Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you ever feel afraid to be different than others? Why?
- Have you decided to follow Jesus, even if it costs you something? What might it cost you to follow Jesus?
- What are some ways you can trust God this week?

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Daniel in the Lions' Den
Daniel 6

STORY POINT: GOD SHUT THE MOUTHS OF THE LIONS TO SAVE DANIEL.

King Darius decided to put Daniel in charge of all of Babylon. The other leaders were jealous. The leaders knew Daniel obeyed God, so they made a plan to get Daniel in trouble for praying. They said to King Darius, "King, all of your leaders think it would be a good idea to pass a law: For the next 30 days, no one may pray to any god or man except to you. Anyone who disobeys the law will be thrown into the lions' den." King Darius agreed to pass the law.

Daniel knew the law meant he was not allowed to pray to God. Still, Daniel went into his house and prayed to God three times a day, just like he had always done. The jealous leaders saw Daniel praying, and they told the king that Daniel had broken the law. King Darius was upset. He didn't want to punish Daniel. "The law can't be changed," the men reminded King Darius.

So King Darius ordered Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den. As soon as the sun came up the next morning, the king hurried to the lions' den. He cried out, "Daniel, has your God rescued you from the lions?"
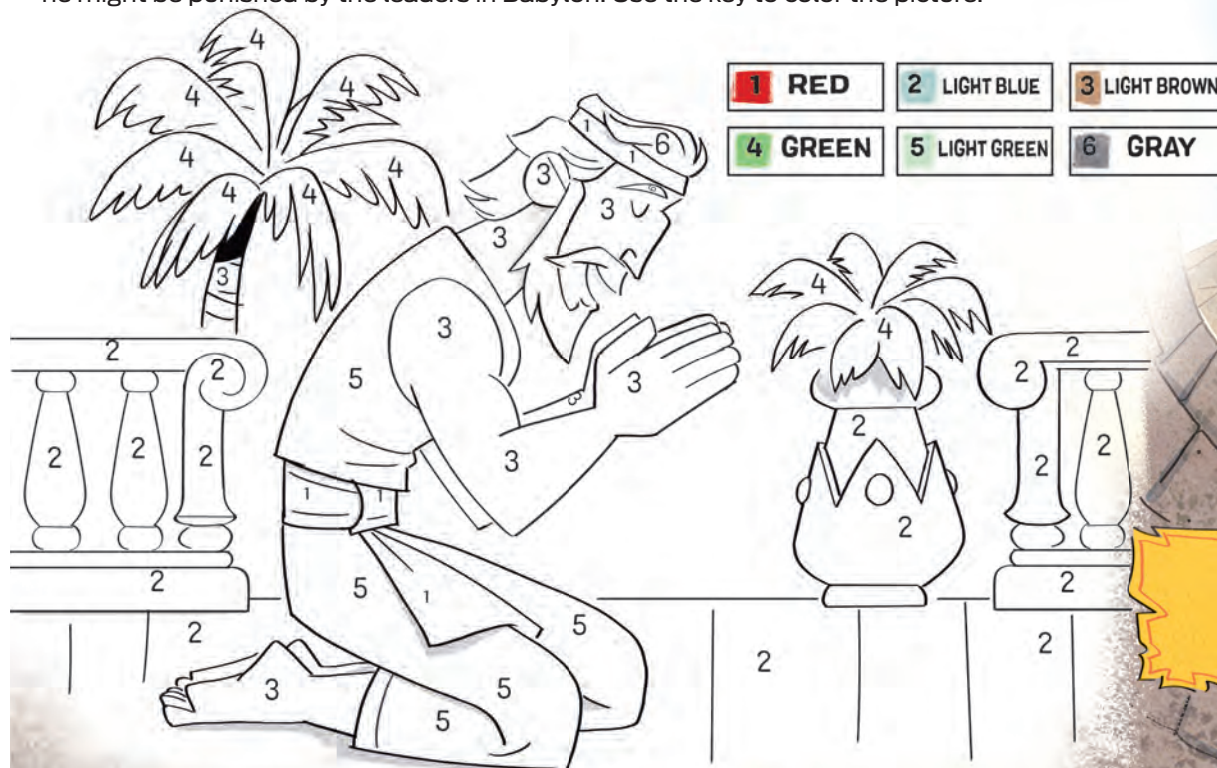
Daniel shouted back, "God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths! I am safe!" The king was so happy! He ordered for Daniel to be taken out of the lions' den. King Darius made a new law: everyone must respect God. The king wrote, "The living God has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

Christ Connection: God showed His power to rescue Daniel from the lions, but Daniel was just a small part of a much bigger story. God ultimately rescued us from a much bigger problem—sin and death—through His Son, Jesus.

Devoted Daniel | Daniel was obedient to God even when he knew he might be punished by the leaders in Babylon. Use the key to color the picture.

1	RED	2	LIGHT BLUE	3	LIGHT BROWN
4	GREEN	5	LIGHT GREEN	6	GRAY

In the Lions' Den

Above each lion, write a "lion" or problem you are facing in your life. Inside the lion, write how you can trust Jesus with that problem.