

# ALLEY SG – November 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Daniel and the Lions' Den • *Daniel 6*

**Conversation Starter:** When have you felt alone?

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak. Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)*

## 1. Take a Snapshot

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Cups (20 per bin), Index cards, Pens

### What You Do:

- Give every kid a cup, an index card, and a pen.
- Ask: "When have you felt alone or nervous at school, home, or anywhere else?"
- Invite the kids to write (or draw) their answer on one side of their card.
- Ask: "What's something you discovered about God through Daniel's story?"
  - *Kids might say, God is always with me, God is trustworthy, God is in control, etc.*
- Invite the kids to write (or draw) their answer on the other side of their card.
- Instruct them to fold the card and drop it in their cup.
- Let kids share what they wrote (if they'd like).
- Hold up a cup. Say: "We can't see what's inside the cup. In the same way, we can't always see God, but He is always with us, just like He was with Daniel. Daniel trusted God, even when he couldn't see Him, and God heard his prayers."
- Ask:
  - What is some evidence that shows that God wants to be close to you and with you all of the time?
  - Ask: What can you do to remind yourself that God is always with you? *(It can help us remember that God is with us if we talk to Him all the time throughout our day, about everything.)*
  - Ask: There are a lot of times when we don't feel like God is with us. How can we remind ourselves that He is?
- Say: "When it doesn't feel like God is with us, sometimes it helps to remember the times when He was with us in the past, even when we didn't feel Him. If we look back on our lives, we will see that He has been with us every minute!"
- Put the cups back in the bin when finished.

## 2. Bible Story Extension

### *Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** “Story Images” Activity Pages (one set per group)

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

- Divide the kids into groups of 2-3.
- Give each group a card with an image from the “Story Images” Activity Pages.
  - Make sure all of the cards from the “Story Images” Activity Page are given to groups. It’s okay if certain groups have more than one card!
- Tell the kids you are going to review the story of Daniel together, and that you will pause and invite different groups to act out certain parts of the story based on your image.
- Give the groups a few minutes to observe the image on their card(s) and come up with a skit.
- After you read each Bible Story point, invite the assigned group to act out their part.
- Encourage the kids to have fun with their expressions and actions!
- Continue until all the images have been reviewed.

#### **Bible Story Points**

- Daniel becomes a leader in the kingdom.
  - Call on the group with the image of Babylon.
- Jealous advisors trick the king into making a new law.
  - Call on the group with the image of the scroll.
- Daniel keeps praying, even when it’s dangerous.
  - Call on the group with the image of Daniel praying.
- Daniel is thrown into the lions’ den.
  - Call on the group with the image of the lions’ den.
- God sends an angel to shut the mouths of the lions.
  - Call on the group with the image of an angel.
- King Darius sees Daniel is safe and praises God!
  - Call on the group with the image of King Darius praising God.

**Say,** “No matter what you face—big feelings, tough decisions—**God is always with you!** God goes with you every single step of your life! Everything you face, you face with Him. Remind yourself **God is always with you** by making a habit of talking to God throughout the day. He is with you every minute!”

## 3. Discussion Questions

- When have you felt alone?
- When have you felt like you were standing alone for something you believed was right? What did you do?
  - How can you remember that God is with you in moments like that?
- Why do you think God allowed Daniel to go through something so hard? What good came out of it?
- What can you do to help remind yourself throughout the day that God is always with you?

#### 4. Verses to Take with You

##### *Memory Verse Review*

**What You Need:** a soft ball

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.  
Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together. *“Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.”* Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass the ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

#### **AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY**

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You for loving us and always being with us. You were with Daniel in the lions’ den, and You are with us too. Teach us how to go through life with You aware of Your presence. Fill us with confidence no matter what we face because You are with us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name! Amen!”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to say something they learned from the story of David today.