

March Weeks 3 and 4



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# OVERVIEW CARD

## DANIEL AND THE LIONS

Key Question:  
Bottom Line:

Who's got it?  
God's got it.

Memory Verse:

"He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God."  
Deuteronomy 10:17, NLT

Bible Story Focus:

God protects me.  
Daniel and the Lions  
*Daniel 6:1-23*

Coloring Page:

God protects Daniel in a den of lions.

Music:

God is Big and He Loves Me  
I like To  
God Does Great Things

Bible Lesson:

God's Story for Me Bible  
The Lions' Den  
Pages 254 to 259

Story:

*Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear*  
by Bill Martin Junior and Eric Carle

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# ACTIVITY 1

## ALL AGES

### DANIEL AND THE LIONS

#### Zoo/Farm Animals

##### **Big Idea:**

*4's/5's: Children will identify and separate animals into two baskets based on whether they are typically found at the zoo or on a farm.*

*2's/3's: Children will scatter and collect the animals.*

**What You Need:** Around 20 stuffed animals (try to include one lion in each classroom), and two baskets.

##### **What You Do:**

###### **2/3 Year olds:**

- Scatter the animals around the room.
- Ask the children to collect them and bring them to the basket.
- Practice making the sounds of the animals as they bring them to you.

###### **4/5 Year olds:**

- Show the children the different animals and ask whether each animal would be found in a zoo or on a farm.
- Scatter the animals around the room.
- Show them that one basket is for zoo animals, and one is for farm animals.
- Have the kids find the animals and put them in the correct basket.
- Continue playing, timing the kids to see how long they take to put all of the animals in the correct basket.
- Play as time allows and then **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

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## ACTIVITY 2

### ALL AGES

## DANIEL AND THE LIONS

### Lion's Paw Memory Verse

#### **Big Idea:**

*Children will run around the paw print "bases" while practicing their memory verse.*

**What You Need:** Paw "bases" (4 paws on paper plates)

#### **What You Do:**

- Arrange the paw paper plates in a diamond shape in the center of the room.
- Have the children run from paw to paw while saying part of their memory verse as they stand NEXT TO the plate.
- Make sure the kids stand NEXT TO the paw plate and not on it so they don't slide. (You may use white carpet tape underneath to secure.)

1<sup>st</sup> paw: "He is the great God"  
2<sup>nd</sup> paw: "the mighty"  
3<sup>rd</sup> paw: "and awesome God."  
4<sup>th</sup> paw: "Deuteronomy 10:17"

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# ACTIVITY 3 ALL AGES

## DANIEL AND THE LIONS

### Out of the Lions Den - Parachute

#### **Big Idea:**

*Children will play with the parachute and stuffed toy lions.*

**What You Need:** Parachute and stuffed toy lions

#### **What You Do:**

- Invite the children to stand around the parachute.
- Encourage the children to each take hold of the parachute and lift it off the ground.
- Place the lions onto the parachute.
- Instruct the children to move their arms up and down to move the parachute and send the lions up in the air and right out of the lions' den.
- Repeat several times and then **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

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# CRAFT WEEK 3

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### Story Scenes

**What You Need:** Daniel and the Lions' Den scene craft

**What You Do:**

- Remind the children of our story today.
- Show the kids the completed example.
- Give each child a craft kit.
- Help them place the stickers of Daniel and the lions onto the den.
- Add their name to the back of their craft.
- Place the craft in their bag, clean up and **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

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# CRAFT WEEK 4

## DANIEL AND THE LIONS

### Shield of Protection

**What You Need:** “God Protects Me Shield” Activity Page on white cardstock, something to color the shield (can be dot markers, crayons, markers, watercolors, etc.) and stickers

#### **What You Do:**

- Remind the kids how God protected Daniel in our story today.
- Explain that we are making a shield to remind us that God protects us too.
- Give each child a shield and something to color the shield with.
- Pass out stickers that the kids can use to add to their shield.
- Place the crafts in the bags and **\*Bring it Back to Jesus**

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# STORY/ PRAYER TIME

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**What you Need:** Parent Take Home Card, Storybook "Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear," Playdoh, Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

**Read:** Have the children sit at the table while you read the book, "Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear." The Children can either play with **playdoh** or color the **coloring sheet** to keep their hands busy while you read.

**Review:** Ask the kids some questions and give them a sticker when they answer.

- Go from child to child and have them repeat the memory verse for a sticker.
- Ask the children the Bottom Line question for a sticker.
- Using the Parent Take Home card, ask each child individually the questions pertaining to this week's lesson and give out a sticker.

**Pray:** Ask the kids to bow their heads and fold their hands while you pray. Here is a sample prayer you can use if you choose:

*"Dear God, we know that you are great and mighty and can do anything. Thank you that you are always with us and will teach us the way to go. We love you, Amen."*

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