



## God is the Living God (Part 2) Daniel

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Bible Passage: Daniel 6

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### The Big God Story

God is the Living God: Daniel

Daniel loved God. King Darius didn't believe God is the true, living God. But he liked Daniel, so he asked Daniel to be his special helper. King Darius had some other helpers too. These helpers didn't like Daniel. They were mad because Daniel loved God. They asked King Darius to make a rule. The rule was that no one could pray to God. They could only pray to the king. We only pray to God, because He is the living God. Guess who loved to pray to God? Daniel did, because Daniel loved God. Daniel went to a special room, and he prayed to God three times every day. Can you help me count to three? One, two, three. Good counting!

Daniel loved to pray to God, because he knew that God is the living God. God is alive! There's no one like Him. Let's close our eyes and pray just like Daniel did. *Close your eyes and pray a brief prayer thanking God for being the living God.* King Darius' helpers were watching Daniel. One day, they saw Daniel praying. Was Daniel allowed to pray to God? No. The king's new rule said he could not. The helpers went to King Darius and told on Daniel. They said, "Look! Daniel is praying to God!" This made the king sad. He liked Daniel a lot, but Daniel broke the rule. He would get punished. They put Daniel in the lions' den. I don't want Daniel to go in the lions' den! The lions' den was where the lions lived together. It was full of hungry lions. King Darius put Daniel in with the hungry lions. He said, "Daniel, I hope your God can help you." Then he closed the den with a big rock.

All night long, Daniel stayed with the lions. All night long, King Darius was so worried, he couldn't sleep. Would the lions hurt Daniel? In the morning, the king hurried to see if Daniel was okay. The rock was pushed away. Guess what! Daniel was safe—the lions didn't hurt him! King Darius was so happy that God had protected Daniel. Daniel loved God. Daniel trusted God and wasn't afraid. Daniel knew God is the true, living God. Did God take care of Daniel? God was with Daniel when he prayed. And God was with Daniel in the lions' den. Our God is the living God. There's no one else like Him.

# Blessing

*Have children assume a receiving posture; holding their hands out, palms up to receive their blessing. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

**Kids, may you always remember that God is the living God and will always protect us.**

## Activities

### King Darius Says

*In the Bible story, everyone had to do what King Darius said. Once the king said it, it was law!*

**I'm going to tell you to do something and you will only do it if I say "King Darius Says."  
(play like the "Simon Says" game)**

### Lion's Den

*Throw a blanket over the dining table, two chairs, or a pillow fort to create a lion's den. Take turns being the lion (or lions) who cannot bite the other players.*

**I'm a lion and I'm going into my den. You stay out or I will eat you!**

### Lion, Lion, Daniel

*This is a game for 3 or more players—the more the better. Play "Duck, Duck, Goose" but replace the words with "Lion, Lion, Daniel."*

**Let's play "Lion, Lion, Daniel."**