

Another New Law

Daniel 6:25-28; Prophets and Kings, pp. 544, 545

Do you have a special place where you pray? People pray and worship in different places. Sometimes in church. Sometimes in a forest. Sometimes by a lake. We can pray anytime, anywhere. Daniel prayed and worshiped where his enemies could see him. Because of that, He also worshiped God in a very scary place.

Look! He doesn't even have a scratch!" "I can't believe it! Those lions should have torn him to shreds!"

"This is incredible! It has to be some sort of miracle!"

The guards talked among themselves. They couldn't believe that Daniel was actually still alive after spending the night in the lions' den.

King Darius frowned. He looked deep into the lions' den. "Daniel," he called, "I am so glad you are safe! I have never seen such a miracle. It's amazing, just amazing! Your God has saved you because you trusted in Him. What a powerful God He is!

"I'm going back to the palace and will write a new law immediately! Everyone must worship your God, the God of heaven. Your God is the only true God!"

Back at the palace, the king wrote a new decree, one that would be sent throughout the kingdom:

"Peace unto all of you, my people. Today I make a new law. Throughout my entire kingdom everyone, man or woman, boy or girl, must show respect for the God of Daniel. He



The Message

When I worship God, others
see His love and power.

Memory Verse

“For he is the living
God and he endures
forever”

(Daniel 6:26, NIV).



the power of the lions.”

Throughout the land, messengers delivered the news. Everyone, everywhere in the kingdom, learned about the incredible miracle of Daniel’s night with the lions. Because Daniel was faithful in worshiping God, the king himself came to know God’s power. And King Darius led his people to worship and give respect to God.

Daniel’s position as chief governor of all the land was immediately restored. And he continued to serve the king loyally as long as the king ruled.

Remember, worship is saying “I love You, God,” not just with words, but in everything we do.

Daniel worshiped God, even in the hard times in his life. And others learned of his God as they watched. God could have rescued Daniel before he was thrown into the lions’ den. But many more people saw God’s strength and power when God’s miracle saved Daniel’s life.

Just as God led Daniel, God will lead you in all you do! Whatever problems you face, He will be with you. Just ask Him.

How will you praise Him today for His care for you?

is the living God, and His kingdom will last forever. He rescues and saves people, and His miracles are everywhere. The God of heaven is the One who saved His servant, Daniel, from



S A B B A T H

DO If possible, go with your family to a quiet place outdoors. Look for things that endure a long time. Did you find a tree that has lived a long time? How do you find out the age of a tree? Ask a family member.

THINK Who is the oldest person among your relatives? Your grandmother? Your grandfather? How old are they? Who never dies, but lives forever? Read Daniel 6:26. Thank God that He endures forever.

M O N D A Y

DO This week keep a daily journal of your worship experiences. Write in it during family worship. Tell about acts of worship that help others see God's love and power. Some ideas: You offered to help someone; you joyfully told someone how God blessed you; you prayed with someone who needed help; your neighbors saw you go to church, etc.

DO Say your memory verse together. Sing a praise song before prayer. Ask God to help your worship lead others to Him.

W E D N E S D A Y

THINK King Darius gave several reasons for worshipping God. (See Daniel 6:26, 27.) List them on paper. Draw a picture of one reason. Tell God about it when you pray.

DO Sing "Dare to Be a Daniel" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 116).

DO Write in your journal. (See Monday.)

DO Unscramble this Bible verse and say it together.

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S U N D A Y

READ During worship, read and discuss James 5:13-16. Cut two different colored papers into narrow strips. With your family write prayer requests on one color. Write answers to prayer on the other color. Alternate colors as you join the pieces to form a family prayer chain. Each day this week add to the chain. Thank God for answered prayers.

DO Teach the memory verse to your family. How do you feel about worshipping a real, living God?

T U E S D A Y

THINK Do you have something to write in your journal of worship experiences? Write and talk about it during family worship.

READ Find a rock and write the memory verse on it. Say it for your family. Read Psalm 18:2 together. To what does the verse compare God?

SING
Sing "His Banner Over Me Is Love" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 25), especially the third verse. Thank God for being your Rock of safety and salvation.

In Daniel's time kings often kept collections of wild animals like lions.





THURSDAY

READ During family worship talk about: What is worship? Together, read a call to worship God in Revelation 14:6, 7. Read together Ephesians 4:32. Check your journal. Have you been kind and helpful to others this week? Make plans to do something helpful tomorrow.

DO Make a list of different ways your family has worshiped this week. Choose one thing on your list and do it for today's family worship.

DO Sing a praise song, then have prayer together.

FRIDAY

READ For sundown worship read and discuss Darius's new law. Read Daniel 6:25-28 aloud, and then name at least five things for which Darius praised God. To whom did Darius write? Why? Compare Darius's letter to the angel's praise for God in Revelation 7:11, 12. List five things for which you praise God. Tell Him about them when you pray together.

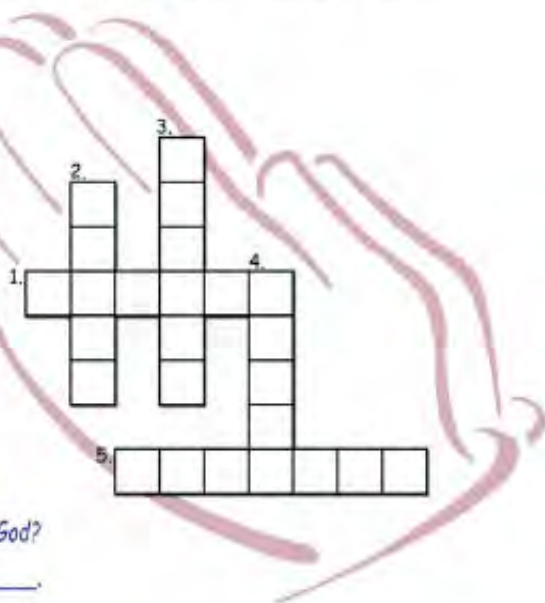
DO Share some experiences you wrote about in your worship journal this week.

SING Say your memory verse together. Then sing a praise song.

Another New Law PUZZLE

Directions: Daniel worshiped God, even in the hard times of his life. Fill in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle.

1. (Across) Who prayed where enemies could see?
2. (Down) How do you _____ God for all He does for you?
3. (Down) Who said that everyone had to respect the living God?
4. (Down) Daniel wasn't afraid of _____.
5. (Across) _____ is more than words.



Praise The Lord

In Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon, music called people to worship. Temple musicians played on a variety of instruments, but they looked different from those we know today. Sometimes decorated with bits of shells, carvings, or colored stones, instruments were made of precious woods, silver, or ivory.



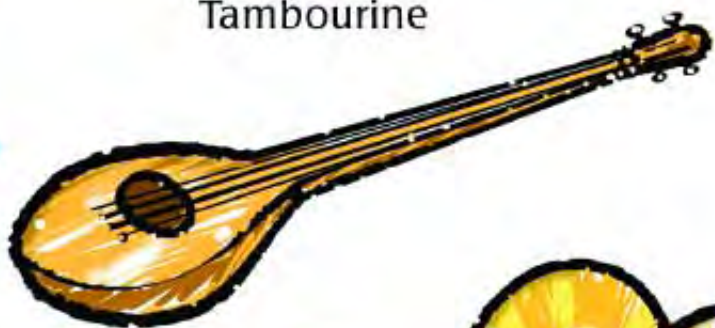
Harp



Lyre



Tambourine



Lute



Sackbut



Cymbals

Through Music

Directions:

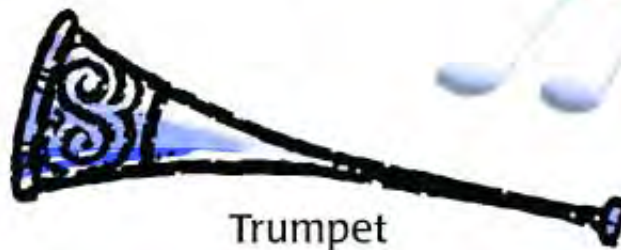
Look at the pictures and see what you can find in your house that would produce a similar sound. Use your imagination to create additional instruments. For instance, stretch rubber bands across an open shoe box. Or collect narrow-necked bottles. With different amounts of water in them, they will produce different tones when you blow across the top of the bottles.

After you have collected and/or made instruments, create music that praises God. Invite your family and friends to help.



Drum

Double Flute



Trumpet



Psaltery