

Adventures with GOD!

GOD SAVED DANIEL FROM THE LIONS DEN (A.2.Spring.12)

Biblical Reference	Daniel 6
Key Verse	Psalms 23:4
Key Concept	No matter the situation, God is good and is always with me.
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how God protected Daniel. 2. Dramatize the story. 3. Say the Key Verse.

Life Application

God loves and cares for many children, and yet many people ignore or doubt this great truth. Therefore it's necessary for our children to have security in their lives, knowing they have people who love them and care for them at all times. Children will learn that with God, nothing is impossible. God can and will rescue us from the dangers of the world in which we live in, and offers us life in eternity where there is no pain or danger.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible story	Bible, lion puppet	10 minutes
Craft	Popsicle/craft sticks, crayons, paper, glue, hole punch	15 minutes
Verse		10 minutes
Game		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle, and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Story: Open your Bible to Daniel 6 and read or paraphrase today's story. Please use sensitivity when sharing this story with children. Focus on how God was with Daniel in both the good times and the bad.

This story is captivating for children of this age, but remember it's always helpful for them to see what they're hearing. Make cardboard faces of lions with open mouths. Tell the story creatively.

Craft: Encourage children to create their own lion puppet. Hang out copies of the illustration found on page 4 to each child, and encourage them to color the lions face. When children are finished, they can paste the artwork on the plate. To make a mask, poke two holes in the ends of the plate, and pass a piece of elastic or ribbon head through the holes. Also, make holes in the plate for the eyes so children can see.

You can also use the lion illustration found on page 4 to make a puppet. Children can color and decorate the illustration, and glue it on to a paper lunch bag, as shown on page 4.

Another option is to color the illustrations attached and to make a mobile. Instructions for the mobile are found on page 6.

Verse: Draw a lion large enough to fit the entire verse on the figure. Remember that children cannot read at this age, but the goal is to repeat the verse a few times.

Game: If time permits, play a version of the "cat and mouse" game. Only in this case, you can call it "Daniel and the Lion." The child who plays Daniel can be inside a circle formed by the rest of the children, and the lion can be outside. The goal is for the lion to try to enter the circle to catch Daniel. The children in the circle must keep the lion out.

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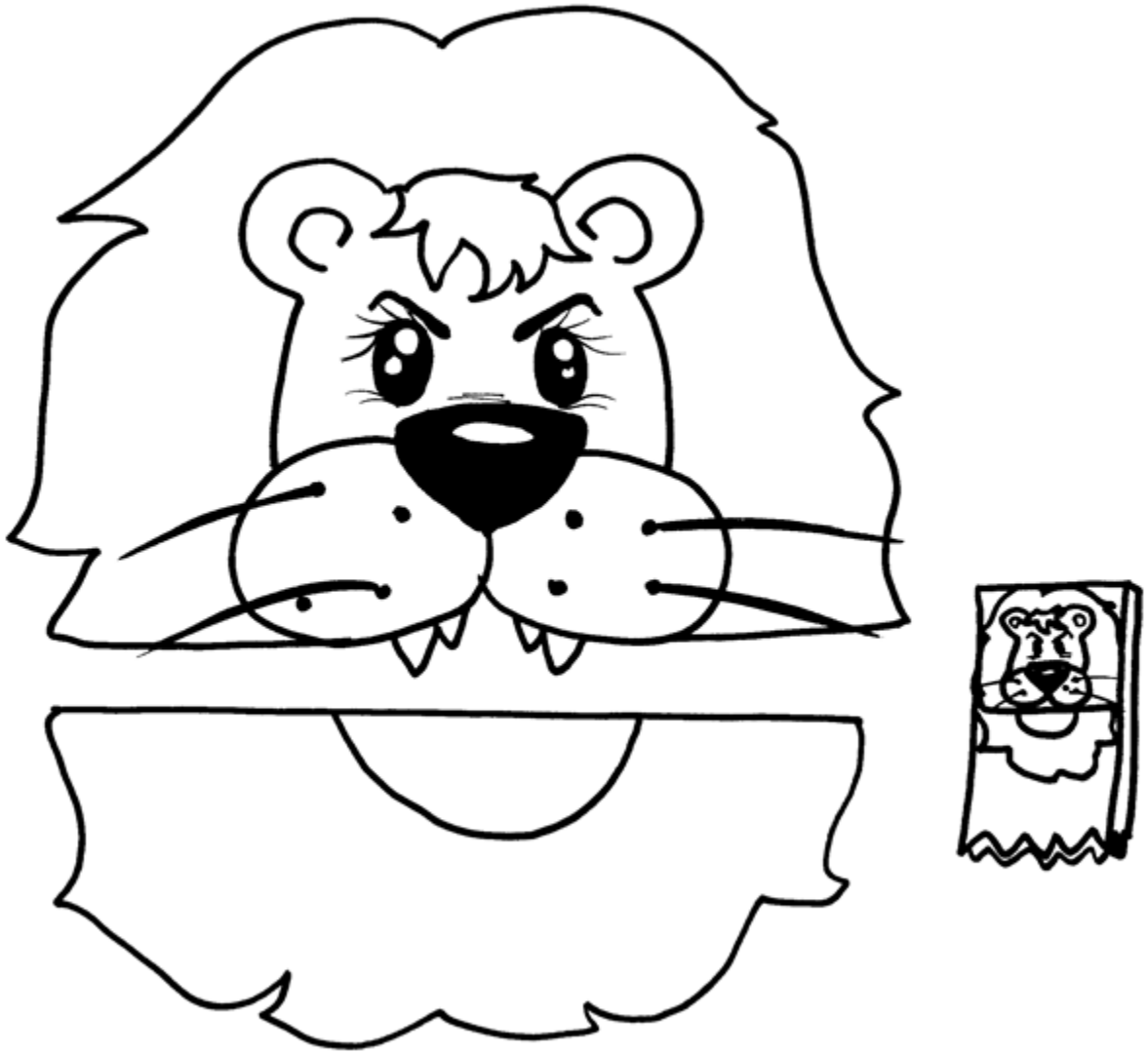
Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again and light the candle.

Prayer: Thank you God for loving us, for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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Craft
Lion Puppet



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Illustration

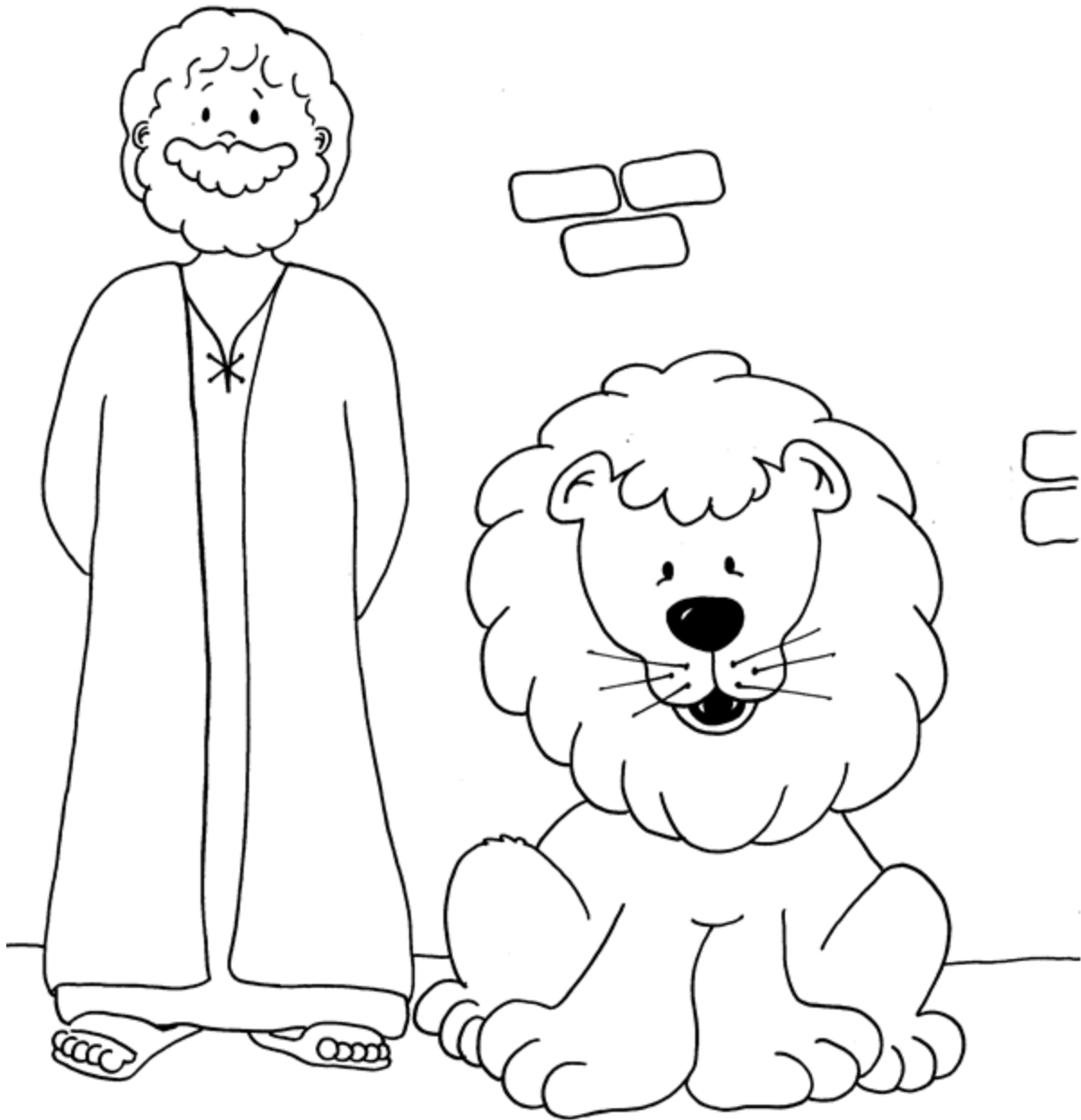
Daniel and the King Darius



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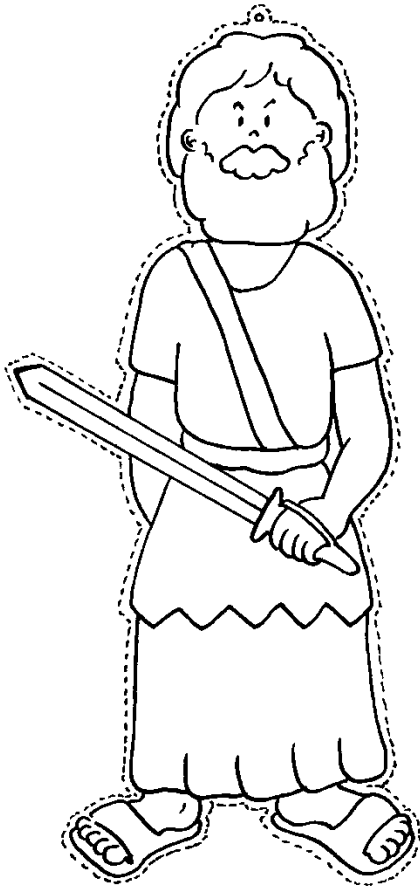
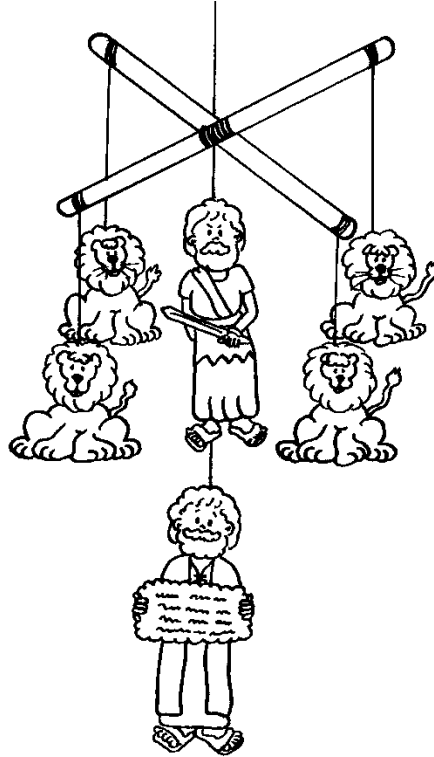
Illustration

Daniel in the Lion's den



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Mobile

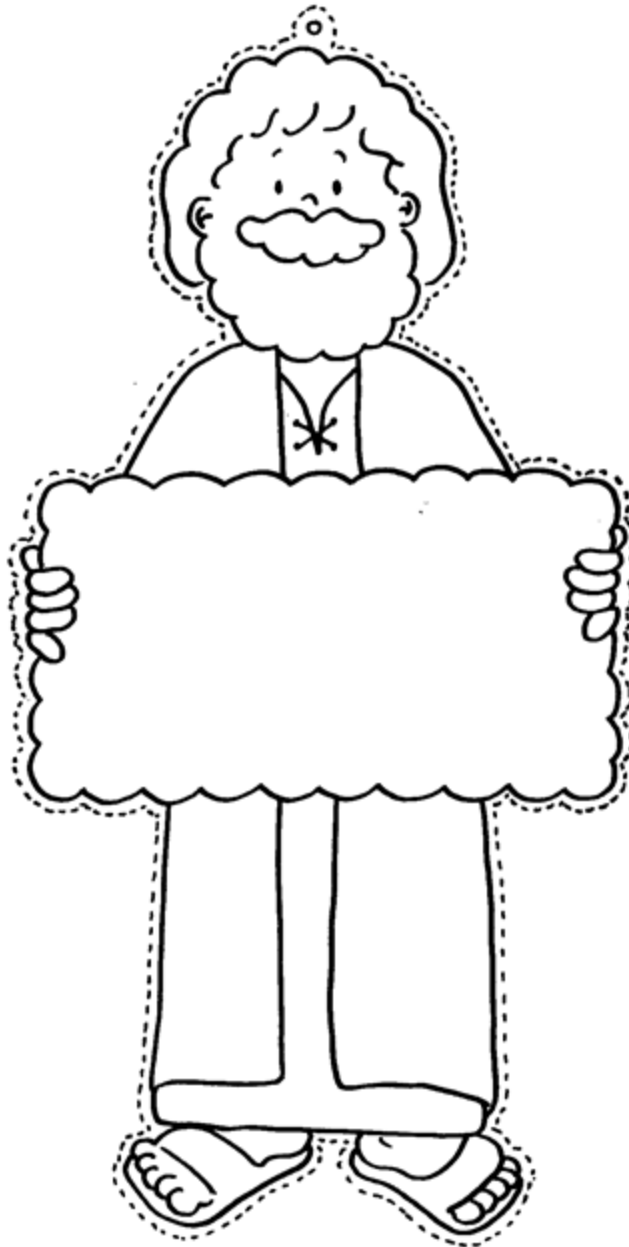


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Patterns



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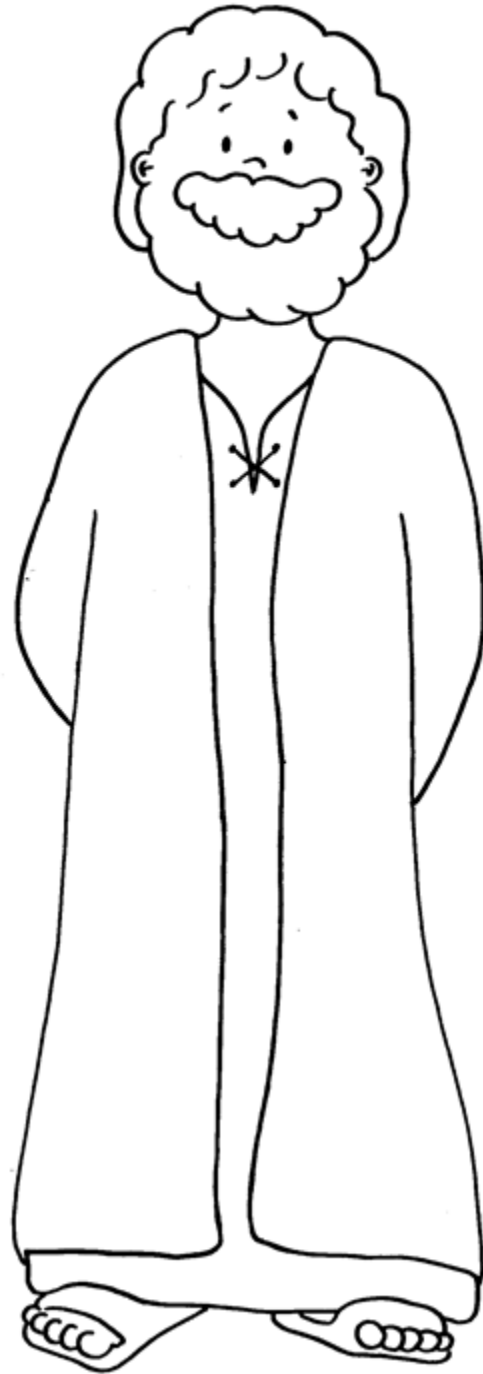
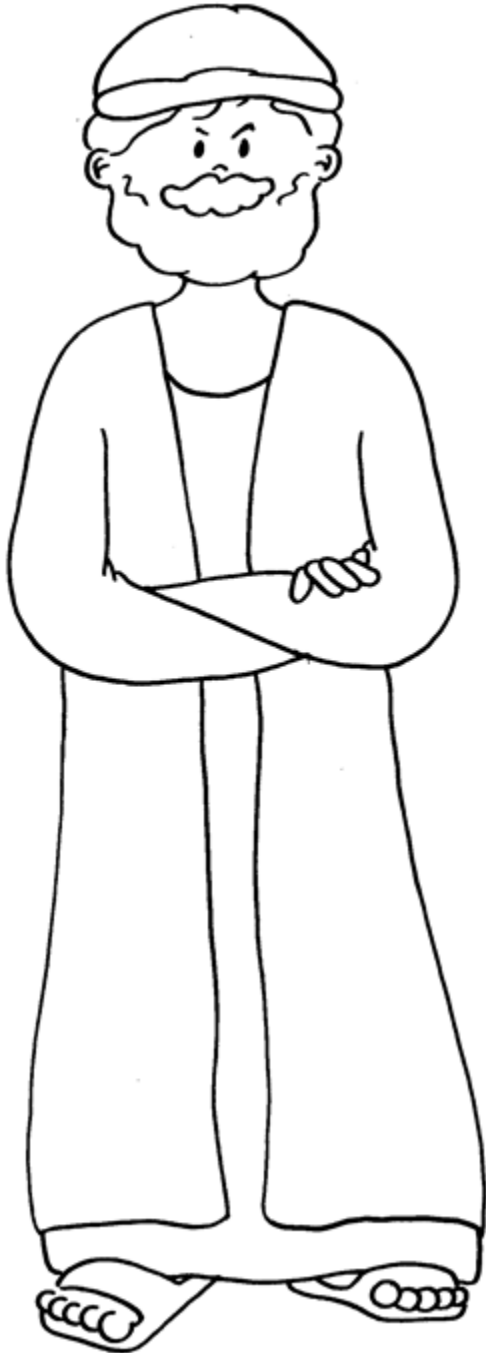


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The unhappy governor and Daniel



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Craft
Color

