

REFERENCES: DANIEL 6:1-23; *PROPHETS AND KINGS*, PP. 539-548.

# Daniel and the Lions

## *Memory Verse:*

“[Daniel] went to his room three times a day to pray.” DANIEL 6:10, NIV.

## *The Message:*

I can talk to Jesus every day.

## *Parents:*

By the end of the month, you can help your child

**Know** that God wants them to talk to Him.

**Feel** confident that God listens to their prayers.

**Respond** by praying every day.



*See the lions. Lions are big cats. Happy lions say, “Purr.”  
Sleeping lions say, “Snore!” (Snore.) But angry lions say, “Grrrr,  
roar!” (Roar, and hug your child.)*

See Daniel. *(Point to Daniel.)* Daniel is a brave man. Daniel is God's friend. Daniel is the king's friend, too.

See Daniel's house. *(Point to Daniel's house.)* See Daniel's window. *(Point to the window.)* Daniel prays there three times every day.









Daniel is a brave man. Daniel is God's friend. Every morning Daniel talks to God. Daniel prays. Daniel says, "I love You, God."

Some bad men want to hurt Daniel. They ask the king to make a new law. The law will say that people who pray to God will be thrown to the lions.

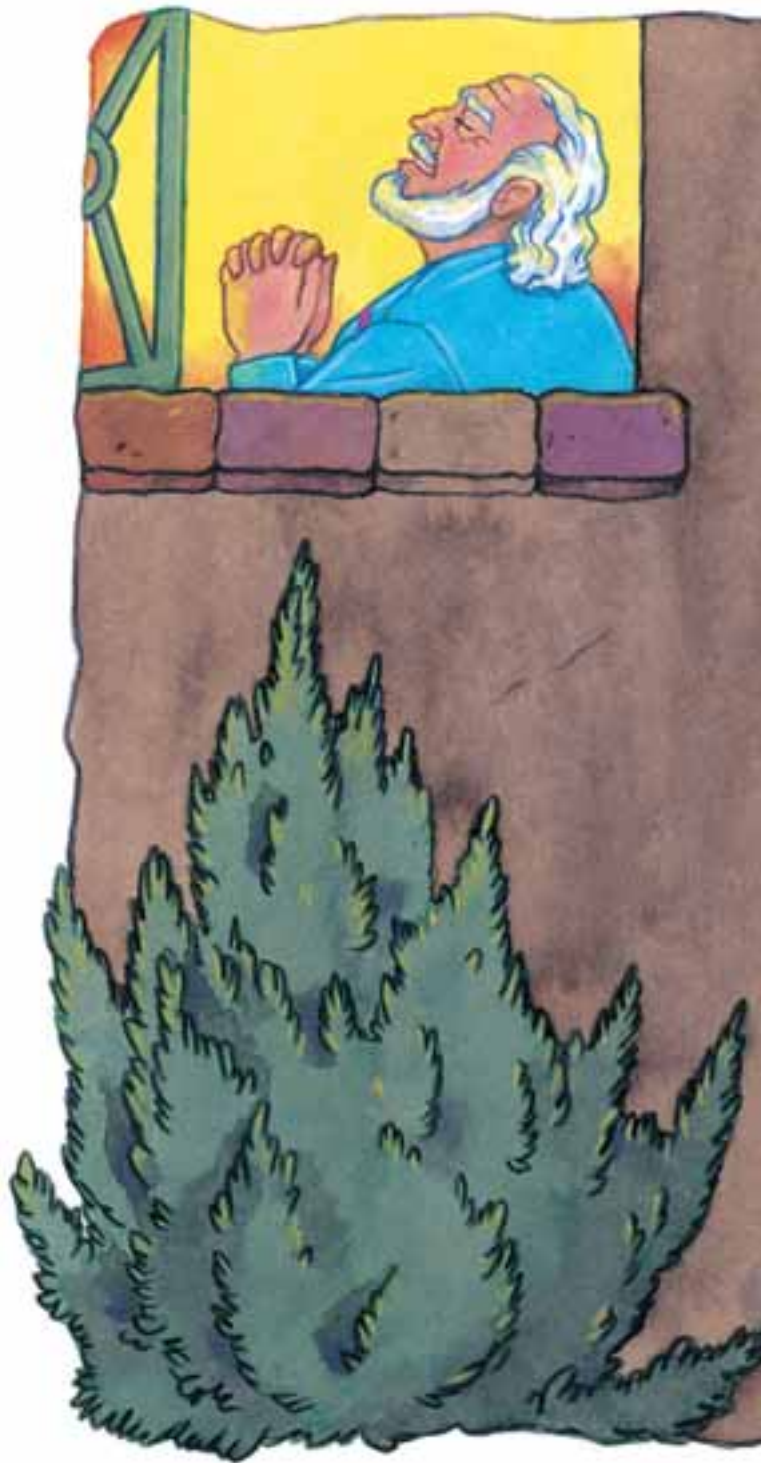
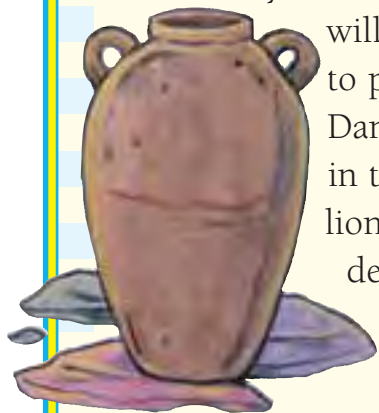


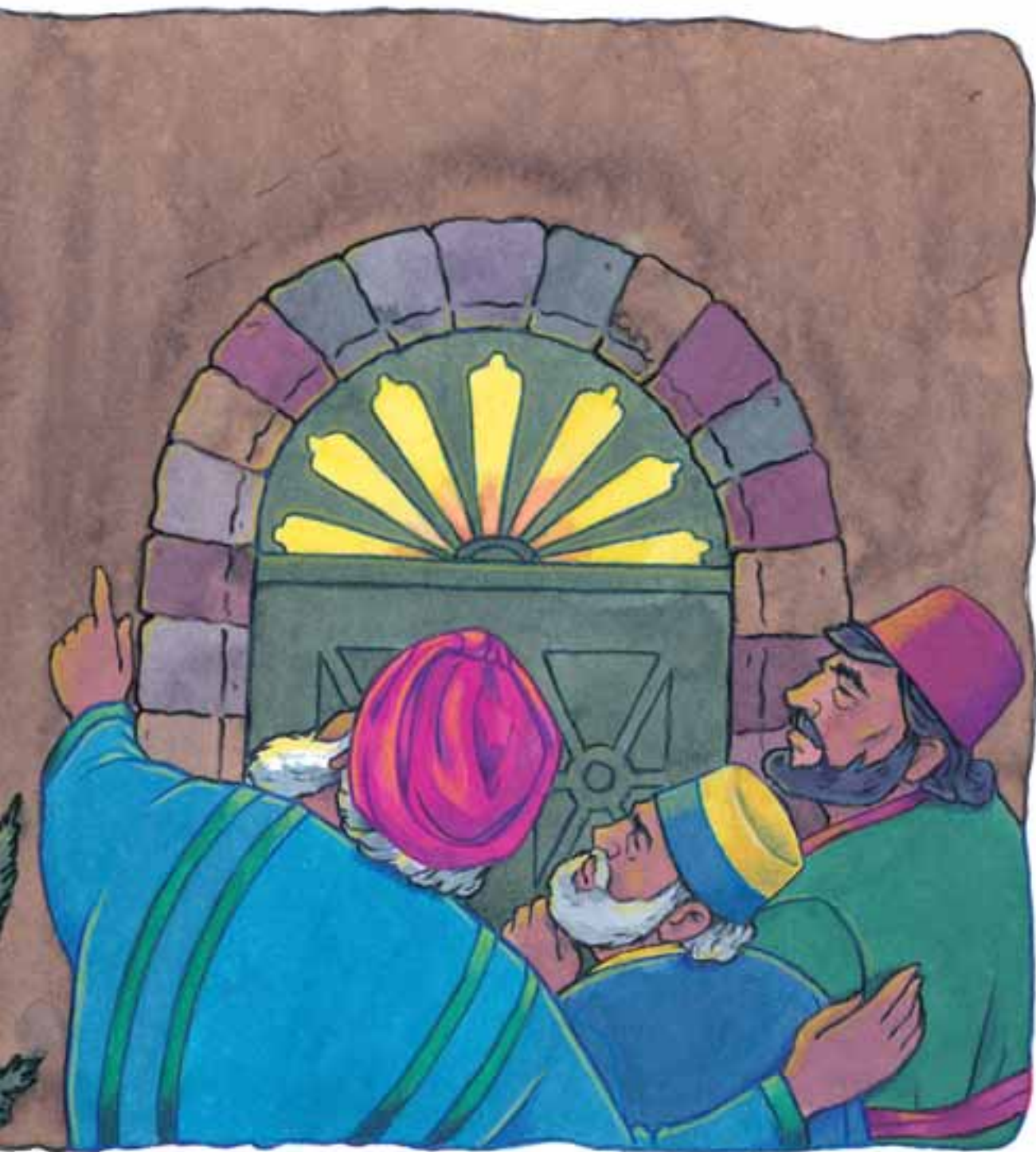
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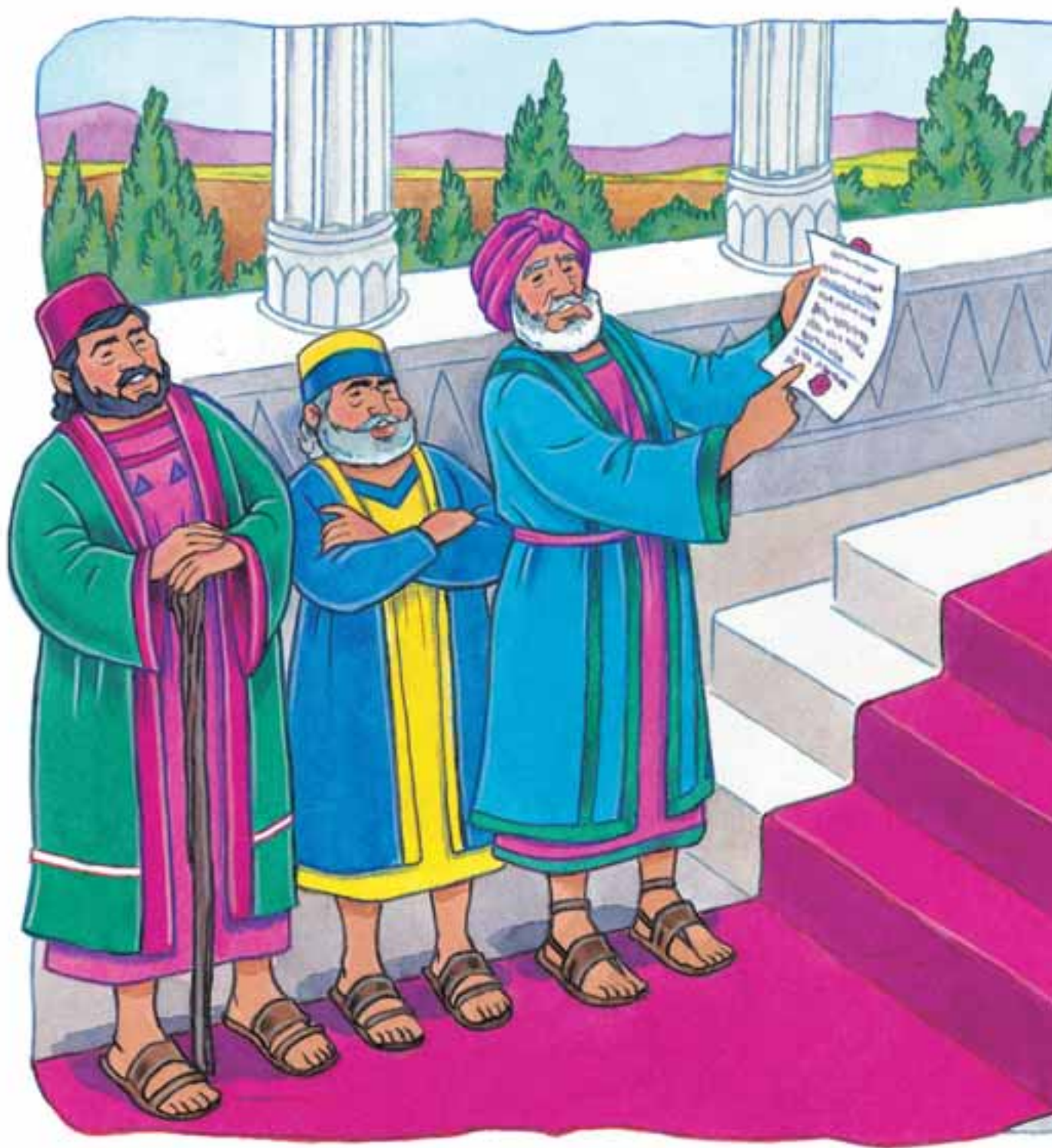
At night Daniel kneels by his bed. Daniel talks to God. Daniel prays.

Daniel is not afraid to pray. He prays one, two, three times a day. *(Count on your child's fingers.)*

Some bad men see Daniel pray. "We will tell the king," they say. "The king will have to put Daniel in the lions' den."











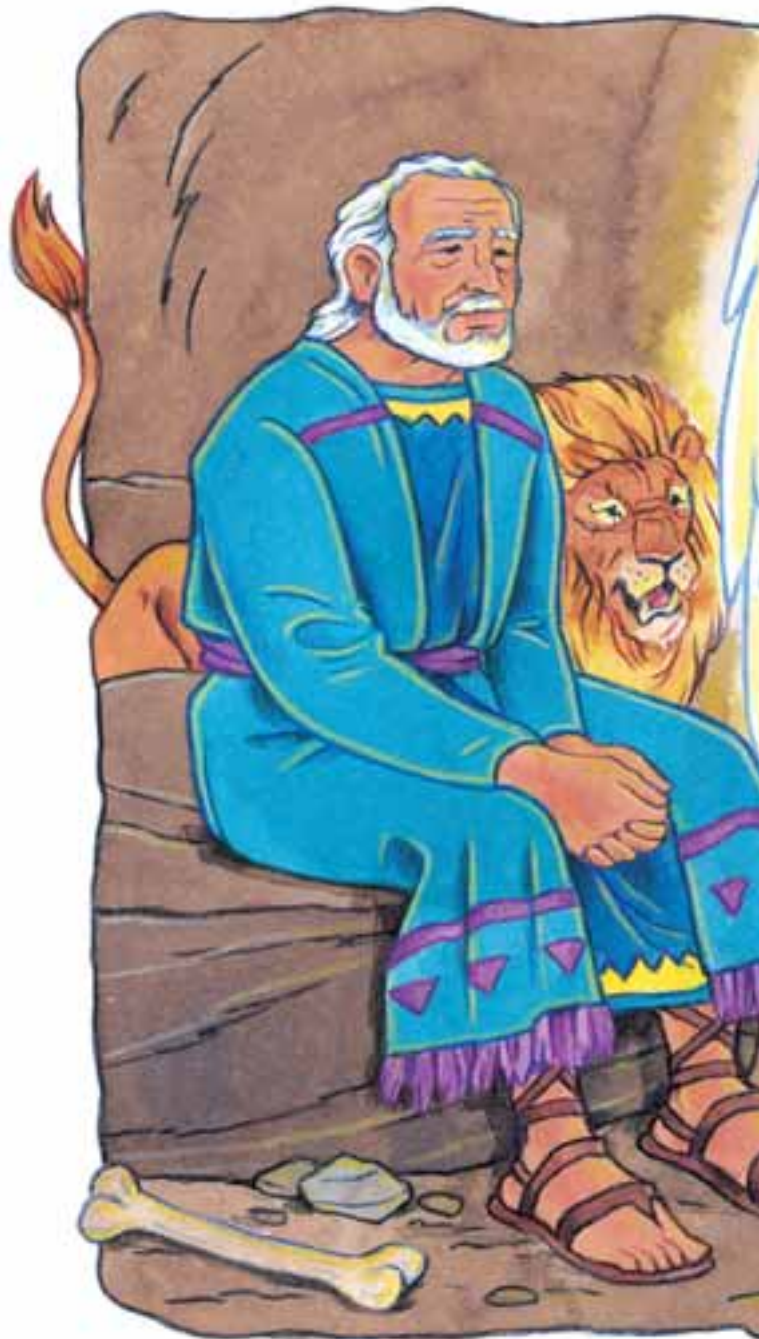
Daniel prays to God in heaven three times a day,” the bad men say. “He must be put in the lions’ den.”

“Daniel is my friend,” says the king. “I do not want to hurt him. But I must do what the law says. Daniel’s God will take care of him.”

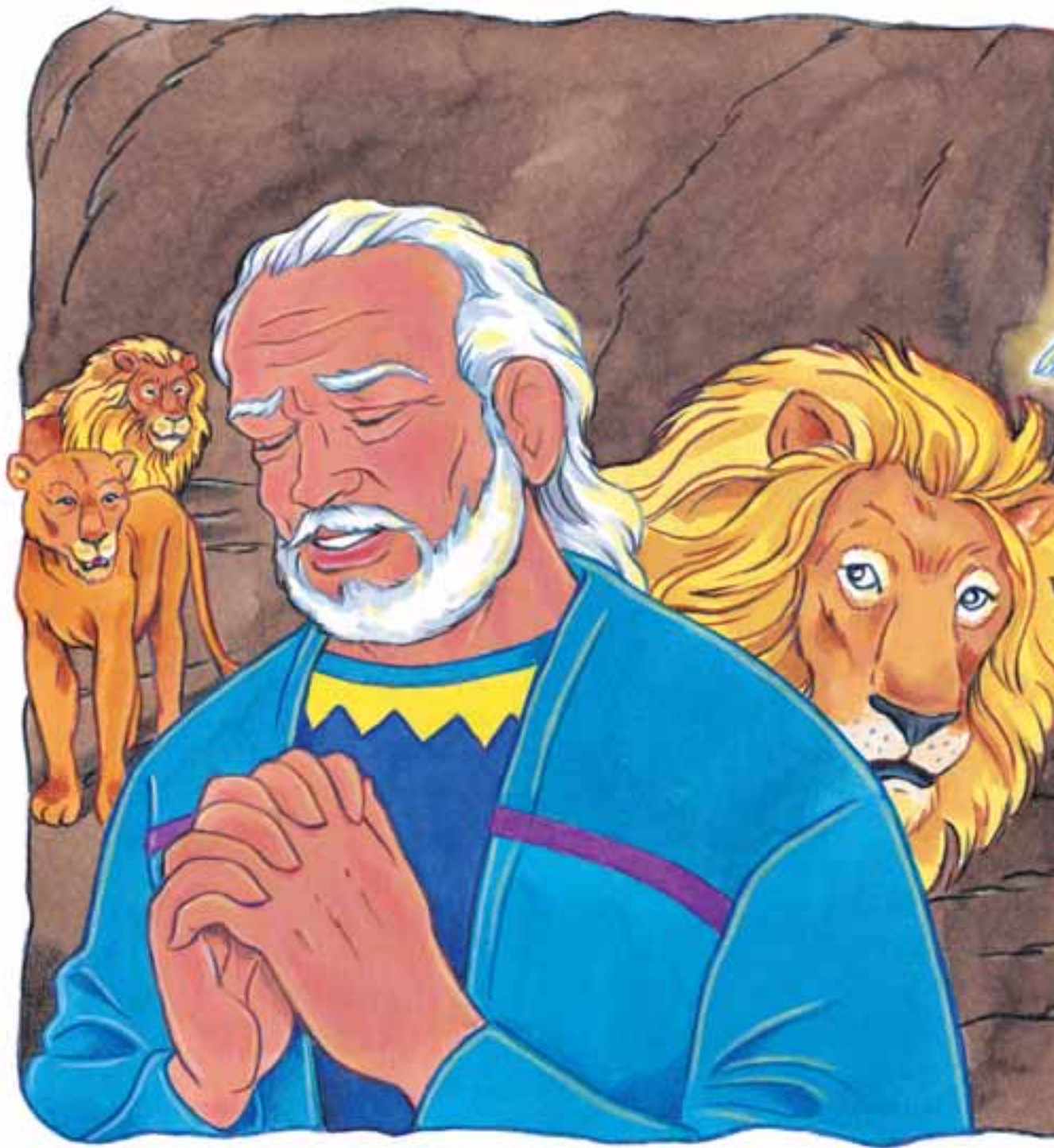


The bad men take Daniel to the lions' den. Grrrr! Roar! (Roar.) The lions are hungry. Grrr! Roar! (Roar.)

Daniel is not afraid. His angel is there. The angel will shut the lions' mouths. (Show your closed mouth trying to roar.)









Get up, Daniel.  
It is morning.  
Time to pray.

Daniel kneels beside the lions. (*Kneel.*)  
Daniel prays to God. (*Clasp hands; close eyes.*) “Dear God, thank You for sending Your angel. Thank You for taking good care of me. I love You, God. Amen.”



The good king calls, “Daniel, did your God take care of you? Did the lions hurt you?” *(To child.)* Did the lions hurt Daniel? No! *(Shake head.)*

“O, King! My God sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths. God saved me!”

God sends His angels to watch over us, too. Let’s thank Him for angels. *(Pray a simple prayer.)*





# Do & Say

Pray by the window three times today just like Daniel.

Visit a zoo, and look for the lions.

Pet a kitten while you explain that large lions are big cats.

Roar like a lion as you talk about Daniel's story.

Look at pictures of lions in a book. Notice the difference between the male and female.

Take a walk, and tell God about all the pretty things you see.





Name three things for which you and your child can thank God. Then thank Him.

Thank Jesus for wild animals that will be tame in heaven.

Decorate a paper angel picture with glitter and crayons.



Use blankets, sheets, and some chairs to make a lions' den. Have your child's prayer time there today.

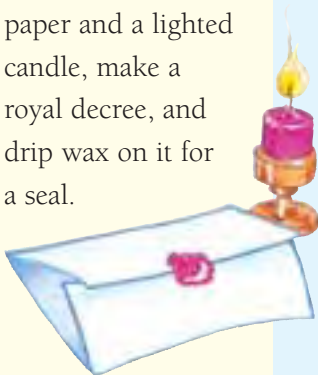
Look at pictures of family members, and thank Jesus for each one.

Sing the memory verse song (see p. 42); then thank God for watching over you, too.

With a piece of paper and a lighted candle, make a royal decree, and drip wax on it for a seal.

Practice one of the finger plays learned in Sabbath School. (See pp. 62, 63.)

Let your child find you as you make lion noises while hidden.



## Lesson 2

# Daniel Prayed

BASED ON DANIEL 6:10

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Musical score for the song "Daniel Prayed" in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Dan - iel went to his room three times a day to pray." The chords are F, Gm, C7, and F.

Sing the memory verse song, "Daniel Prayed," using the motions.

Daniel went



*(Index finger points away from the body.)*

to his room



*(Place the palm of one hand against the back of the other with thumbs up; then open out [like doors opening].)*

three times a day



*(Hold up three fingers.)*

to pray.



*(Palms together, as if praying.)*

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