



Unit 11, Lesson 44

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: DANIEL AND THE LIONS

DANIEL 6

THE STORY HOME

Daniel had proven to be so wise and trustworthy that the new king, King Darius, decided to set Daniel over the entire kingdom, but the other leaders were jealous. They wanted to find something that they could use to get Daniel in trouble. They talked King Darius into issuing a decree that anyone who prays to any other god for 30 days would be thrown into the lion's den. Daniel kept praying to God three times a day, just like he had done before. When the other leaders told the king that Daniel was breaking the decree, the king was upset because he liked Daniel so much. When Daniel was thrown into the lion's den the king said, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions. When the king went to check on Daniel early the next morning, Daniel was fine. Then, the king had the guys who tried to get rid of Daniel thrown into the lion's den where they were eaten.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What are you wondering about this story of God and God's people?
- How was Daniel faithful before? How was he faithful to God in this Epic story?
- Why did the other leaders want to get rid of Daniel? How did Daniel respond?
- Do you know other people who have been faithful over and over again, even in tough situations?

TOGETHER HOME

Search online for "Daniel in the Lion's Den" images. Check out some of the artwork that some very fine artists have made depicting this scene. Choose some of the paintings to talk about. What would you paint differently? What thoughts or questions do these pictures bring to mind?

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Sit in a circle (or across from each other if there are only two). Take turns saying the next word in the verse. When you get to the reference, say it together. Make the game more challenging by calling someone "out" if he or she says the wrong word, or if he or she follows the person who says the reference.