



Daniel Serves Faithfully

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Lesson Focus

Daniel faithfully served God through the reigns of multiple kings. God blessed him by granting him favor with each new king, placing him in a position of influence so that the name of God would be glorified in a foreign land.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Daniel 5:5–6 & 8, 5:22, 5:25–28, 6:10, 6:16–17, 6:19–23

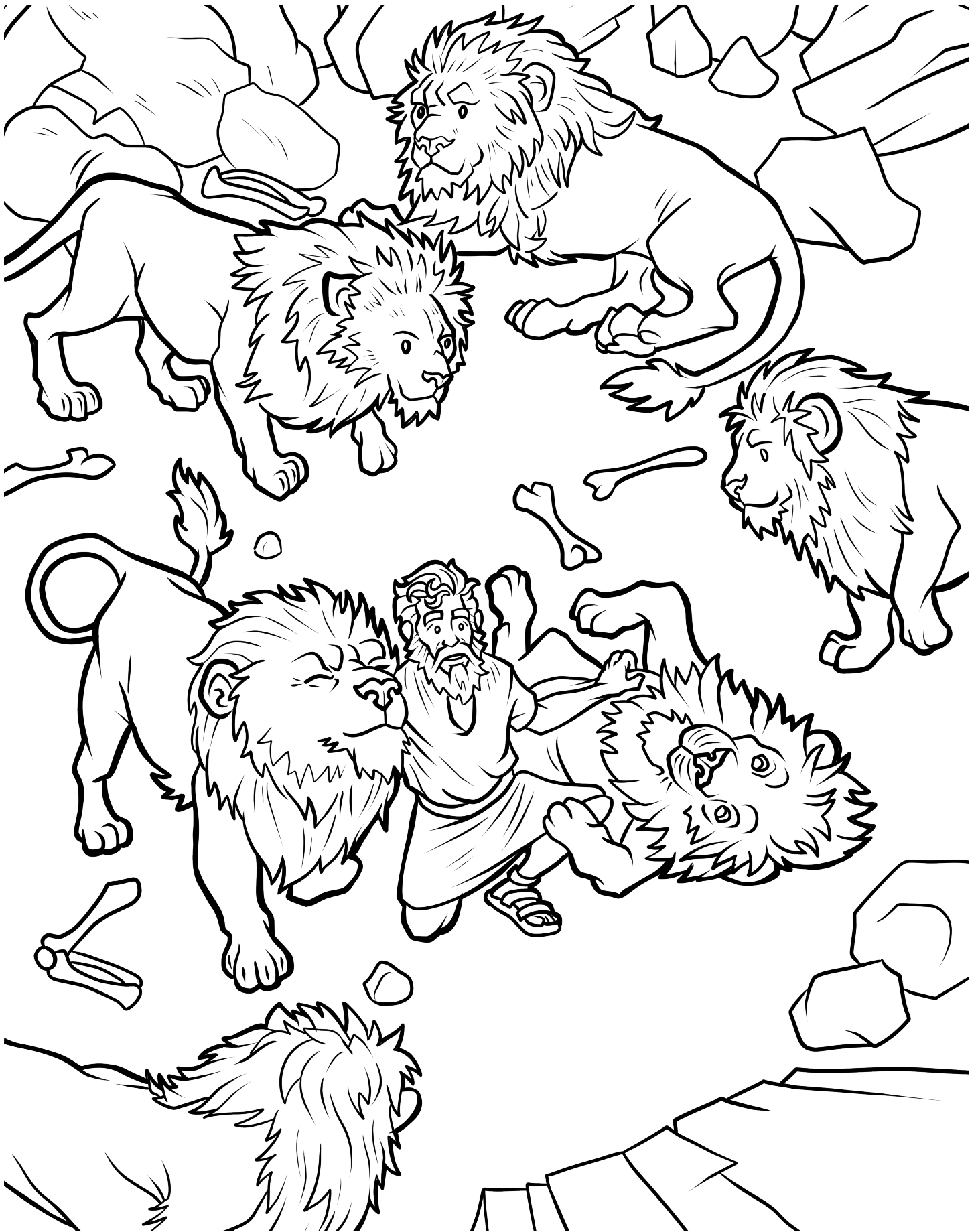
Grades 4–5: Daniel 5:5–9, 5:22–28, 6:10, 6:16–17, 6:19–23

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Daniel told King Belshazzar the meaning of the miraculous writing on the wall: God was judging the king's sin and taking his kingdom and giving it to the Medes and the Persians. This judgment occurred that very night.
- ▶ Daniel continued to pray faithfully to the Lord and was thrown into a lions' den as punishment for breaking King Darius' law. God sent his angel to protect Daniel, and God's name was glorified among a foreign people.



Name _____



Isaiah 30:18

**Therefore the LORD waits
to be gracious to you, and
therefore he exalts himself
to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of
justice; blessed are all
those who wait for him.**



Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.



Name _____

Class Notes

1. King Belshazzar and his guests
drank from special golden cups
taken from God's _____.
P L E M E T

2. A human _____ appeared
H N D A
and wrote on the wall of the king's
palace.



3. Daniel told the king that the writing on the wall was a _____ from God.
G E S A M E S

4. Belshazzar's kingdom would be _____ and given to the Medes and the
P I T L S P U
Persians.

5. After Daniel explained God's message, the king died that very _____.
T H I N G

6. The next king Daniel served was _____ the Mede.
U S A R I D

7. King Darius signed a law that everyone must pray only to the _____.
N G I K

8. Daniel continued to pray to God _____ times a day.
H E R E T

9. Daniel was thrown into a _____ for breaking the law.
S O N L I ' E D N

10. God protected Daniel by sending an _____ to close the mouths of the lions.
G L E A N

Class Notes Answer Key

1. King Belshazzar and his guests drank from special golden cups taken from God's TEMPLE.
2. A human HAND appeared and wrote on the wall of the king's palace.
3. Daniel told the king that the writing on the wall was a MESSAGE from God.
4. Belshazzar's kingdom would be SPLIT UP and given to the Medes and the Persians.
5. After Daniel explained God's message, the king died that very NIGHT.
6. The next king Daniel served was DARIUS the Mede.
7. King Darius signed a law that everyone must pray only to the KING.
8. Daniel continued to pray to God THREE times a day.
9. Daniel was thrown into a LIONS' DEN for breaking the law.
10. God protected Daniel by sending an ANGEL to close the mouths of the lions.

Review Questions

1. After Nebuchadnezzar's death, Daniel served under the rule of which king? *Belshazzar.*
2. What was special about the vessels (cups) that were brought to Belshazzar's feast? *They were golden vessels/cups from God's temple.*
3. What were Belshazzar and his guests doing as they drank from the golden cups: worshipping God, listening to Daniel, or praising false gods? *Praising false gods.*
4. What strange thing happened as the king's guests drank from the golden cups? *A human hand appeared and wrote on the wall.*
5. How did Belshazzar feel as he watched the hand write on the wall? *Shocked, alarmed, scared.*
6. Who told the king the meaning of the handwriting? *Daniel.*
7. How did Belshazzar sin: he was full of pride, he worshipped false gods, or both? *Both.*
8. Who sent the handwriting on the wall? *God.*
9. Name one of the three words that were on the wall. *Allow several students to answer until all three have been named. Mene, tekel, parsin (peres).*
10. True or false: Mene meant that God had numbered the days of Belshazzar's kingdom. *True.*
11. True or false: Tekel meant that God had weighed, or judged, Belshazzar. *True.*
12. True or false: Parsin meant that the kingdom would stay together. *False. It meant that the kingdom would be split up and given to the Medes and Persians.*
13. What happened on the same night that Daniel read the handwriting on the wall? *The king was killed.*
14. Who became king after Belshazzar was killed: David, Darius, or Damon? *Darius.*
15. What law was King Darius tricked into signing? *A law that people could pray only to the king.*
16. What did Daniel continue to do even though he knew about the law? *Pray three times a day to God.*
17. How did Darius punish Daniel, even though he didn't want to? *Threw him in the lions' den.*
18. What did God's angel do to protect Daniel in the lions' den: shut the lions' mouths, opened the den, or killed the lions? *Shut the lions' mouths.*
19. How did Darius feel when he learned that God had saved Daniel? *He was very glad.*
20. When Darius saw that Daniel's God had saved him, he made a law that all people in his kingdom must fear the Lord, obey Daniel, or pay more taxes? *Fear the Lord.*

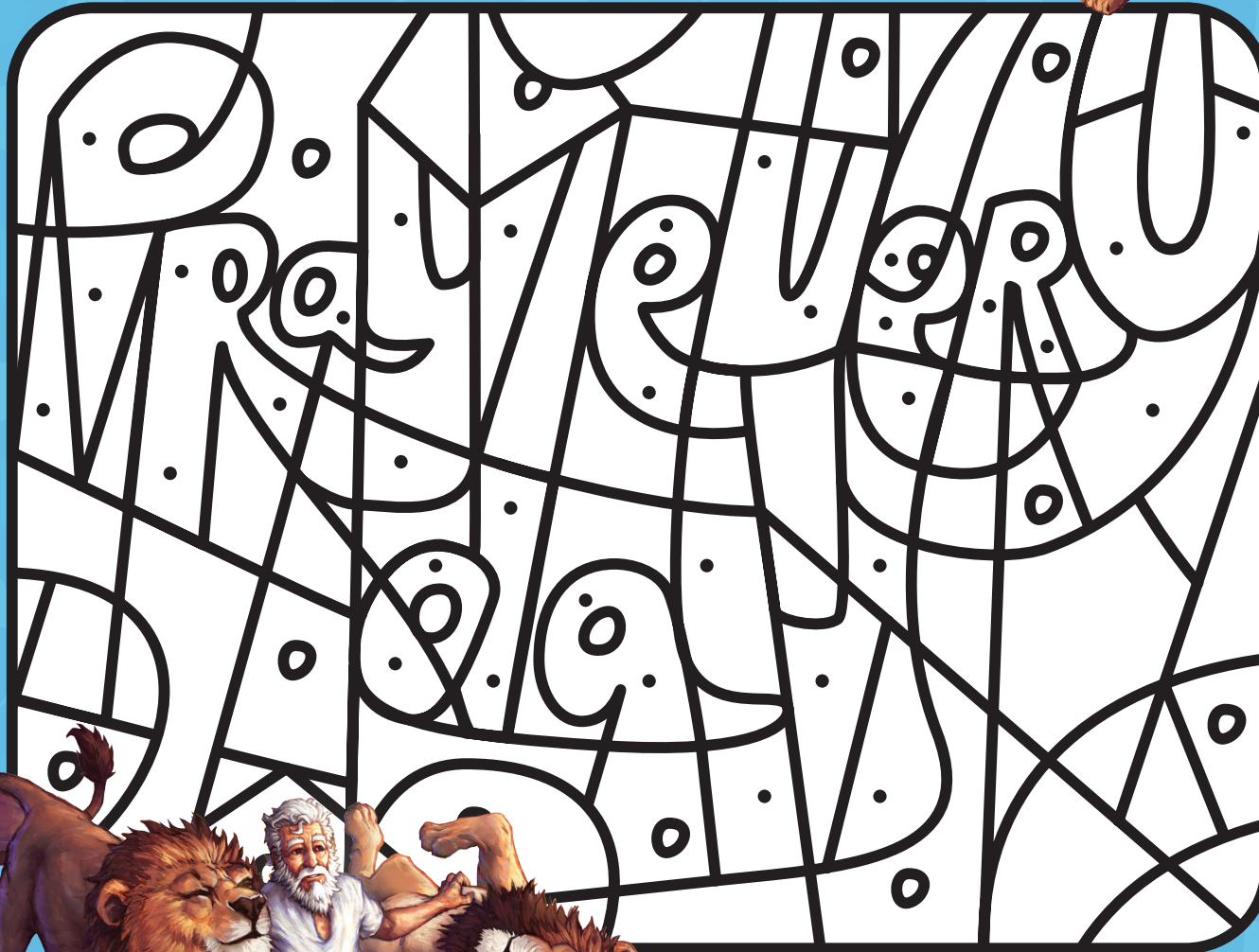


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Daniel served God faithfully. Color in each space that has a small dot to discover how you can follow Daniel's example.



Name _____

Memory Verse

Fix the verse. Some of the words are backwards. Write them correctly in the blanks.

Therefore the LORD

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gracious to _____, and

therefore he exalts himself

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to show _____ to you.

For the LORD is a God of

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for _____. Isaiah 30:18

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OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend said that she prays for things every day, but she doesn't always get what she asks for. **What could you say?**

That's great that you're praying every day. God wants us to come to him with requests, especially when we're in need of help, but he wants our prayers to be more than that. How would your parents feel if you only came to them asking for stuff or for help with an emergency? What if you didn't talk to them about anything else or ever say thank you for all they've already done? That wouldn't be a good relationship. The Bible says that prayer should be part of our relationship to God and should include giving praise and thanks. We have the joy of talking to God as our heavenly Father. We should thank him for all the blessings he's given us and the prayers he's answered. Because he is the all-powerful Creator, we should praise him for his amazing qualities, like his mercy, love, and wisdom. And just like with our parents, we must remember that sometimes an answer is no or not now because God knows what's best for us, and we can thank him for that, too.

Justin & Jessie

"I wish my mom were here to see me get my award," said Matt.

"Well, we've been praying that they'd come. Maybe today is the day," said Jessie encouragingly.

Matt squirmed in his seat. Then he saw something that made him stop and stare. Justin and Jessie turned to look. "Wow!" they exclaimed together.



The kids have been praying that Matt's mom and brother would come to church. So, what did they see that was so amazing? Find out in "Awards & Answered Prayers."

Go to [KidsAnswers.org/jj109](https://www.KidsAnswers.org/jj109) to read the rest of the story and print out this week's Justin and Jessie coloring sheet.

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