

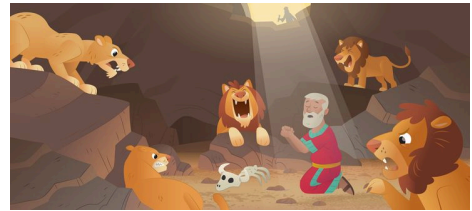
Daniel Prays

Daniel 6

In Daniel 6, we read about a moment in Daniel's life where he has to pray for God to protect him. Daniel is in leadership under the rule of King Darius. There were other guys in leadership who wanted to get rid of Daniel. They decided to go to the king with a new rule that would work against Daniel. After they told King Darius about the rule, he said to put it in writing. And the rule was, "for the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions' den." (vs7)

Daniel heard about the rule, but he still prayed 3 times a day to God in his home. The other men went and saw Daniel praying so they went to the king to tell him about Daniel. Because the king had made the rule, he had to follow through with it even though he liked Daniel. So,

Daniel was thrown into the lions' den because he prayed to God.



King Darius didn't like that he had to have Daniel thrown into the lions' den. He worried about Daniel all night, and in the morning he rushed to the den to see if he was still alive. He even asked Daniel, "has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?" (vs20)

The most amazing thing happened - Daniel yelled back to King Darius! God sent his angel to close the mouths of the lions so they didn't hurt Daniel.

When Daniel came out of the den, he didn't have any scratches on him. He had trusted in God.

God protected Daniel.

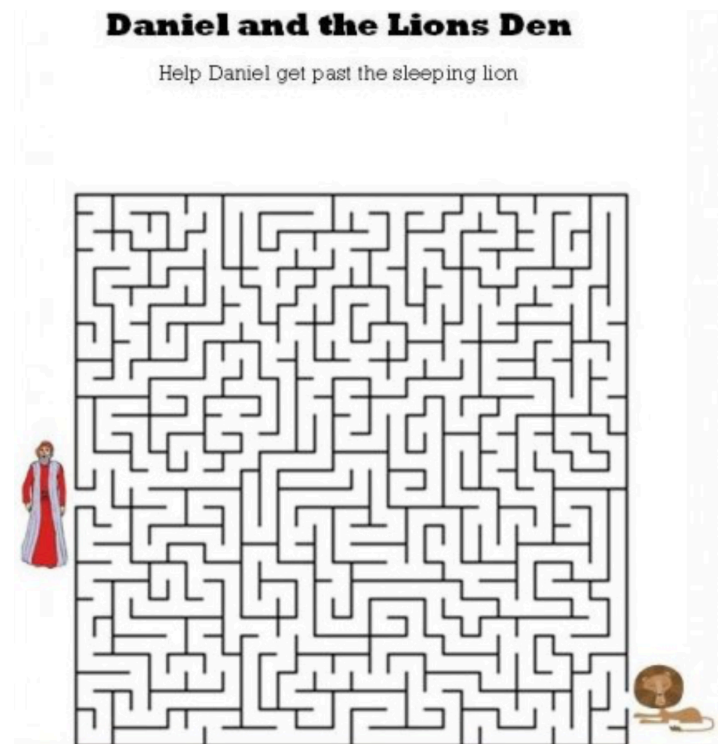
No matter how big or small our situation might feel, we can pray. We can ask God to protect us, too. And he will.

Parents, use the guide below to pray today with your child(ren).

Today We Pray For:

1. For protection for your family. This can be something physical, protecting the mind or even emotions.
2. For people we know to know God. Can you think of a couple friends who might not know Jesus?
3. For our policemen and firefighters who need God's protection every day.

Daniel in the Lions Den Activities



LION FREEZING:

Decide who will be the lions and who will be the angel. All of the lions can crawl around the room and roar until the "ANGEL" says to FREEZE. Everyone stops until the "ANGEL" says GO to move again. The angel can swap out so everyone can have a turn. Play as long as you want!