



BIBLE STORYLINE

# Daniel and the Lion's Den

## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Dress up like Daniel (brown shirt or robe) Walk in the room looking scared. Look down at the floor like you're looking into the lion's den. Introduce yourself as Daniel and tell the kids you are faced with a risky decision. Even though you've done nothing wrong, you might be getting into big trouble. You'll find out in our lesson today.

**Before we jump into our lesson this week, let me ask you a question. Have you ever been blamed for doing something even though you did nothing wrong? (allow kids to raise their hands). How did that feel to get in trouble for nothing? (allow kids to answer). It stinks to get in trouble for nothing! (If you used the Leader Tip, see if the kids know what Daniel was looking down into and why he was scared.)**

**In our lesson today, we're going to learn about a time Daniel got in trouble even though he did nothing wrong.**

**We'll talk about that more in a minute, but first let's stand and sing.**

## Song

*Song #1*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:* Sometimes trusting God is risky business. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- Who was the king in this story? (King Darius)
- What did he want everyone to do? (Pray only to him)

- True or False: Daniel made a risky choice. (T)

Imagine if you were Daniel. You love God and pray to him all the time and you've seen him do lots of cool things in your life. But your faced with a hard decision because the king made a silly rule that says everyone has to pray only to him for 30 days. If you don't do it, you'll be thrown into a den of lions. Do you go along with this rule or do you stay true to God? Choosing to disobey the king meant certain death. You're being thrown to the hungry lions! But Daniel made the risky choice of choosing God over his fear. He knew that God was strong enough to protect him even from lions.

So, Daniel refused to pray to the king. When the king found out, he had no choice but to thrown Daniel to the lions. Daniel spent the night in the lion's den and everybody thought for sure he would be dead when they returned the next morning. But, something miraculous happened!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Not (shake head no) a scratch was found on him (point to arms and head), for he had trusted (hands together for prayer) in his God. Daniel 6:23 (Repeat)

Wow! Isn't that amazing? Daniel wasn't hurt at all. God had closed the mouths of the lions and totally protected Daniel. Everyone, including King Darius, knew that Daniel worshipped a powerful God!

So kids, let's be like Daniel and make the risky choice to stay true to God. We should be brave and stand for God no matter what. And God will be with us the whole time!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Song #2*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Sometimes trusting God is risky business. **(Repeat)**

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.