



St John the Evangelist, Bexley
Part of the Bexley Team Ministry

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Stories Jesus Heard

Toddler Church Fun!

This Week's Stories: Daniel & The Lions

For many years, God's people were sent to live in the Kingdom of Babylon, where the people worshipped their king.

When King Darius gave Daniel an important job in his court, the people were jealous and told him that Daniel was praying to God instead of him. Darius threw Daniel into a den full of lions as a punishment.

In the Den of Lions Daniel prayed and God sent an angel who closed the lions' mouths to keep him safe.

When the King saw what had happened he freed Daniel, realising that the God Daniel worshipped was real, strong, and caring.



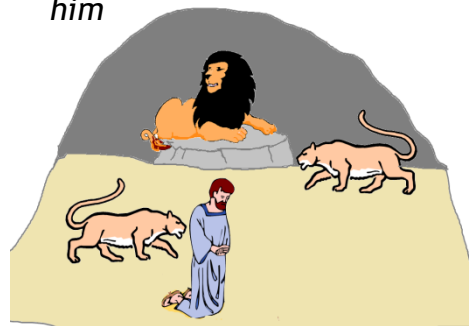
Song: Three Big Lions

Three big lions,
Three big lions,
Three big lions
Prowling round the den
One went to sleep...
(Snore Snore)

Two big lions, (x3)
Prowling round the den
One went to sleep...
(Snore Snore)

One big lions, (x3)
Prowling round the den
One went to sleep...
(Snore Snore)

(Now be very silent then say:)
Daniel was safe in the lions'
den because God took care of
him



Older Brothers & Sisters:

Follow the story of Daniel, and find the words in **bold** in the wordsearch.

Activities

Make a Lion Mask:

- Take a paper plate.
- Cut out eyes
- Draw nose mouth & ears.
- Decorate.
- Punch holes in the sides.
- Tie with string or wool.



Pray with Daniel:

- Lay two pieces of card together.
- Draw round your hand.
- Cut out.
- (You should now have two hands)
- Write a prayer on the palm of one hand.
- Attach at the top with some tape.
- Fold the hands with your prayer inside.



Make a den of lions.

There are lots of ways you can make lions. Have a look at the ideas on the next page. You can also cut out Daniel and some lions to stand in your den!

Toddler Church activities have been sent out every week during the current Coronavirus emergency and are available on our website.

Feel free to send them on to other families you may know.

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Daniel in the Lions' Den

Darius, King of **Babylon** had raised Daniel, who was a **Jew**, to a **high** position in his **court**. Other people were **jealous** and agreed the only way they could **trap** him was in something concerning the **worship** of his **God**. So they asked Darius to make a **law** that everyone should only worship king Darius for **thirty** days, or be thrown into a den of **lions**.

Daniel **prayed** to God **three times** a day as **usual**. His enemies told the **king** he had disobeyed the law. Darius saw he had been tricked, but the laws of the Medes and **Persians** could not be broken and **Daniel** was thrown **into** the lions' **den**.

All **night** long Darius was unhappy and very early in the morning he went to the den and called out "O Daniel **servant** of the **living** God, has your God been **able** to **deliver** you". Then back from the den Daniel answered, "O king live for ever", and told how God had **sent** an **angel** to shut the mouths of the lions, so that they did not hurt him.

Darius was very **glad** and ordered Daniel to be brought **out** of the den.

The words in bold type are in the wordsquare below - can you find them?

