

Lesson 4

Daniel in The Lions Den

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2-5 Years

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the session. For example:

“Dear God. We thank you for the chance to meet in your presence once again. Please help us to learn more about you. Help us to do good things. Amen.”

Acting:

Play the imitation game.

Have the children tell you what animal you are being, then repeat what you do while you act like the following animals in this order:

- 1-a monkey
- 2-a dog
- 3-a snake
- 4-a bunny
- 5-a lion

After you have acted like the lion, they have guessed what you are and acted it out also, explain that they are going to be hearing about lions in the Bible story.

Bible Story:

Tell the children the story of Daniel In The Lion's Den (Daniel 6) in basic language that this age group can understand.

Art:

Make a lions mask.

Materials Needed:

- Paper Plates
- Construction Paper
- Markers or Crayons

Pre-cut ears, a nose and mouth out of construction paper for each mask. Also, pre-cut eyes on the plate. Give the children markers or crayons and let them color their lions mask. Then help them glue the ears, nose and mouth on their mask.

Song:

Sing the Song Jesus Loves Me:

Jesus loves me this I know,
 For the bible tells me so,
 Little ones to Him belong,
 They are weak,
 But He is strong.

Yes Jesus loves me,
 Yes Jesus loves me,
 Yes Jesus loves me,
 The Bible tells me so.

Discussion:

Talk to the children about trusting God. Discuss with them how we can talk to God when we are sad or in trouble and that we can trust that He will take care of us just like He took care of Daniel.

Closing Prayer asking God to help follow Him. For example:

Dear God, thank you for our class today. Help us to remember to talk to you and trust you when we are sad or in trouble. Be with us this week and keep us safe. Amen.

6-8 Years

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the class. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us here together once again. Help us to learn more about you and to do the things you want us to do. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Tell the children the story of Daniel in the lions Den (Daniel 6). You can use a children's Bible or just tell the story in simple language that this age group can understand.

Art:

Make a lions mask.

Materials Needed:

Paper Plates

Construction Paper

Markers or Crayons

Yarn

Pre-cut ears, a nose and mouth out of construction paper for each mask. Also, pre-cut eyes on the plate. Give the children markers or crayons and let them color their lions mask. Then help them glue the ears, nose and mouth on their mask. You can use yarn to tie to the sides of the mask so that the children can wear them.

Drama:

Have the children act out this story. The children can take turns being Daniel and the King. The children who do not have the roles of Daniel or the King can act as lions and the King's men. When the children are acting like lions they can wear the masks that they made.

Discussion:

Talk to the students about the story. Discuss who saved Daniel and why.

Activity:

Have the children draw a picture of a lion with crayons or markers on a piece of white paper. Then help them write Daniel 6:16 on the paper. Then help the children learn and understand the verse.

Closing Prayer asking God for help in remembering that He will take care of us. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for our class today. Help us to do things to show that we are following you and that we trust you. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen.”

9-11 Years

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, we thank you for allowing us to meet in your presence today. Help us to learn more about you and do what you want us to do. Amen.”

Discussion:

Discuss what God does for us. Ask the students if God is with us in our times of trouble.

Bible Story:

Have the students take turns reading Daniel 6 out loud.

Discussion

Ask the students who saved Daniel and why. Ask them if they think God will save them if they are in trouble, and why or why not.

Talk about how God is with us through the good and the bad all we have to do is talk to Him.

Activity:

Have the students do an anagram.

Give the students a word bank containing the following words:

Angel, blameless, brave, closed, jealous, laws, lions, mouths, prayed, rescued

Also give them the scrambled list below and see if they can unscramble the words using the word bank.

mssabeel

eaosujl

stuhmo

erbav

aslw

asnlo

pryade

loscde

glnae

sucdeer

Activity:

Make a lion's den.

Materials needed:

Felt

Cloths

Glue

Tape

Popsicle sticks

Toilet paper tubes

Paper towel tubes

Any other craft materials you have

A picture of a lions den

Give the students the materials. Let them make a lions den using the materials that you provide. They can do this individually or in groups.

Closing Prayer to ask God for help in remembering that He will take care of us. For example:

Dear God, thank you for our lesson today. Thank you for bringing us together and helping us to learn more about you. Help us to follow you and to do what you want us to do. Help us to remember to trust you even when we are in trouble. Amen.

12-14 Years

Opening Prayer to start the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together in fellowship with each other. Help us to learn from your words. Help us to gain a better understanding of you as we study together. Amen.”

Bible Reading:

Appoint several readers and have each read a verse until they have completed the reading of Daniel 6.

Discussion:

Ask the students if God is with us all the time or just sometimes. Ask them how they know when God is with them. Have them give personal examples of when God has been with them.

Activity:

Have them write down their personal examples of when God has been with them. Compile all of their examples into a class book and put it in a place where they can all look through it when they need a reminder that God is with them.

Discussion:

Have the students talk about how they can encourage peers in times of trouble. Have them discuss ways that they can encourage their friends through tough times.

Role Play:

After the students have discussed ways to encourage peers through tough times have them get into partners and role play some situations that they might encounter where they can encourage, such as talking to a friend who has parents going through a divorce, talking to a friend who is moving away, talking to a friend who tried out for a sports team and did not make it, etc. Have them do this several times. Make sure that each student has the opportunity to act as the encourager so that they all get practice at encouraging.

Closing Prayer to ask God for help in remembering that He will take care of us. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for leading us in our study this morning. Help us to continue to follow in your ways. Help us to lead our friends to you so that they can follow you also. Be with us this week and keep us all safe. Amen.”