Lesson Plan

Daniel and the Lions Den

THE SERIES: Standing Strong
THE POINT: My Trust is in God
BIBLE STORY: Daniel and the Lion's Den || Daniel 6
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that Daniel trusted God even when he was in danger.
- They will understand that Daniel chose to keep praying to God.
- They will learn that we can trust God when we feel afraid.

BIBLE CONTEXT

Daniel trusted God and continued to pray to Him, even when he knew it might get him into trouble. Daniel was thrown into the lions' den because he chose to obey God. Trusting God does not mean that hard or scary things will never happen. Sometimes bad things still happen in life. But Daniel trusted God even in that moment, and God was with him. When we face difficult situations, we can trust that God cares for us and is working for good. Even when things feel hard now, we can trust that God's plan is good and that He will work things out in the end.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." — Daniel 11:32b

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you God." — Psalm 56:3

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Place the words of the memory verse on separate cards at one end of the room.

Divide the class into two teams. One child from each team runs to the cards, grabs one word, and runs back. The team must work together to build the verse in the correct order.

Once the verse is complete, everyone reads it together out loud.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- What is something that sometimes makes you feel scared?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Daniel knew the new law said people could only pray to the king. Why do you think Daniel still chose to pray to God?
- When Daniel was in the lions' den, God protected him. What does this story show us about trusting God when we feel afraid?
- Sometimes we feel scared or worried. How can trusting God help us when we feel afraid?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

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GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that we can trust You when we feel afraid. Help us remember to pray to You and trust You every day.

Amen

Lesson WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- God is always with me craft page
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils
- Split pins

STEPS

Before the lesson print the 'God is always with me' page onto cardpaper for each child

- Give each child a 'God is always with me' page to colour in the clock and the hands.
- Children can cut around the edges of the clock face and carefully cut out the clock hand shapes.
- Help the children to line up the base of the clock hands in the centre of the clock face and press a split in through to attach them so the hands of the clock can move around.

SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

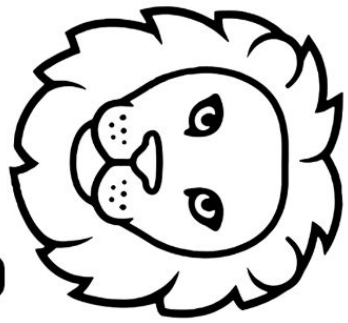
- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au



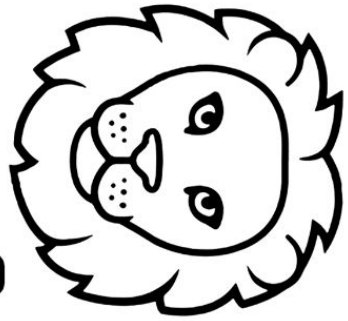


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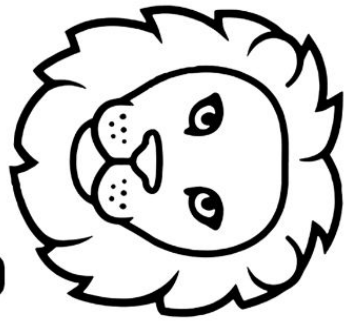
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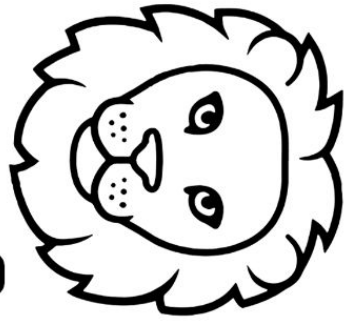
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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

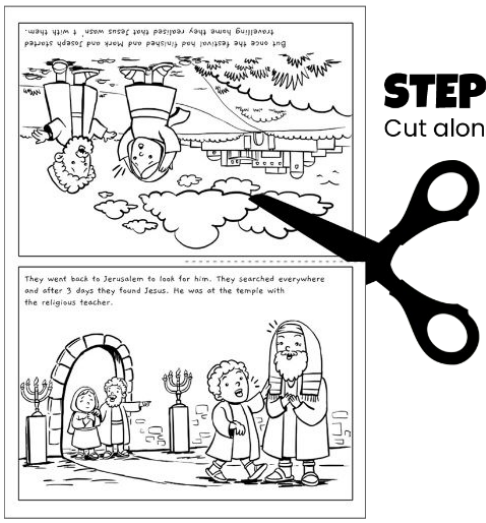
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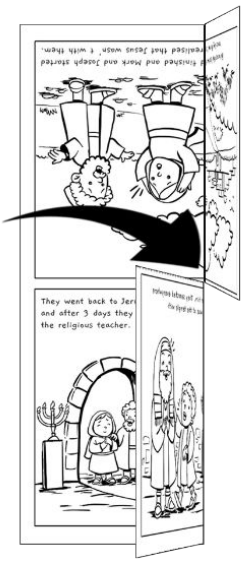
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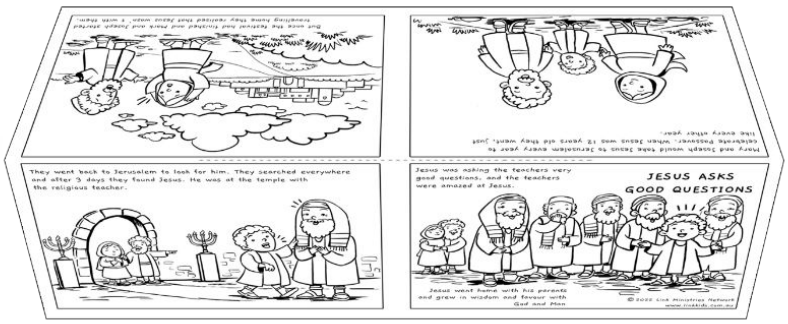
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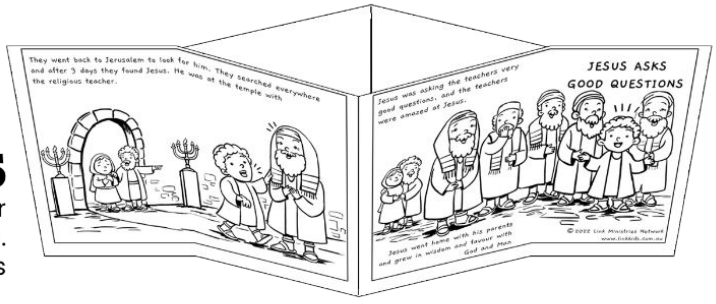
Fold page in half again along the short edge





STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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Daniel loved God and prayed to Him every day. He worked for King Darius and did such a good job that the king wanted to put him in charge of the whole kingdom! But some men were jealous of Daniel, and they wanted to get him in trouble.

The men went to King Darius and said, "Make a new law! For the next 30 days, no one can pray to anyone except you, or they'll be thrown into the lions' den!" and the king agreed. But Daniel knew he had to keep praying to God, even if it was dangerous.

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Daniel answered, "Yes! God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths, and they didn't hurt me!"

The men told the king about Daniel, and the king became sad because he liked Daniel, but he couldn't change the law. So, Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. The king said, "I hope your God saves you." The next morning, the king rushed to the lions' den and called out, "Daniel, did your God save you?"

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