

Demiel in Daviel 6 Bible Story from Daniel 6

Narrator: When Jerusalem was ruled by King Nebuchadnezzar [NEB-u-kud-NEZer], Daniel was



chosen to work for the king. Daniel was faithful to God, and God helped Daniel to be wise. Now King Nebuchadnezzar is dead and a new king, Darius, is the ruler of the land. The other men who work for the king are jealous of Daniel. They want him out of the way. Let's see what happens to Daniel.

Royal worker #1: Daniel has become the most popular person around. King Darius has made him higher than us.

Royal worker #2: To make things worse, I can't find anything wrong with Daniel. He does everything right.

Royal worker #3: I know of one thing he does that might be considered wrong by the king. Daniel worships the God of Israel. Maybe we can get him into trouble because of this.

Royal worker #1: This might be our only chance to take away Daniel's power. Let's give it a try.

Narrator: So the group of royal workers went to King Darius.

Royal workers #1, #2, #3: Oh King



Darius, live forever.

Royal worker #2: Any person who prays to a god or man other than you in the next 30 days should be thrown into the den of lions. Make this a law, O King.

King Darius: What a great law! I will write it down right now!

Read Daniel 6:10.

Daniel: I know there is a new law, but I can't stop praying to my God. Three times a day I will get down on my

and give thanks to my God.



Royal worker #1: Look, I see Daniel.

Royal worker #2: What is he doing? It looks like he's praying to his God.

Royal worker #3: Let's tell the king what we have seen.

Narrator: Then the men went to the king and told him that Daniel was disobeying the king's new law by praying to the Lord God.

King Darius: I have made a mistake. I don't want Daniel thrown in the lions' den. I would save him if I could. But the law is the law. I must throw Daniel to the lions.

Narrator: So Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, and the door was closed with a large rock. No one was able to move the rock. Daniel was trapped inside.

King Darius: May Daniel's God rescue him. I cannot eat or sleep. I am so worried about Daniel. Why did I do this terrible thing?

Narrator: As soon as it was daylight the king rushed to the lions' den.

King Darius: Daniel, has the God whom you serve been able to rescue you?

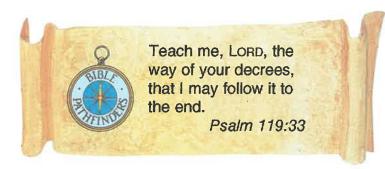
Read Daniel 6:22.

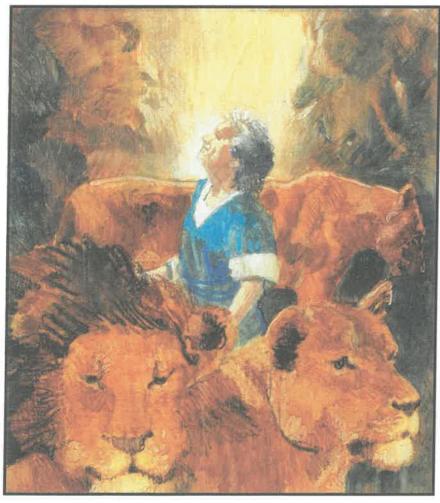
Daniel: My God sent

and he _____

of the lions.

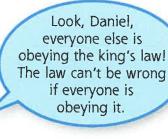
Narrator: King Darius was happy that Daniel had been saved from the lions by his God. But King Darius was angry at the royal workers. He made them take Daniel's place in the lions' den. This time the lions attacked and killed the men. Because of this event, King Darius chose to follow Daniel's God. Because of God's care for him, Daniel remained a wise man in the king's court.

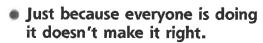




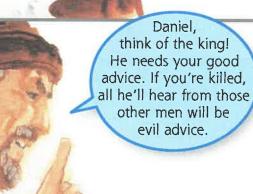
Daniel's Choice

Daniel was a man who chose to keep up the good habit of praying. Pretend his friends gave him the advice below. Then check the boxes next to the answers Daniel might have given.

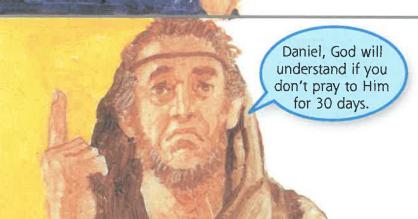




- I'll join the crowd and obey the king's law.
- I'll obey the king's law no matter what he wants us to do.



- The king needs me. I'll do what I can to save myself, even if it means not praying.
- I must do what's right and trust God to take care of me.
- Why should I care? The king is the one who made the rule in the first place.



- You're right! It won't matter if I don't pray for 30 days.
- God doesn't want me to stop praying, even for 30 days.
- Maybe I don't need to pray as often.

Love God every day in every way.