

**The Story of Daniel in the Lion's Den**  
(A CedarS Scriptural Skit-- @)

Setting: Babylon (in CedarS Camps Bible Lands Park)

Bible: Daniel 6

Characters:

- Daniel
- King Darius
- Advisor 1
- Advisor 2
- Guards [non-speaking]

Costumes: Take a peek in Antioch in CedarS Bible Lands Park

Narrator: There once was a man named Daniel who was the right hand man to King Darius. The other King's advisors became jealous of Daniel and looked for flaws they could use against him.

Advisor 1: Daniel drives me up the wall! We need to find something he does wrong so we can get rid of him.

Advisor 2: But he never does anything wrong! He's perfect because he never does anything bad, he doesn't cheat, he's constantly alert, and he's always faithful.

Advisor 1: That's it! We'll make his faithfulness a weakness by making King Darius pass a law that will require all subjects to worship the King. Daniel will break the law because he will want to remain faithful to his God.

Narrator: They went to King Darius to put their plan into action.

Advisor 2: Yo King Darius what up?

King Darius: Excuse me?

Advisor 2: I mean, your highness, we have a new law for you that will show everyone your power.

King Darius: Do tell.

Advisor 1: You are an amazing king, so you should make a rule requiring everyone to worship you and only you. If anyone doesn't, you should throw them into a lion's den to show your power.

King Darius: I love it! Make it a law now!

Narrator: Daniel heard of the law, but was a man of faith. He continued to worship and pray to his God three times a day in broad daylight in a room with all the windows open. [Daniel goes down on his knees to pray and worship] The conspirators walk in on Daniel praying to his God and report the incident to the king.

Advisor 2: You know how you made a law requiring everyone to worship you and only you?

King Darius: Yes

Advisor 1: You know how if anyone were to break that law that they would be thrown into the lion's den?

King Darius: Yes of course. Why do you ask?

Advisor 2: Daniel breaks that law three times a day, therefore you must throw him into the lion's den.

King Darius: What!?! Nooooo! Can't I pass a law to save him?

Advisor 1: Once a law is put into place, not even you, oh King can change it.

Narrator: They waited until sundown, but unfortunately, Daniel was captured and thrown into the lion's den. The king shouted to him:

King Darius: Daniel, I know that your God will protect you!

Narrator: The rock to the den was sealed and the guards and king returned to the palace. The king couldn't sleep or eat. He kept worrying and hoping Daniel would be alive the next day.

King Darius: [worried expression] I hope he's ok.

Narrator: As soon as morning came, the king went to check on Daniel and shouted down to him:

King Darius: Daniel? Are you okay? I really hope your God was able to protect you.

Daniel: Bless you, King! God sent an angel to protect me, and because I had done nothing wrong against you or him, the angel shut the lions' mouths, so that they couldn't hurt me.

King Darius: Guards, get him out of there immediately! Find those that advised me to make that awful law and throw them into the pit! How dare they trick me like that! From now on, my loyal subjects should worship Daniel's God.

END SCENE

**Possible follow-up questions on and applications of this Daniel story:**

How would you feel if you were thrown into a lion's den?

What helped Daniel stay strong in his beliefs?

What is courage?

How does Daniel use courage?

What are the Lion's Dens in your life? What are the punishments in your life?

How do you handle an unjust law?

How can we apply courage in our lives?

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