Just as he always had

Everything you need to share Daniel and the Lions at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read Daniel 6 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Daniel 6)

The most important verse in this story isn't in the lions' den. It's in Daniel's house: he got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before (6:10).

Daniel's courage wasn't invented in a crisis. It was built in a thousand ordinary prayers at an open window. When the pressure came, he simply kept doing what he always did.

Notice, too, that he gave thanks. With a death sentence on the table, Daniel's prayer still started with gratitude.

Your kids won't remember most of your words. They will remember your habits. The quiet minutes you keep with God now are the open window they'll look back on someday.

REFLECT

What is your 'open window', a simple daily time with God you could protect this week? What are you thankful for, even in a hard season?

PRAY

Faithful God, build in me a steady habit of prayer, and let my kids see me come to you every day, in easy times and hard ones. Amen.

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THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



Daniel and the Lions

Daniel 6

God is with me, even when I'm scared.

"My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions." Daniel 6:22

ASK AT DINNER

When is it hard for us to do what's right? How can we help each other be brave?

PRAY

God, thank you for being with us when we're scared. Help us be faithful like Daniel. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

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CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

Daniel and the Lions · Daniel 6

Listen: Play the Listen version of Daniel and the Lions on the way.

ASK

1. What did Daniel keep doing every day?
2. Who shut the lions' mouths?
3. When do you need to be brave?

"My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions." Daniel 6:22

Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of Daniel and the Lions (Little for ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “Was there anything scary today? What helped?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions.”
4. Pray: “God, you were with Daniel and you are with me. Keep me safe tonight. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Lion snack

Make a lion face on a rice cake with banana-slice eyes and a pretzel mane. Close his ‘mouth’ with a raisin before eating.

LIVING ROOM

Blanket den

Make a den under a table. Stuffed lions ‘roar’ until someone says “God shut their mouths!” and they go quiet.

ANYTIME

Window prayer

Open a window or stand by one and pray together, just like Daniel did.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “What did Daniel keep doing?” and “Who shut the lions’ mouths?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child is King Darius calling into the den; the little one is Daniel answering, “My God sent His angel!”

DANIEL AND THE LIONS · STICKER CHART

My brave-like-Daniel week

Each day, pray at the same time, and do one brave, right thing. Add a sticker or color a lion!

Monday	Idea: Pray in the morning	
Tuesday	Idea: Tell the truth even when it's hard	
Wednesday	Idea: Stand up for a friend	
Thursday	Idea: Pray before a meal at school or with friends	
Friday	Idea: Try something new I'm nervous about	
Saturday	Idea: Say thank you to God for three things	
Sunday	Idea: Pray at bedtime	

"My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions."

Daniel 6:22

DANIEL AND THE LIONS · MINI-BOOK

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

Daniel and the Lions

This book belongs to _____

Daniel had a long white beard and a kind, twinkly face.

1

Daniel worked for the king.

2

Daniel heard about the new rule.

3

The grumpy helpers were hiding outside, peeking up at the window.

4

“My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions.”

Daniel 6:22

God is with me, even when I’m scared.

Up in the palace, the king could not sleep.

6

Down in the dark, the lions crept closer and closer.

5

DANIEL AND THE LIONS · TRACING PAGE

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

GOD IS WITH

ME, EVEN

WHEN I'M

SCARED.



God is with me, even when I'm scared.

Three times a day



Daniel prayed three times every day. Roll three balls, put one on each circle, and say a little prayer with each one.

1 2 3

“My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions.” Daniel 6:22