DANIEL IN THE LIONS’ DEN

DANIEL 6:1-28
"...We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29
When Daniel was young, he was captured and taken away to another country. The people who lived in that country did not love or obey the one true God, but Daniel loved and obeyed God.

- How do you think Daniel felt living with people who did not love God?
- Do you think Daniel ever gave up on loving God? Do you think that Daniel stopped obeying God? (Today’s story will help us answer this question!)

When Daniel was much older, King Darius made him a very powerful governor/ruler in the land. The king did this because Daniel was different from everyone else.

- What was it that made Daniel different from other people? (Do you remember who was with Daniel? Whom did Daniel love and serve?)
- The rulers wanted to blame Daniel for something. Had Daniel done anything wrong that they could blame him for?

Daniel knew that if he obeyed the new law, he could not pray to God. If he did pray to God, he would be punished.

- Where did Daniel go after he heard about the new law? What did Daniel do in his room?
- Daniel prayed and gave thanks to God (v. 10). Can you think of what Daniel might have thanked God for?
- What can we learn about Daniel? What was most important to Daniel?
- How was Daniel treated when he obeyed God?
- Daniel trusted God no matter what happened to him. How did God protect Daniel from the lions?
- When Daniel obeyed God, did he get to learn how powerful God is? Who else in the story was able to learn about God? Were the lions, the rulers, the king, or God the most powerful?

**Simple Truths:**

We may know people who do not love God and may not want us to love God.

- Should we ever stop loving and obeying Jesus?
- Do you want to pray and ask God to help you love and obey Him, no matter what?

Daniel was different from everyone else because he loved God and did what God said.

- In what ways can we be like Daniel?

Daniel still prayed, even if people said he could not.

- Why would Daniel pray if it was against the law? (He knew God and loved Him. He knew it was right to obey God.)
- Daniel went to his room and prayed. Can you think of a good place for you to pray to God? Why would a bedroom be a good place to pray?
- We need God to help us love and obey Him like Daniel did. Let’s talk to God right now and ask for His help.
- Daniel was thankful to God. We can always find something to thank God for. Let’s think of what we can thank God for and then let’s thank Him right now!

**And Remember...**

Make God the most important One in your life.

**Memory Verse:**

“...We ought to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:29
FIND THE **KEY WORDS** IN THE **WORDSEARCH**. THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH WORD IS **BOLDED** IN WORDSEARCH.
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“...We ought to obey God rather than men.”
Acts 5:29
“...We ought to __________ God rather than men.”
Acts 5:29
BEFORE CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Using scissors, cut out King Darius.
2. Using scissors OR paper cutter/trimmer, cut out 3-part rectangle of lion’s mouth/feet. Do not cut into 3 sections. The scored gray lines are for folding.
3. Fold A back to other side of B and glue/tape together.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:
• Scissors OR Paper Cutter/Trimmer
• Tape OR Glue

DURING CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:
1. During class, help child tape OR glue King Darius to the shadowed area at the top of the page.
2. During class, help child tape OR glue square C to the shadowed square area at the bottom of the page. When craft is complete, the child will be able to open and close the lion’s mouth.
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