

# DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

## *Daniel 6:1-24*

### Daniel 6

<sup>1</sup>It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, <sup>2</sup>with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. <sup>3</sup>Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. <sup>4</sup>At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. <sup>5</sup>Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

<sup>6</sup>So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup>The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den. <sup>8</sup>Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." <sup>9</sup>So King Darius put the decree in writing.

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

<sup>13</sup>Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." <sup>14</sup>When the king heard this, he was

greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

<sup>15</sup>Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, "Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup>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. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup>At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did King Darius think of Daniel?
5		2.) Why was Daniel thrown into a den of lions?
5		3.) What happened while Daniel was in the den of lions?
5		4.) Why do you think King Darius threw the bad leaders and their families into the den of lions?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:17-18</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*God keeps Daniel safe in the den of lions*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: LIONS

Students will make lions to remind them that Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he prayed to God.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Lion Pattern (two pages)
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Paper Plates (small and large)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the lion patterns onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the lion body parts with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the body parts on the solid black lines.
4. Help students glue the body parts to the paper plates to assemble their lions.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their lions, remind them that God was with Daniel. Help them realize that even in the most scary situations, God is with them. Encourage students to pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

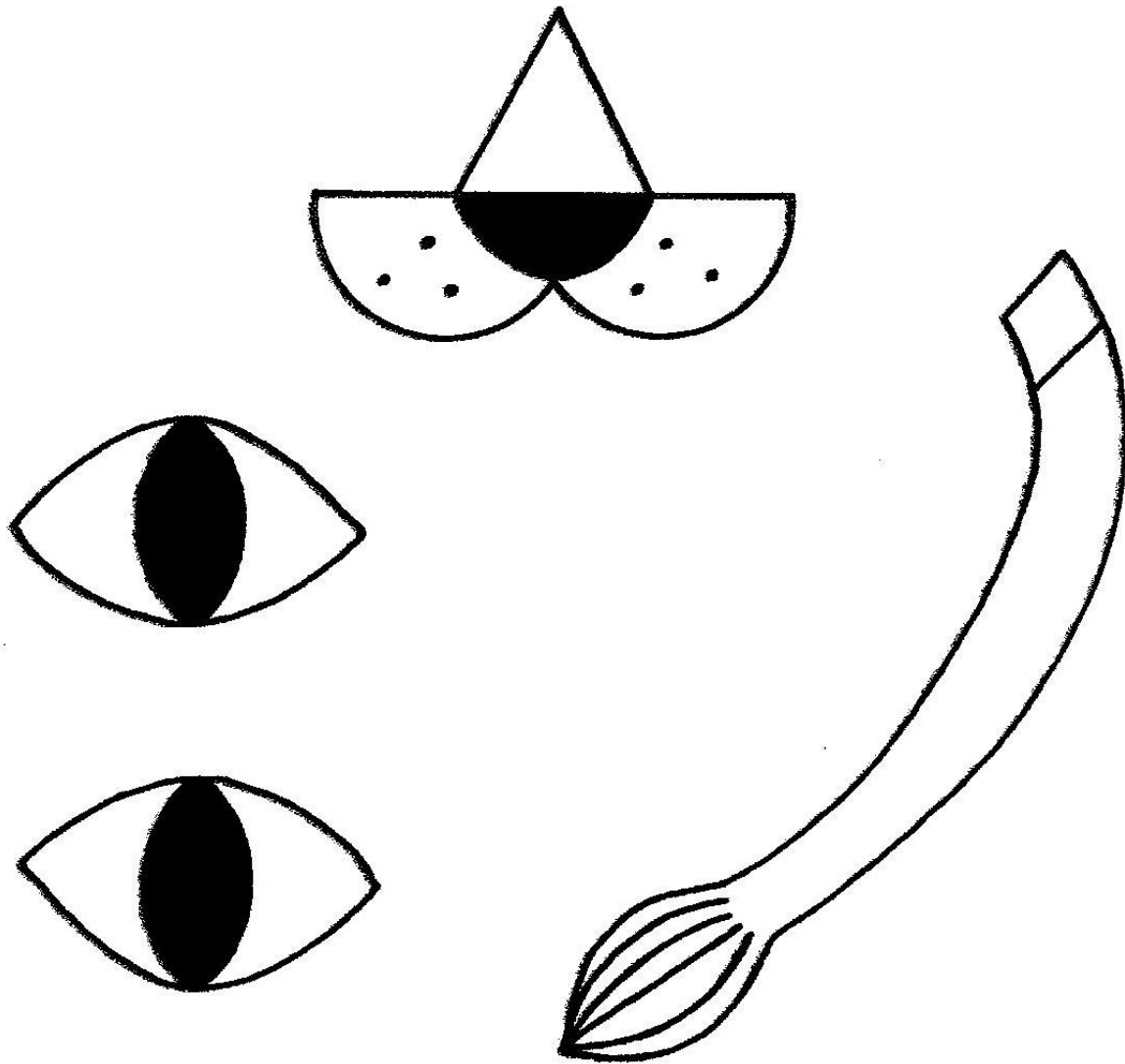
### MEMORY VERSE

*“Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

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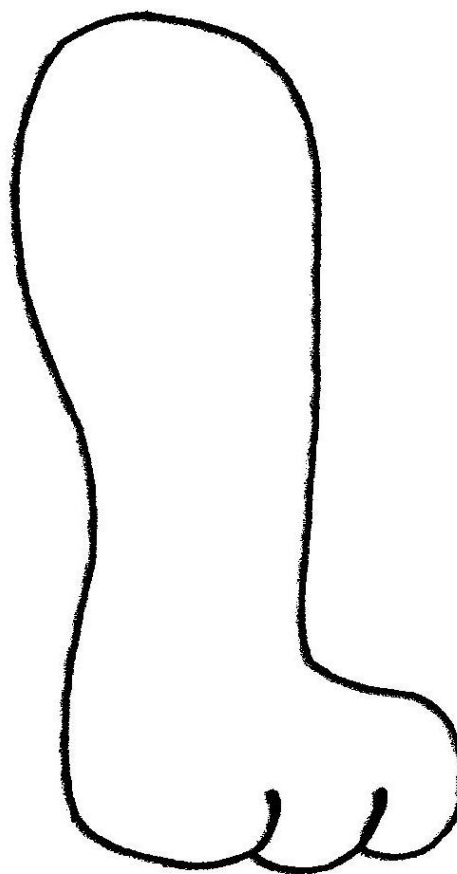
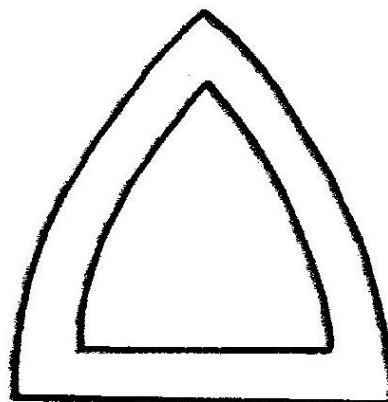
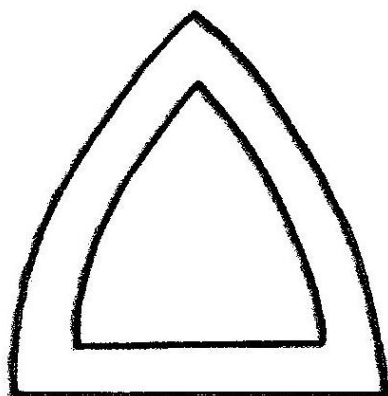
LION PATTERN



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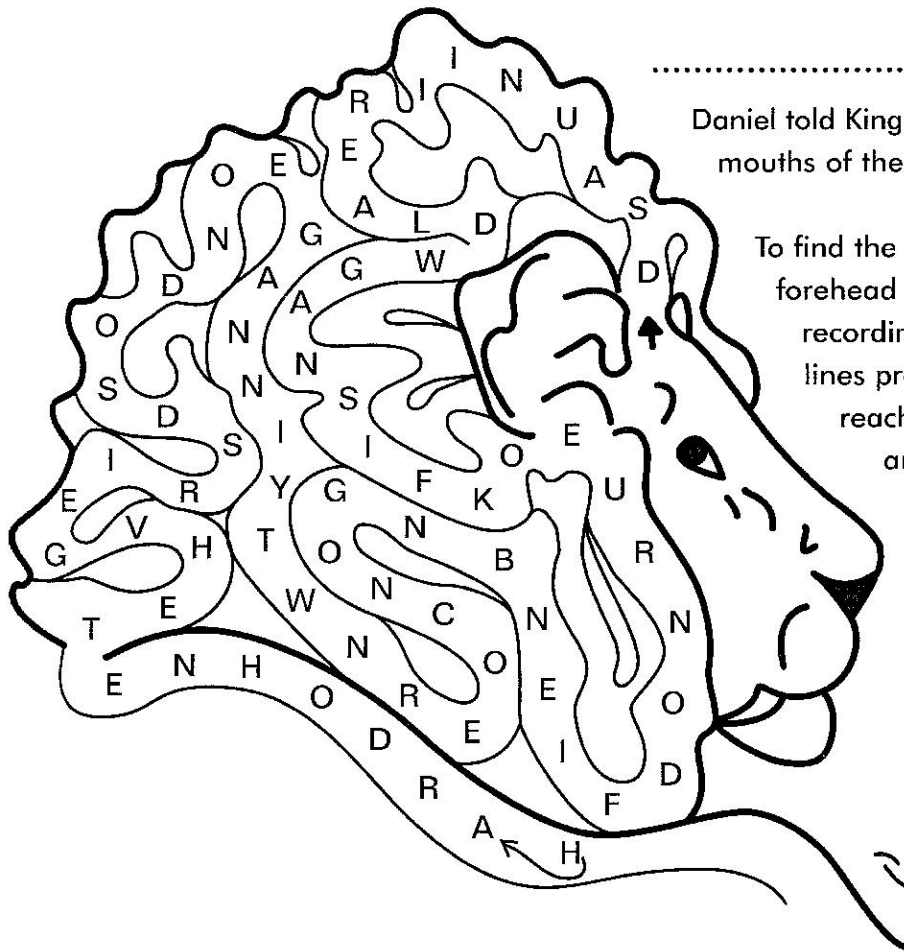
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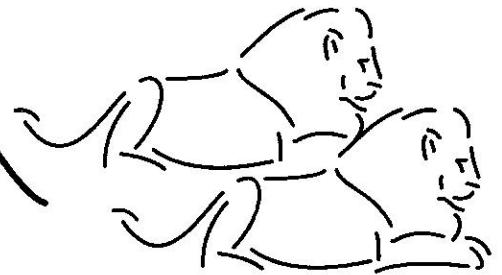
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Daniel told King Darius that God had shut the mouths of the lions. Why did he say that?

To find the answer, start on the lion's forehead and travel through the maze, recording every other letter on the lines provided. When you have reached the last letter, follow the arrow to the next letter to be recorded. Record every other letter as you work your way back through the maze.





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A SPECIAL REPORT ON DANIEL 6:1-24

## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN



King Darius made Daniel one of his three administrators. King Darius was so impressed with Daniel that he was planning on putting Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom. Some of the other leaders wanted to find something wrong with Daniel. But Daniel was trustworthy and they could find no fault in

him.

So the leaders came to King Darius and got him to make a new rule. The rule said that for 30 days no one could pray to any god or man other than the king. Rule breakers would have to be thrown into a den of lions.

This new rule did not keep Daniel from praying to the one true God. Daniel prayed three times a day to God.

The leaders saw Daniel praying and they told the king. The king was sad that it was Daniel who was not following the rule. The king ordered that Daniel be thrown into a den of lions.

The king said to Daniel, "May God protect you."

A stone was placed over the opening of the den. The king could not sleep that night. He was worried about Daniel.

In the morning, the king went to the lion's den. The king called out to Daniel saying, "Has your God been able to rescue you?"

Daniel called out to the king saying, "O king, live forever! My God has sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They did not hurt me because I was found innocent in his sight."

The king was overjoyed and gave orders to pull Daniel out of the lion's den. Then the king commanded that the men that told on Daniel be put into the lion's den with their wives and children.

For more details, please read Daniel 6:1-24 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

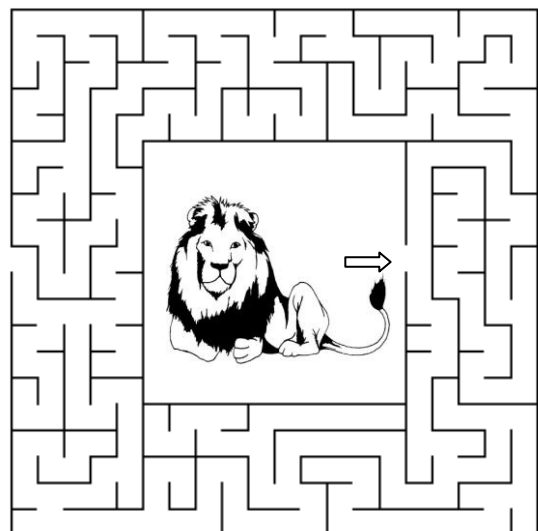
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## HELP DANIEL GET OUT OF THE LION'S DEN



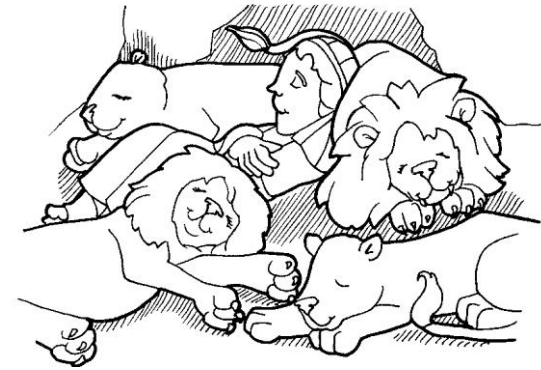
## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God protected Daniel while he was in a den of lions.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss how God is with us in good times and in bad. We should pray in good times and in bad.

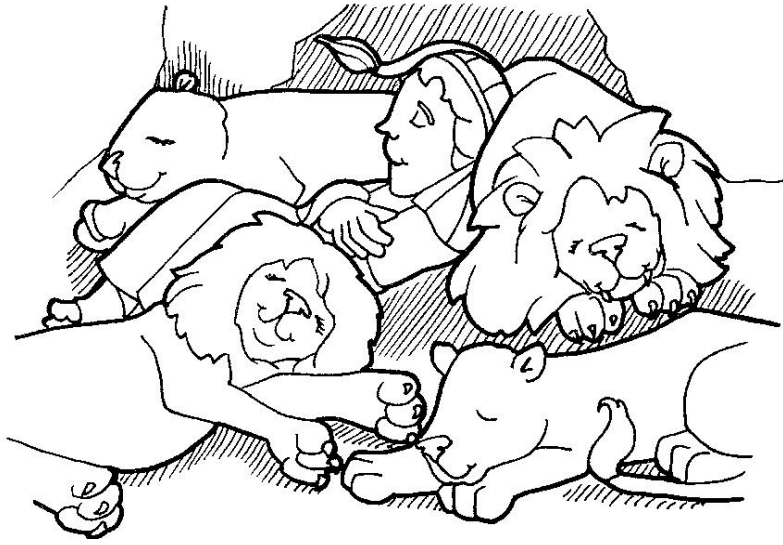
### Bible Story Mini Book

# Daniel in the Lion's Den



***Daniel 6:1-24***

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The king ordered Daniel  
to be put in the lion's den.  
God kept Daniel safe.  
Later he was let go.



Daniel prayed to God  
three times each day.

## Memory Verse

“Pray continually...”  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

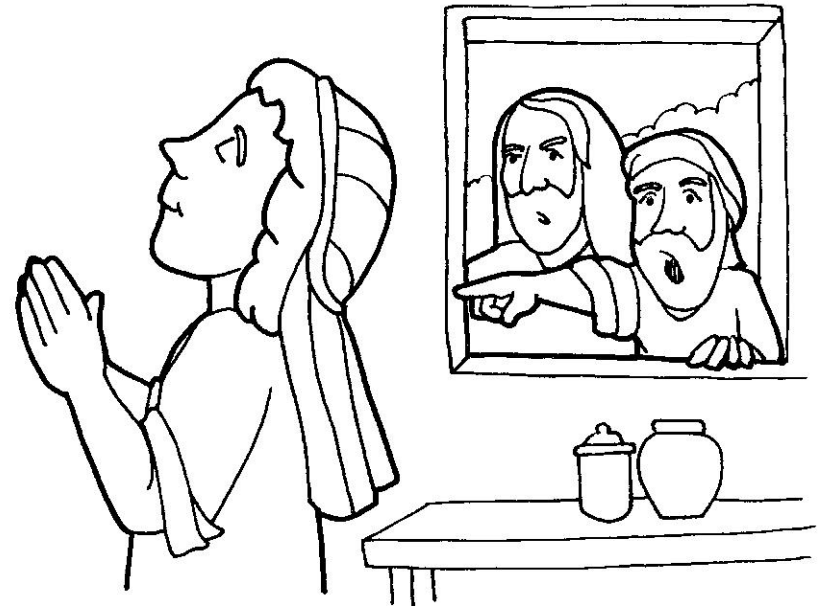
## Bible Story Rhyme

**Daniel always stopped to pray,**  
*(Fold hands)*

**Many, many times a day.**  
*(Hold up one, two, then three fingers)*

**Thrown into the lions’ pit,**  
*(Use your right hand to “comb” your mane)*

**God kept Daniel from being bit.**  
*(Pretend to bite your hand)*



**In Babylon, people were  
only supposed to pray to  
King Darius.**

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



Some people caught Daniel praying to God and he was arrested.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** None

**Children will hunt dangerous lions in this make-believe adventure through King Darius' country.**

**A**sk: Do you want to go on a lion hunt? Explain to the children that they are to repeat what you say and do. Allow time after each statement for the children to do the actions and make the sound effects.

**Open the gate.** (*Make a creaky sound.*)

**Close the gate.** (*Make a creaky sound.*)

**Through the tall grass** (*rub your hands together*),

**Through the squishy mud** (*make "bear claws" with your hands, and say, "squish, squish"*);

**I see a river, but there's a wobbly bridge we can cross.**  
(*Sway from side to side.*)

**Oh, look! There's a brook. Let's jump over it.** (*Make your hands "run and jump."*)

**Splash...we'll have to swim.** (*Make swimming motions.*)

**Shake yourself off.** (*Shake yourself off, and pretend to sit in the sun.*)

**Do you see a lion yet?** (*Pretend to be looking.*)

**No!**

**Maybe we can see better from that tree.** (*Pretend to climb a tree.*)

**I see a cave. Maybe the lion is in it. Let's go see.** (*Pretend to climb down from the tree.*)

**Shh!** (*"Tiptoe" with your fingers.*)

**I see one eye. I see two eyes. Do you want to go on a lion hunt?** (*Use a very shaky voice.*)

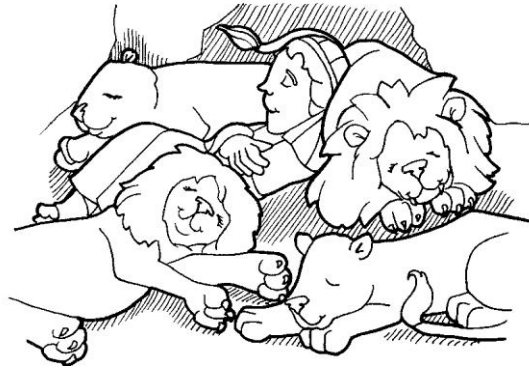
**No!**

Reverse all of the items in the dialogue but move and speak very rapidly until you and the children are safely "home."

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