

Where's God When I'm S-Scared?



What is the STORY about?

The story of “Daniel and the Lions’ Den,” featured on *Where’s God When I’m S-Scared?*, takes us to ancient Babylon with a musical adaptation of the classic Bible story. Larry the Cucumber, playing the role of Daniel, finds himself in deep trouble, thanks to the king’s conniving wise men, a trio of slippery scallions. In the end, Daniel learns that even in the lions’ den, he is still in God’s care!

- *A Lesson in Handling Fear*
- *Key Passage: Daniel 6*
- *Running time: 13 minutes*
- *Bonus Show: “Tales from the Crisper” (12 minutes)*



What do you THINK?

- *What did Daniel do for King Darius that caused him to be promoted? (He interpreted a dream for the king)*
- *Why were the “wise men” jealous of Daniel? (Because he was now second in command and they would be under his rule)*
- *What caused Daniel to be placed in the lions’ den? (The jealous scallions tricked the king into making a law that they knew Daniel would not obey)*
- *How did Daniel survive in the lions’ den? (God was with Daniel and protected him in the lions’ den)*
- *What happened when the king discovered that Daniel had survived in the lions’ den? (King Darius said that everyone would pray to Daniel’s God)*



What does the BIBLE say?

The biblical account of Daniel is found in Daniel 6. Read the story directly from the Bible in a translation that is easy for children to understand OR tell the story in this condensed form. (Encourage the children to ROAR like lions when you mention the word “lions” in the story.)

Daniel loved God and prayed to him three times a day. Babylon had a new king named Darius. King Darius liked Daniel—even though he was a Hebrew—and recognized the abilities that he had. King Darius put Daniel in charge of the kingdom. This made some of the other officials in the kingdom very jealous. They wanted to get rid of Daniel, so they thought of an evil plan. They persuaded Darius to make a law that no one could pray to anyone but the king himself. Daniel was an obedient man, and he continued to pray to God three times a day. The jealous men caught Daniel praying and told King Darius that he had broken the law of the land. The king was very upset because he liked Daniel and tried to figure out a way to save him, but there was no way to change the law. And so Daniel was thrown into the LIONS’ den, and a stone was placed at the opening so that no one could remove it. Daniel was alone in the LIONS’ den! Or was he? God sent an angel to close the mouths of the LIONS so that they could not harm Daniel. There was not even a scratch on Daniel. God was with Daniel in the LIONS’ den and protected him.

The Story of Daniel and the Lions' Den



ACTIVITY

Give each person a slip of paper and pencil and direct them to write something or some situation that scares them. Place the paper slips in a container and take turns picking out a paper and acting out the scary situation in charade fashion. End each charade by repeating the Bible verse from Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear... for I am with you."



What can we DO?

God is always looking out for us. Talk about ways that God can help us each day with "the lions in our lives"—our fears about big things or little things. Examples:

- *Afraid of the dark*
- *Worried about a grandparent that is sick and might die*
- *Concerned about a test at school*
- *Frightened that parents are arguing and may get a divorce*

What should we do when we are afraid?

- *Pray*
- *Talk to an adult who can help us*
- *Read the Bible/Bible stories to recall how God has helped others*

Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.

- **MARK 5:36** "...Don't be afraid; just believe."
- **JOHN 14:27** "...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
- **HEBREWS 13:6** "...The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

3 Things to remember about Daniel

1. Daniel **PRAYED** 3 times a day
2. The **LIONS' ROAR** did not scare Daniel
3. God **PROTECTED** Daniel in the lions' den

KEY VERSE

(Isaiah 41:10) "So do not fear, for I am with you."

KEY NUGGET

We don't need to be afraid because God will protect us. He is always with us.

