic book Bibles.

Memorize: Daniel 3:17-18

Close in Prayer

Lions



Advisors

