



## **DANIEL - DAY 3**

### **PRESCHOOL BIBLE LESSON**

**LESSON TITLE:** Daniel

**LESSON OVERVIEW:** Daniel and his friends had courage to do what was right in God's sight and God honored and protected them.

**BIBLE STORY:** Daniel (Daniel 1, 3, 6)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Be strong and let your heart take courage,[all you who hope in the Lord.]" Psalm 31:24 *(you can condense if needed for younger children)*

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE:** To help children learn that they can choose to do what is right and obey God's word.

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE LESSON**

- **Part 1: Bible Lesson:** none
- **Part 2: Memory Verse Activity:** copies of template on page 4 using paper or cardstock
- **Part 3: Craft:** paper plates, crayons, tongue depressors, glue, construction paper, brown and orange construction paper, paper bags (extra activity).

**PART 1: BIBLE LESSON (15 minutes)****BIBLE LESSON TEXT:** Daniel 1, 3, 6**SUPPLIES:** None

**PREPARE:** Read the lesson from the Scripture found in Daniel 1, 3 and 6 and then study the lesson so that you are able to tell it in story form without look at the curriculum.

**INTRODUCTION TO LESSON:** Good evening boys and girls! I am so glad that you are here at reviveKIDS tonight. I want you to practice something with me. When I say the name Daniel, I want you to stand up and sit back down (get additional volunteers to help kids). Do it several times so the kids get practice. That's great! Now, I am going to tell you a story from the Bible and remember when you hear the name Daniel, you are to stand up and sit back down.

*Teaching Tip: Always have your Bible open to the Scripture you are telling the story from so children will know that what you are teaching them is from the Bible, God's Word.*

**BIBLE LESSON:** There was a man named Daniel and he had 3 really good friends. They were young strong and smart men. And there was a King named King Nebuchadnezzar (crazy name, huh?) and he came to where Daniel and his friends lived and took them to a place name Babylonia. He wanted to train them to be his servants. Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego believed in God and wanted to do what God wanted them to do. They wanted to obey God. They decided that they would not eat the king's food but only eat vegetables and water for 10 days. And the Bible tells us that after 10 days, they were stronger than the other young men. King Nebuchadnezzar (some of you may call him King Nubby) built a really large statue (a statue is something that is not alive and just sits there and does nothing) of gold and everyone was expected to bow to the statue whenever they heard music. Can you stand up and be very still like a statue? But Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not bow down to the idol, they chose to obey God! And because of that the King threw them into a furnace (a really hot fire). But you know what, they did not burn up. God sent an angel to protect them.

Eventually there was a new King and he trusted Daniel and really liked him alot. There were some guys who didn't like Daniel and so they decided they would trick him. They had the king make a rule that said Daniel couldn't pray to God. But guess what, Daniel did anyway because he wanted to obey God. The punishment for Daniel praying to God was that he would be thrown into a lion's den. Can you make a sound like a lion? Roar. Even though Daniel was in the lion's den, he was not afraid because God sent an angel to protect him. God wants us to obey him just like Daniel and his friends did. How can

you choose to do what is right? Well, you stop (put up your hand), think (put your finger to your head) and then do what is right (thumbs up).

When we are nice to our friends we are choosing to do what is right. When we listen and do what our parents say, we are choosing to do what is right. When we help our friend pick up toys, we are choosing to do what is right.

Let's practice one more time how we can choose to do what is right. Stop! Think! Do! Great job boys and girls. Let's pray and ask God to help us make good choices like Daniel and his friends did.

**EXTRA ACTIVITY:** Retell the story and let the kids act it out.

**PART 2: MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY/GAME (15 minutes)**

“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**PREPARATION:** Print and cut apart the cards on page 4 so that each child will have 4 cards, approximately 20 copies.

**READ THE VERSE:** “Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

**EXPLAIN THE VERSE:** Our verse tells us that we can be strong and have courage because God helps us.

**LEARN THE VERSE:** Hide all the cards you have made for you class so that each child will end up with 4 cards. After learning your memory verse, have the children search for 4 cards hidden in the room. Tell them that once they have found 4 cards they should come and sit down in front of you. Once all the children are sitting in front of you, ask them who has a Bible card. Those children should stand up and say their memory verse together. Next have them come up and make a pile of Bible cards on a table or the floor. Now ask which children are holding the cross cards and so on until all the cards have been collected and put into their matching piles. Continue until you have gone through all the cards. Hide the cards again and play again if you’d like.

**EXTRA ACTIVITY:** Make up motions for each word of the verse or ask the kids to help you make motions. Go over the verse several times and talk about how we can ask God to help us have courage.



**PART 3: CRAFT (15 minutes) - Lion Mask**

**SUPPLIES:** paper plates, crayons, tongue depressors, glue sticks, construction paper, brown and orange construction paper

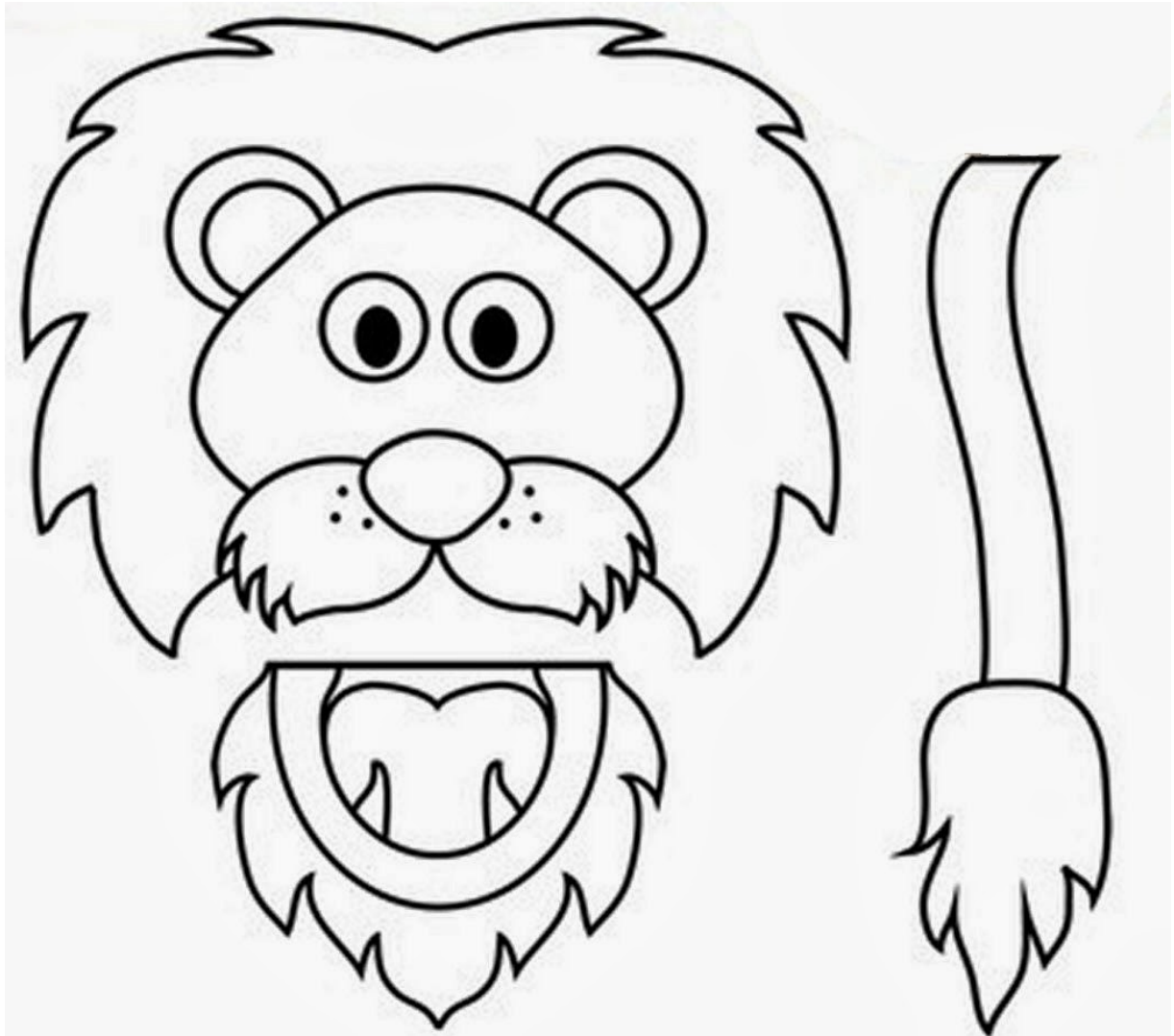
**PREPARATION:** Gather supplies, cut brown and orange construction paper into strips and cut out center of paper plates.

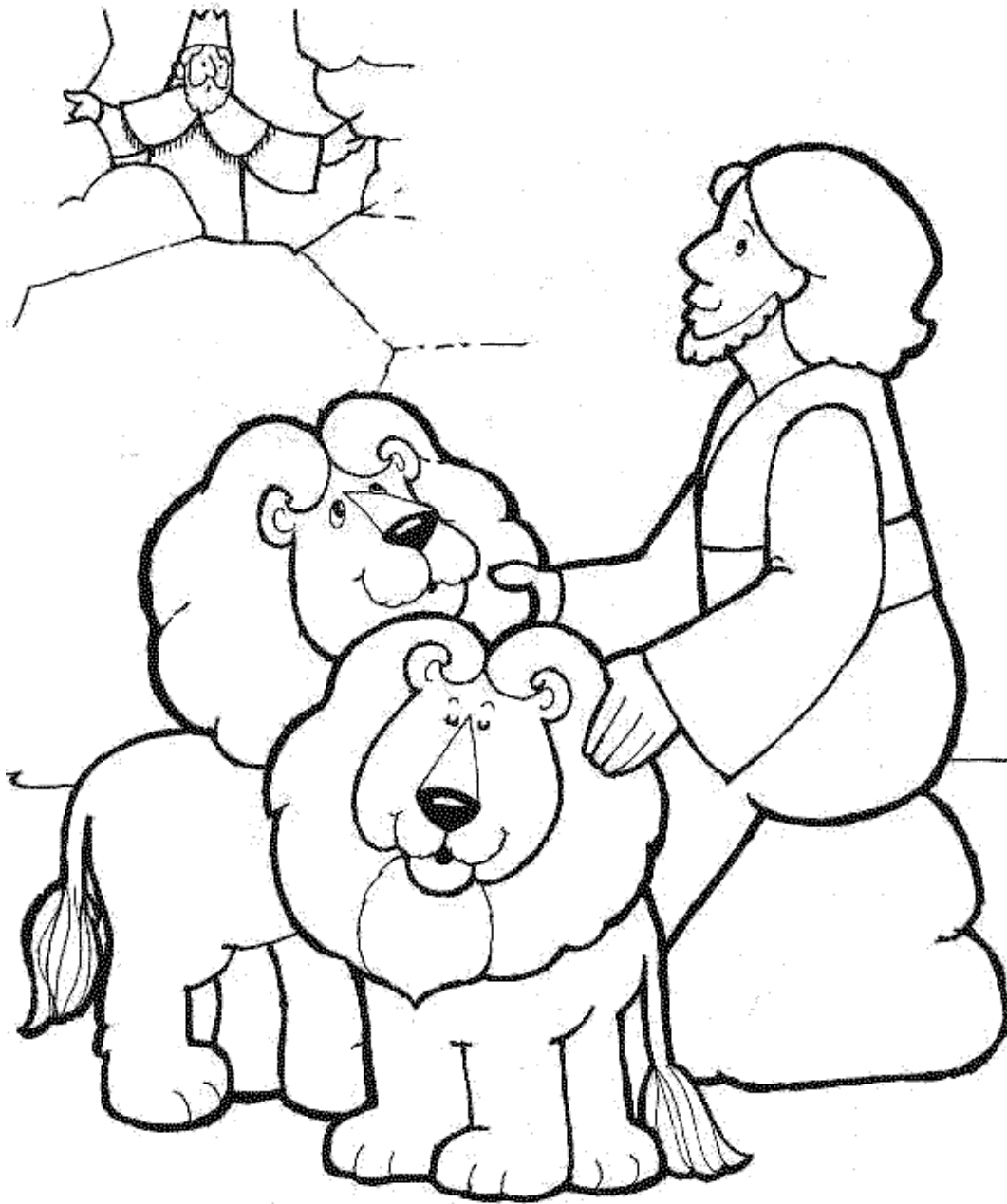
**INSTRUCTION:** Have the children color the paper plate then glue the construction paper strips to the paper plate. Talk about how Daniel was in the lion's den and God sent an angel to protect him. Have the kids make a loud roar like a lion. Assist the kids with gluing the ears and the tongue depressor to the paper plate.



**EXTRA ACTIVITY: Lion Puppet** (template on page 5) and Color Sheet on Page 6. Instruct kids to color the lion and then cut the lion out and glue to the paper bag as seen in the sample below.







**God kept Daniel safe in the lions' den.**