

Story 9: Daniel

Main Bible verse
[Daniel 6:27]

He sets people free and saves them. He does miraculous signs and wonders.
He does them in the heavens and on the earth.
He has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

It was during the time when King Nebuchadnezzar had died and King Darius had become king to rule Babylon. King Darius was so impressed by Daniel's wisdom and character that he appointed him to be his prime minister. But the servants hated Daniel. The servants tried to find Daniel's weakness but could not find a way to scold him for he was without any fault. So the servants made a suggestion to the king.

"Your majesty, there are people in this country who do not serve the king but other people or other gods. We recommend you pass a decree stating that the people should bow down only to the king for the next thirty days. If anyone bows down to another god, you should have them thrown into the lions' den."

King Darius put the decree in writing, endorsed it with his stamp and announced it to the people. Daniel heard the announcement but it did not stop him from kneeling in prayer before God three times a day to give Him thanks. A servant said to the king, "Your Maaaajesty!!! Daniel should be thrown into the lions' den because he violates the country's decree and prays to God." King Darius liked Daniel very much but had no choice but to throw Daniel into the den of lions.

The king said to Daniel. "The Lord your God whom you serve so diligently will save you." Daniel continued to pray to God even in the lions' den. The king, worried for Daniel, did not eat or sleep. The next day, the king rushed to the lions' den where the hungry lions were prowling.

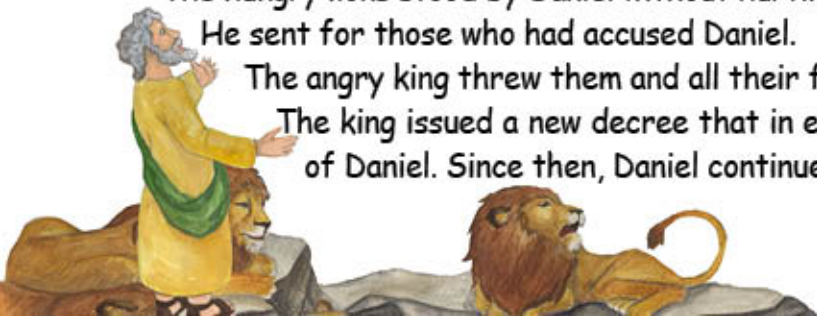
Inside the lions' den, Daniel looked extremely peaceful.

The hungry lions stood by Daniel without hurting him. The king was delighted.

He sent for those who had accused Daniel.

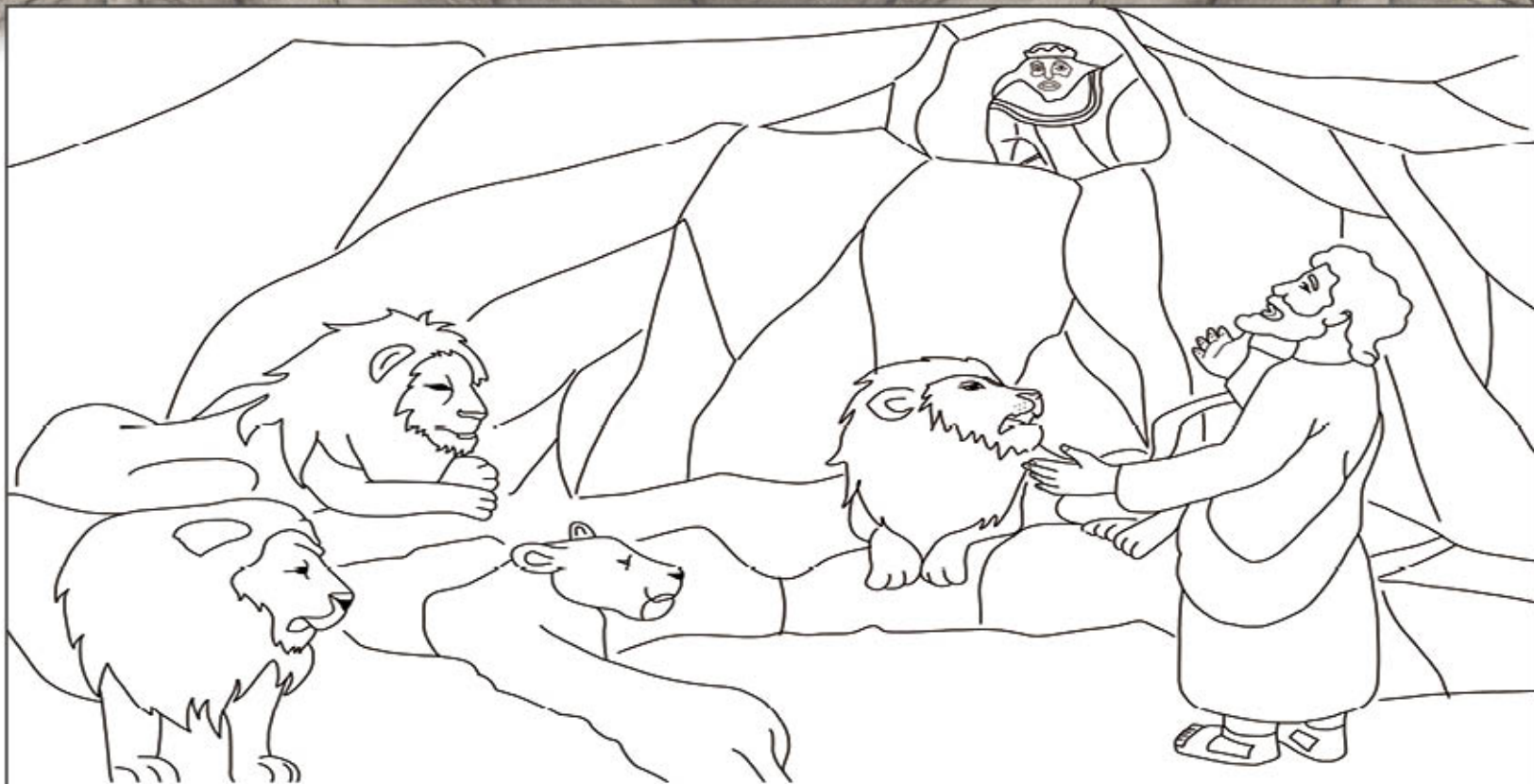
The angry king threw them and all their families into the lions' den.

The king issued a new decree that in every part of his kingdom people must fear and worship the God of Daniel. Since then, Daniel continued to serve only God and lived in peace.



Activity 1.

Think about what we learned today, and color the picture below.



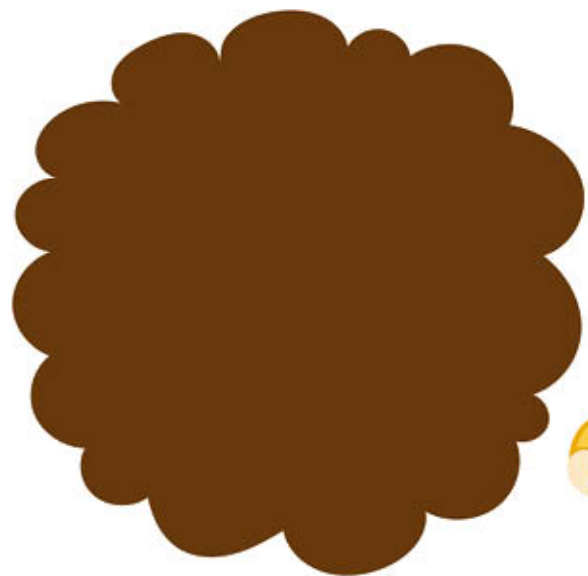
- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Daniel 6:27)

... He has saved Daniel ...

Activity 2.

Cut out and glue to complete the picture of the living Daniel and the lion with mouth closed.

Materials: Glue, scissors.



Finished image



