

TEACHER PROMPTER & CHEAT SHEET

Daniel in the Lions' Den: Courage Over Compromise

Scripture: Daniel 6:10, 22 & Psalm 34:7 • Target: Ages 4–11 • 60-Second Lesson Roadmap

SERMONS4CHILDREN MEDIA SUITE

- Fullscreen Classroom TV Mode
- Vector Cutout Craft & Puppet
- 8-Up Car Ride Pocket Slips
- 100% Free Ministry Resource**

THE BIG IDEA: When everyone else is telling you to compromise your faith, pray anyway! God sends His angels to shut the mouths of scary lions!

MEMORY VERSE: "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight." (Daniel 6:22)

THE 4 STORY BEATS (3-MINUTE VISUAL STORYTELLING)

- 1. The Jealous Trap:** King Darius loved Daniel, but sneaky governors passed a law making it illegal to pray to anyone except the King!
- 2. Praying at the Window:** Daniel didn't hide under his bed; he opened his window toward Jerusalem and knelt to pray three times a day.
- 3. The Hungry Den:** Thrown into a dark pit of ferocious, hungry lions while a heavy stone was rolled over the entrance.
- 4. The Angelic Sleepover:** God sent His angel to lock the lions' jaws! In the morning, Daniel called out: 'O King, live forever! God saved me!'

OBJECT LESSON HOOK: **Prop:** A stuffed toy lion with its mouth clamped shut by a ribbon.
What to Say: 'Lions may have giant sharp teeth, but the God who made the lions can turn them into sleeping kittens!'

TACTILE / MOVEMENT: Kneel down on one knee with folded hands to practice Daniel's window prayer stance.

DISCOVERY QUESTION: **In Class:** Read Psalm 34:7: 'The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.'
Sensory Hook: Roar like a hungry lion, then immediately put a finger over lips to make total silent angel stillness.

CLASSROOM GAME: Sleeping Lions: Kids lie on floor like lions; leader walks around trying to make them laugh. Keep mouth shut to win!

CLOSING PRAYER: "Almighty God, give us courage like Daniel. When friends at school tell us to disobey You, give us bold faith to pray and stand true. Thank You for Your protection! Amen."

CAR RIDE HOME: **Parent Connection Question:** "Is it ever scary to stand up for God or pray in front of people? How does Daniel inspire you?" (See accompanying 8-Up Pocket Slips for printout)