

October Week 3

Backyard
Super Kids

October 15th

CRAFT

Daniel in the Lion's Den

SUPPLIES: Daniel in the Lion's Den sticker kit

TIP: Pre-attach Daniel! Open kits so that all the supplies are ready to go!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Review the story.**

- *"Today in our true Bible story we learned about a man named Daniel. Can you point to Daniel? Daniel loved God!"*
- *"So when the King's men made a new rule that everyone had to bow down and pray to the King instead of God, would Daniel do it? NO! So Daniel prayed to God and God helped him to be brave. The King threw Daniel into the lion's den, but God was with him even in the lion's den!"*

⇒ **Explain how to attach the stickers to the craft kit.**

- *"We are going to do a special sticker craft to help us retell the story! Let's add the lions and the bones to this special sticker scene."*

⇒ **Show the kids how to lower Daniel into the lion's den and retell the story.**

- *"Let's retell the story! Daniel loved God! But there was a new rule that everyone had to pray to the King and not to the one true God! But Daniel wouldn't do it. He prayed to God and God helped him to be brave! But because of the law, the King had to throw Daniel in the lion's den. Everybody let's lower Daniel into the lion's den."*
- *"But do you remember what happened! God helped Daniel to be brave and he sent an angel to close the lions' mouths! God protected Daniel!"*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"God helped Daniel to be brave in the lions' den. He can help us to be brave, too. We can be super kids because God can help us be brave!"*
- **Who can help you be brave?**
- **God can help me be brave!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Pass the Lion

SUPPLIES: Stuffed lion, CD Player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in a seated circle on the floor.**

- *"Boys and girls, today we heard a true story from the Bible about Daniel. Daniel loved God! Daniel was a servant of the King. When the King's men made a rule that everyone had to bow down and worship the king, did David bow? NO! He kept praying to God. But OH NO! the punishment for not praying to the King was being thrown in the... (hold up lion) LION'S DEN. Do you think Daniel was afraid? He knew that God was with him and God could help him be brave!"*

⇒ **Hold up lion.**

- *"Today we are going to play a fun game that is like Hot potato, but instead of a potato we are going to use this lion! We are going to pass the lion around while the music is playing. When the music stops, whoever is holding the lion will answer an important question for me.*
- ***Who can help you be brave? God can help me brave!"***

⇒ **Repeat until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Nice job, everybody! God helped Daniel to be brave even when he was in the lion's den and he can help you be brave, too! You are Super Kids!"*
- ***Who can help you be brave?***
- ***God can help me be brave!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Super Duck Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Super Ducks

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter or hide the super ducks around the room. Hold one duck up.**

- *“Boys and Girls, I have something very silly in my hands. Do you know what it is? It’s a super duck! This Super Duck is kind of like a Super Kid! God can help him be brave!”*
- *I have hidden little super ducks all over this classroom and I want you to find them and bring them back to me! Are you ready? Let’s go!”*

⇒ **Have children collect all the super ducks.**

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the ducks.*
- *These ducks are so brave, just like you!*
- ***Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested. Continue conversation while they play.**

- *“Wow! You look like Super Kids! God made you so brave!*
- *Remember! God is always with you! He can help you be brave!*

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *It was so much fun looking for those Super Ducks. But you know who is even more super than a Super Duck? You are! Even though you are kids, God can help you be BRAVE!*
- ***Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!***

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ACTIVITY #3

BRAVE Bean Bag Toss

SUPPLIES: B-R-A-V-E pages, floor tape, bean bags

SET-UP: Tape the letter pages down on the floor. Then create a tape line on the floor a few feet away for children to stand on.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children on the line across from the BRAVE letters. Have them sit down to help keep their bodies still during the game.**
 - *“Hey, friends! Come over here! Look at this word on the floor! Do you know what it spells? BRAVE!”*
 - *“Today we learned that God can help us to be brave!”*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate taking one beanbag and gently tossing it to try to land on one of the letters.**
 - *“Here’s how our game will work! Each person will get a chance to toss the bean bags gently to try to land on any of the letters. If you hit one of the letters, we are all going to stand up and say the memory verse together with motions!”*
- ⇒ **Have all kids join you in saying the memory verse after each child’s turn.**
 - *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God goes with you. Deuteronomy 31:6”*
- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends! Great job tossing those beanbags. I am so glad that God helps us to be BRAVE and strong and courageous!”*
 - ***Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *Daniel and the Lions*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 251

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can help you be brave?**
- **God can help me be brave!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God goes with you.” Deuteronomy 31:6**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Daniel trusted God and prayed to God as he had always done. We can trust and pray to God too. God loves it when we talk to Him! That’s why we’re going to make a list of things we want to tell God. When I say your name, **tell me one thing you want to tell God** and we will use this list when we pray!

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ “I’m so glad we can trust God and talk to Him about anything! Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- “Dear God, thank You for loving *(name each child)*. We know we can trust You because You love us so much. Help us remember that we can always talk to You about anything like *(read the list the children made)*. You’re the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”