

## Pre-Lesson Downloads

### **#13 – Daniel and the Lions Den – Integrity** (*Living in accordance to your deepest values. Being honest and always keeping your word.*)

Dear Families: This is a great lesson to learn about being a person who is trustworthy and does their best even when they think others are not watching. A person with honor and integrity is a person others will trust in leadership, as well as, in friendship. Daniel was such a person and God protected him when others, without integrity, tried to harm him. God's blessings on you!

**Bible Text:** Daniel 1:1-21; 2:1-46; 6:1-28 Abridged

In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. . . (He) commanded his palace master to bring some of the Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility, young men without physical defect and handsome, versed in every branch of wisdom, endowed with knowledge and insight, and competent to serve in the king's palace. . . They were to be educated for three years, so that at the end of that time they could be stationed in the king's court. Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. (The palace master changed their names to: Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.) But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine. So he asked (the palace manager if he could just eat vegetables and drink water. The palace master told him he would be put to death if the Israelite captives were in poor condition. Daniel asked the guard test them for 10 days. So the Israelites were allowed to eat just vegetables and drink water. At the end of the ten days they were better fed and healthier than all the young men that had been eating the royal rations. The king also found that Daniel and his three friends were ten times smarter and wiser than all the others.)

(The following year) Nebuchadnezzar dreamed such dreams that his spirit was troubled and sleep left him. So the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. . . (Those that had been called asked the king to tell them the dream and they would interpret it. . . Nebuchadnezzar told them they had to tell him the dream and interpret it. They said that it was impossible to do that. The king told them that if they didn't do it his way they would all be put to death. Of course they couldn't do it so the king ordered that all of the wise men be executed.) They looked for Daniel and his companions to execute them, (also.) Then Daniel responded with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the king's executioner. . . "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Arioch explained the matter to Daniel. So Daniel went in and requested that the king give him time and he would tell the king the interpretation. (So he went to his companions and asked them to pray with him to ask for mercy from God.) Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven. (Daniel told the king both the dream and the interpretation.) The king, Nebuchadnezzar, fell on his face, worshiped Daniel and commanded that a grain offering and incense be offered to him. "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries. . . The king promoted Daniel and gave him many gifts. . . (Daniel did not want to be bowed to or receive extra gifts & only asked that the king would also promote his companions too.)

. . . Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other (appointed leaders and wise men. So they tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find (none. So they plotted. . . and went to the new King Darius and said that for 30 days no one should pray to any gods except the king, knowing that Daniel prayed three times a day to God. The king signed the decree. Even though Daniel knew about the decree he still prayed to God three times a day. The conspirators found him praying and went to tell the king.) When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed (and he tried to think of a way he could save Daniel. When he couldn't) the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" A stone was brought and laid on the mouth

of the den, and the king sealed it. . .then went to his palace and spent the night fasting. . .At the break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. . .He cried out anxiously, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has you God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" Daniel then said to the king. . ."My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me. . ." So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no kind of harm was found on him, because he trusted his God. The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions. . .Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world. . .I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For He is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and His dominion has no end. . .So, Daniel prospered.

**Children's Book:** *Daniel and the Lions* ISBN 0-87239-762-9

**Bible Verse:**

For He is the living God,  
enduring forever. Daniel 6:26b



**Materials:**

- \*Color and cut out the picture above and the verse. Tape or glue into your homemade "Bible."
- \*2 Coloring pages \*1 Maze \*1 Daniel and the Lions Crossword \*1 Old Testament Books Puzzle
- \*1 Daniel and the Lion Anagram Puzzle \*1 Beat/Rhythm page – I will demonstrate on the video

## Science/Language Arts Activities:

\*Look up lions and read about their characteristics and habits. Are they endangered? Where do they fit in the balance of nature? What is being done to help them?

\*Take the words from the lessons that describe the characters of the Bible story people, ie: Integrity, Wisdom, Humility, Grace, etc. Make a simple dictionary including definitions. Pick some of the characteristics that you would like to be known for. Tell why.

## Puzzle Answers:



abellmss  
jealous  
mouths  
brave  
laws  
lions  
prayed  
closed  
angel  
rescued



Daniel & the Lions

Anagram

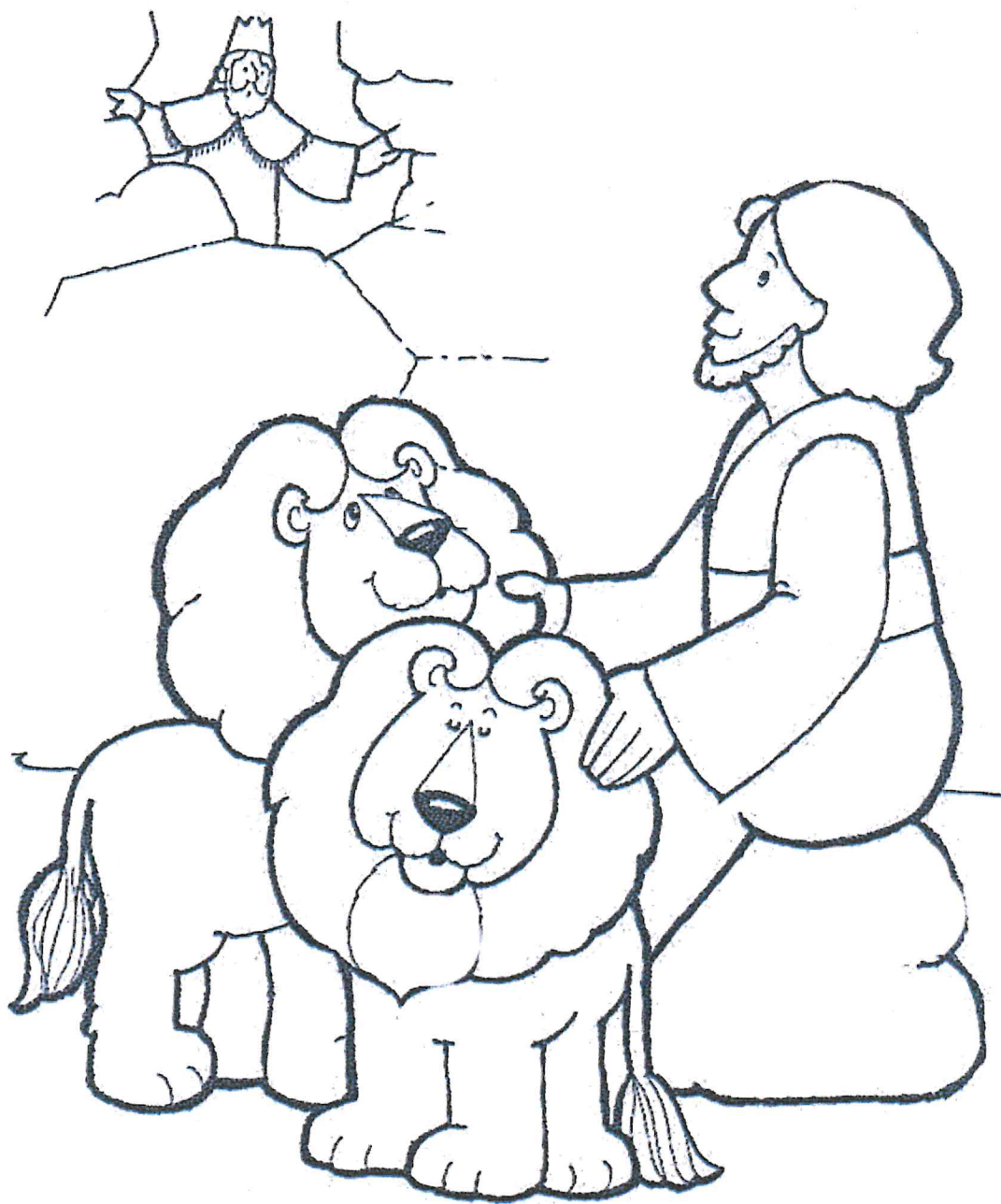
Old Testament Books  
1-Exodus, 2-Malachi, 3-Judges, 4-Esther, 5-Genesis, 6-Joshua, 7-Ruth, 8-Psalms, 9-Numbers, 10-Deuteronomy, 11-Daniel, 12-Leviticus, 13-Obadiah, 14-Job, 15-Proverbs, 16-Ezekiel, 17-Ecclesiastes.



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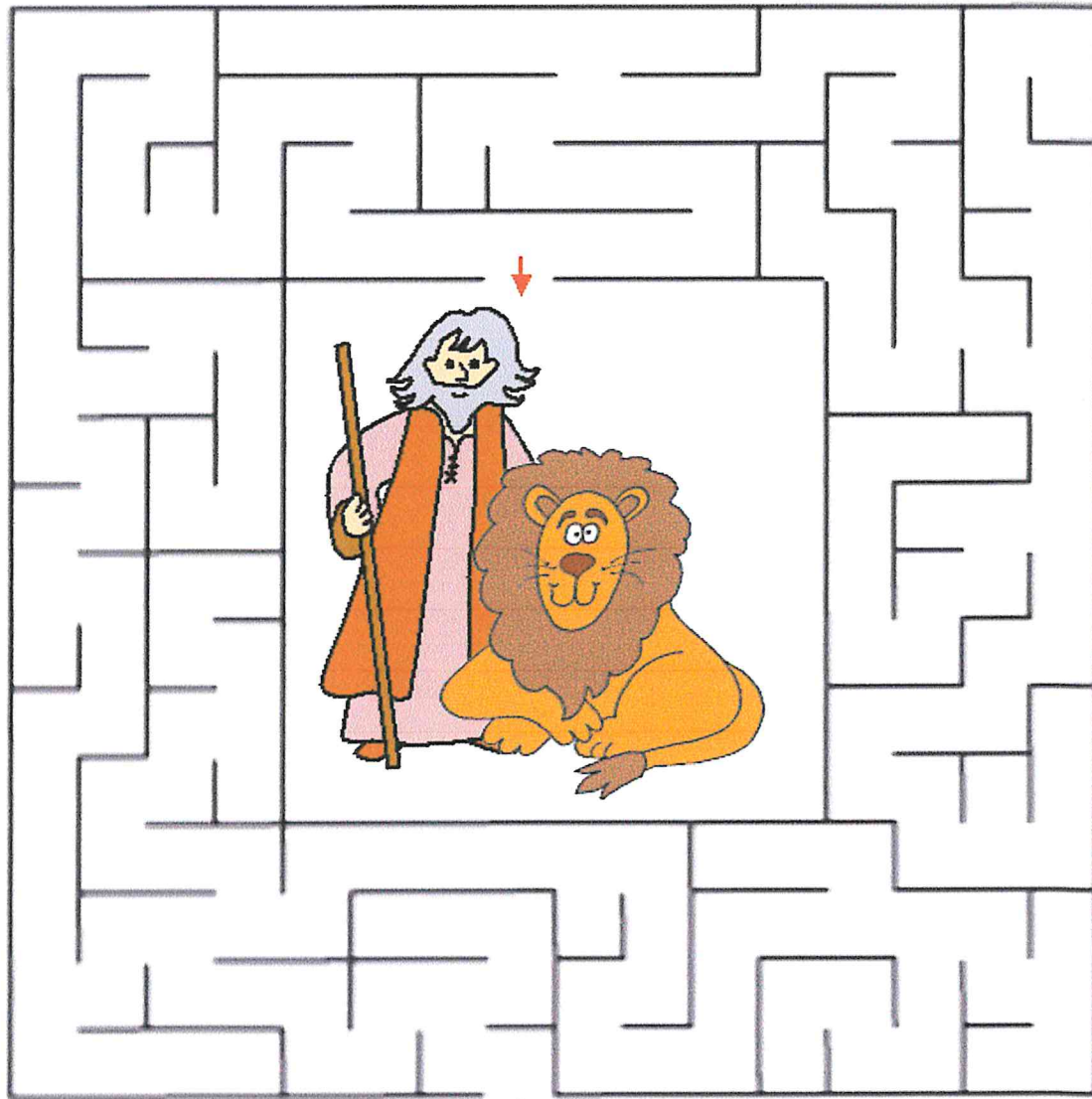
Daniel prayed to God three times a day after he had been told not to worship God.



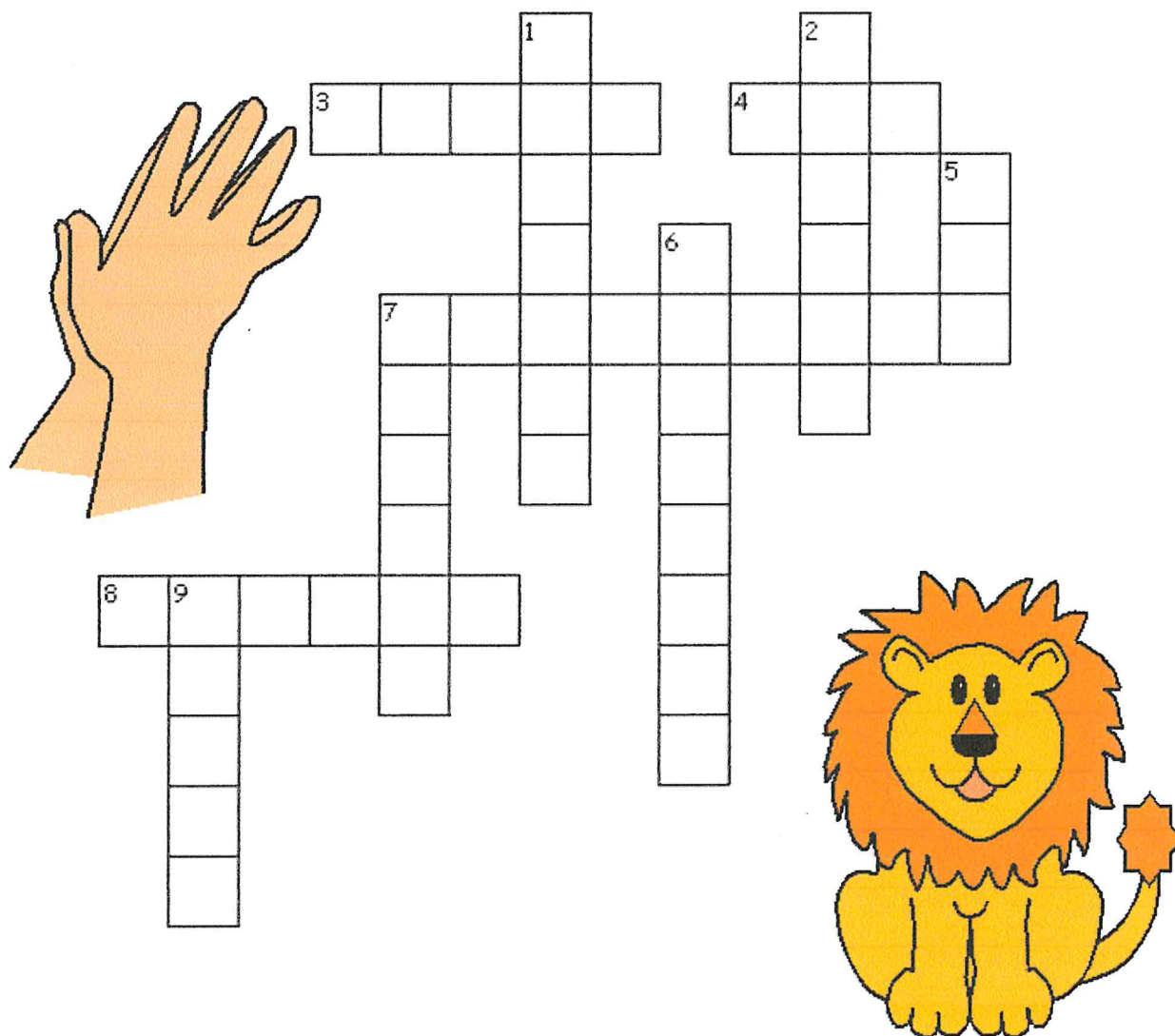


# Daniel and the Lions Maze

Help the angel find Daniel in the lion's den.



# Daniel & the Lions Crossword



## Across

3. Daniel got on his knees and prayed this many times everyday.
4. King Darius changed this so that everyone was ordered to pray to him alone.
7. God \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel because he was faithful to Him.
8. The lion's mouths were \_\_\_\_\_ and Daniel was unharmed.

## Down

1. The other servants of the king were \_\_\_\_\_ because the king liked Daniel more.
2. The men who wanted to get rid of Daniel could find no \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
5. King Darius felt this when he heard Daniel had to be thrown in with the lions.
6. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ in God, that's why he continued to pray.
7. Daniel did this even though the law said he couldn't.
9. Daniel was thrown into a den of \_\_\_\_\_ because he prayed to God.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Daniel & the Lions Anagram

**Word List:**

angel, blameless, brave, closed, jealous,  
laws, lions, mouths, prayed, rescued



abeellmss \_\_\_\_\_

aejlosu \_\_\_\_\_

hmostu \_\_\_\_\_

aberv \_\_\_\_\_

alsw \_\_\_\_\_

ilnos \_\_\_\_\_

adepry \_\_\_\_\_

cdelos \_\_\_\_\_

aegln \_\_\_\_\_

cdeersu \_\_\_\_\_



## OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

|              |        |           |         |             |        |          |              |                 |           |          |              |              |
|--------------|--------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| GENESIS      | EXODUS | LEVITICUS | NUMBERS | Deuteronomy | JOSHUA | JUDGES   | RUTH         | 1 SAMUEL        | 2 SAMUEL  | 1 KINGS  | 2 KINGS      | 1 CHRONICLES |
| 2 CHRONICLES | EZRA   | NEHEMIAH  | ESTHER  | JOB         | PSALMS | PROVERBS | Ecclesiastes | Song of Solomon | ISAIAH    | JEREMIAH | Lamentations | EZEKIEL      |
| DANIEL       | HOSEA  | JOEL      | AMOS    | OBADIAH     | JONAH  | MICAH    | NAHUM        | HABAKKUK        | ZEPHANIAH | HAGGAI   | ZECHARIAH    | MALACHI      |

The first five books of the Old Testament are called books of Law; the next twelve are books of History; the next five are books of Poetry; and the last seventeen are books of Prophecy. Can you fill in the names of the books in the following acrostic?

1. The second book in the Bible.
2. The last book in the Old Testament.
3. The second book of History.
4. A book of History that was named after a woman.
5. The first book in the Bible.

6. The first book of History.

7. Another book of History named after a woman.

8. The second book of Poetry.
9. The fourth book of Law.
10. The last book of Law.
11. The author of this book of Prophecy spent a night in a den of lions.

Proph  
lions.

12. The third book of Law.
13. A book of Prophecy.
14. The first book of Poetry.
15. The middle book of Poetry.
16. The fourth book of Prophecy.
17. The fourth book of Poetry.

