

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Daniel in the Lion's Den

TEXT: Daniel 6: 1-28

MEMORY VERSE: See Lesson Sheet

KEY SCRIPTURE: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ~ Matthew 4: 10

LESSON OUTLINE:

1. Daniel was a man who loved God. He had been taken from his homeland when he was a boy, but he never forgot God and God didn't forget him.
2. The king of the land where he was taken, liked the way Daniel conducted himself, and made him one of his special helpers.
3. This made some of the other helpers mad, because they thought that special place should have been given to them.
4. They decided to watch Daniel to see if he just might do something wrong that they could tell the king about but they couldn't find a thing!
5. They remembered his faithfulness in worshipping his God, so they went to the king with a plan to do away with Daniel.
6. Through their trickery, the king unwittingly signed their decree.
7. Daniel, knowing the decree was signed, prayed as always.
8. The king was told right away, and Daniel was put in the lion's den. This made the king sad, as he liked Daniel very much.
9. God took good care of Daniel by sending an angel to shut the lions' mouths.
10. The king was happy the next morning to find that Daniel was still alive. He then knew that Daniel's God was the true God.

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

- The children will know that because Daniel was faithful to God in prayer and worship (even though he knew the decree had been signed), God was there to take care of him.

APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:

- God will always be with you when "lions" are prowling around -- (when sick or hurt, someone breaks favorite toy, etc.)

TEACHING AIDS:

- Doll figures to act out story
- Angel doll
- Cardboard house with open window and doll inside praying
- Paper scroll
- Sealing wax for king's signature or gold stickers
- Crown for king doll

- Puppet lions or other. Use tape to "shut the lion's mouths," while explaining about the angel coming to the den.
- Show toy telephone, then ask children how we talk to God.
- We pray. Show pictures of children praying.
- Clock (paper with moveable hands) to show Daniel prayed three times a day -- morning, noon and night.

NOTES: