

Topic: Living your Faith in the Public Sphere (Lesson 3.2)

Ages 7-9

Goals

By the end of the lesson, the children will:

1. Understand that living out their faith means demonstrating to others that they love and follow Jesus.
 2. Learn that they don't need to hide their faith; they can share it through their words, actions, and attitudes.
 3. Be encouraged to be bold and unapologetic about their faith in public settings, such as at school, playgrounds, or in their neighborhoods.
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Welcome Time

- Greet each child warmly and by name.
 - Provide name tags or stickers for personalization.
 - Icebreaker: Start with a question:
 1. Have you ever been shy about telling someone you go to church, love Jesus, or pray?
 2. Why do you think it can sometimes feel hard to show people we follow Jesus?
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Worship/Prayer Time: [click here](#)

Sing songs about God's love, such as:

Lesson

Opening Activities

Craft 1: Building a Kindness Tree

- **Gather Materials:** Papers, glue, markers, scissors
- **Shape Tree and Leaves:** Write kind acts on the leaves
- **Add Leaves Together:** Watch the tree grow

Memory Verse

Matthew 5:16 (NIV): Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Bible Story

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14–16, Daniel 6:1–10

Lesson Content:

Explain to the kids Jesus says we are the light of the world. If you have a lamp or flashlight, you don't hide it under a blanket, right? You let it shine so everyone can see!

In the same way, we shouldn't hide our faith. When we do good things, like showing kindness, sharing, or praying, people see the light of Jesus through us.

Share the story of Daniel briefly.

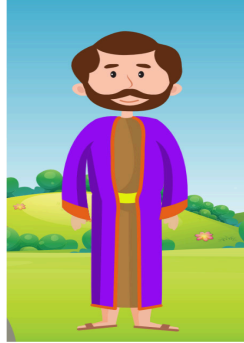
Daniel and the Lions

Daniel worked for King Darius. King Darius had many men who worked for him, but Daniel was superior. The king was so happy with Daniel's work that he planned to put him in charge of the whole kingdom.

The other men who worked for the king were filled with jealousy and started to look for a way they could charge Daniel with doing something wrong. Daniel was trustworthy and not corrupt or negligent, and the jealous men couldn't find anything to report.

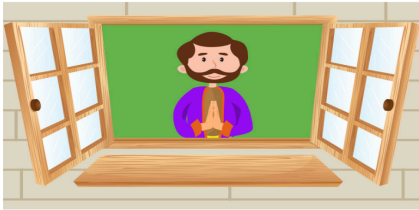
"We can't find anything to accuse Daniel of, but maybe we can find something to do with the law of his God."

The jealous men went to the king. "We have an idea, oh king. For the next thirty days, make a decree that no one can pray to any other god but you. If someone prays to anyone else, they should be cast into the lion's den. Make a royal decree that cannot be changed after it is written."



Daniel heard about the decree. He went home, climbed upstairs, and opened his window. He knelt down and prayed to the true God, as he did three times every day. He chose to pray to God rather than obey the king's decree.

The jealous men spied on Daniel and saw that he was praying. They went back to the king and said, "Didn't you issue a royal decree that no one can pray to anyone other than you, and if they did, they would be thrown into the lion's den?"



"I did issue that decree, and even I cannot change it."

"Daniel did not obey the decree. He still prays three times a day to his God."

The king was very sad. He didn't want to throw Daniel into the lion's den. He did what he could to save Daniel, but the decree couldn't be changed. "You must throw him to the lions," the jealous men said.



The king gave the order to throw Daniel to the lions. "May your God whom you worship rescue you from the lions!" The king said to Daniel.

Daniel was sealed inside the lion's den with a stone over the entrance. The king went back to his palace, but he could not eat or even sleep. He was so sad and worried about Daniel.

As soon as it was light, the king hurried to the lion's den.

He cried out, "Daniel, servant of the Living God, has your God rescued you?"

"Yes," Daniel answered. "My God sent an angel to stop the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me."

The king ordered Daniel to be released at once. He was filled with joy that Daniel was well and had no wounds on him at all.

The king ordered that the jealous men be thrown into the lion's den.

Then he issued a royal decree, "Everyone in my whole kingdom must fear and worship the God of Daniel. He is the living and true God."



Living your faith doesn't always mean talking about it — you can also live it through your actions. Examples:

- Praying before lunch at school.
- Being kind to others when they are mean.
- Telling someone about Jesus when they ask why you are different.
- Inviting a friend to church.

Conclusion

When we love God and live in a way that pleases Him, we are storing treasures in heaven — treasures that last forever. God sees everything we do, even the small things, and He promises to reward us.

Gospel Points

Crowns: God awards crowns for faith, love, and obedience.

Multiplied Blessings: The kindness you sow will be multiplied in Heaven.

Eternal Joy: No more pain, only joy in God's presence forever.

Activities



Roar like a Lion

One person faces the wall. Everyone else stands somewhere in the room behind them.

The people behind take it in turns to roar like a lion. The person facing the wall must try and guess who is making the roar.

Lion Mask Craft

What you need:

Template page printed on white card

Strips of orange and yellow paper.

Scissor

Glue

Colouring pencil

Lollipop stick

What to do:

Cut out the lion's face from the template page. Adult: Cut out the holes for the eyes.

Colour in the lion.

Glue stripes of orange and yellow paper around the outside, on the reverse of the template, to make the mane.

Glue on a lollipop stick as for a handle.

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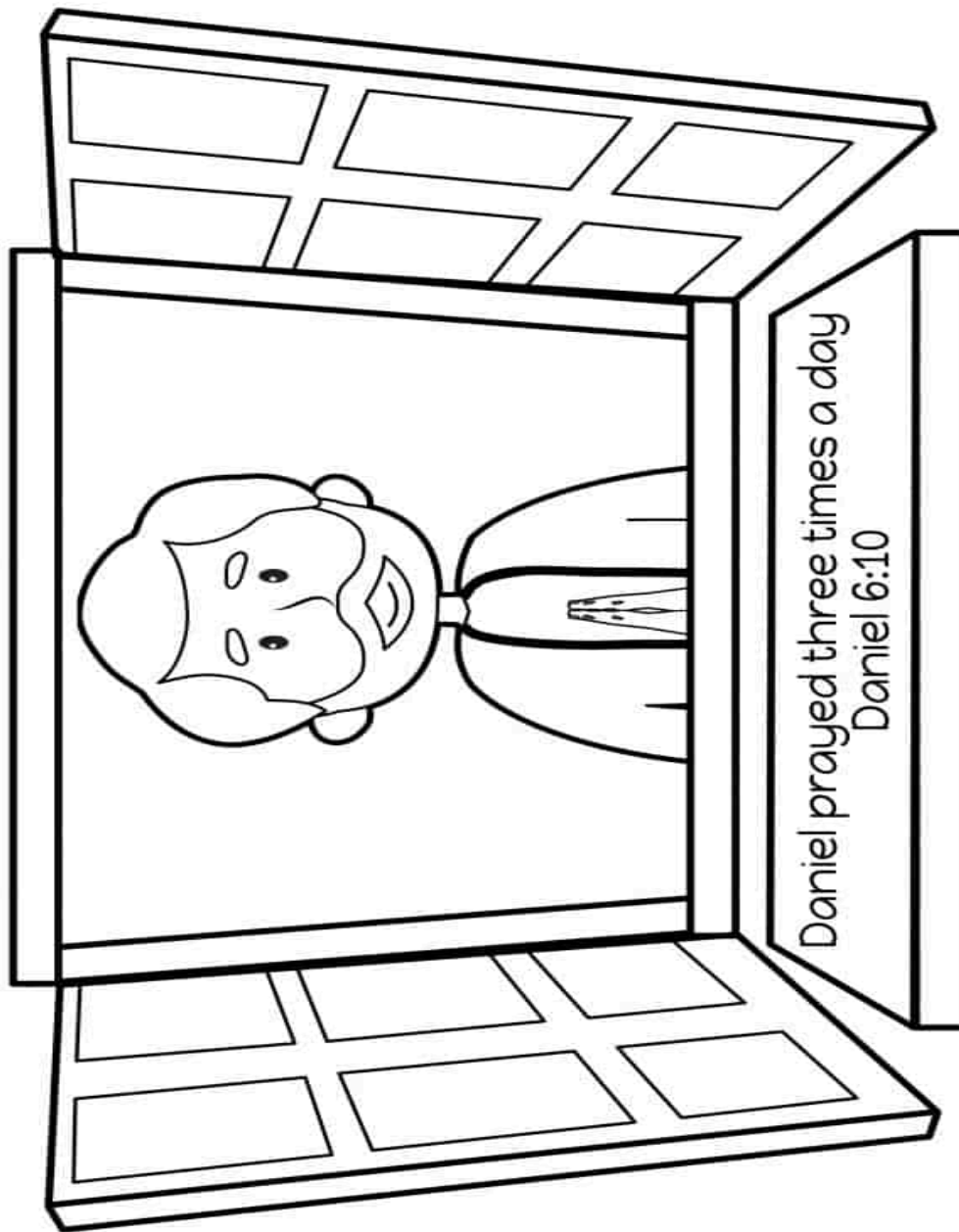
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📺 Lion mask - Easy craft for kids

Activity 2



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Closing Prayer: [click here](#)

Pray to God to choose good actions by pleasing Him through obedience, acting with compassion and care, sharing God's love, and living peacefully with others while focusing on harmony and understanding.

Snack Time

- Provide simple snacks like cookies or fruit.
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Take-Home Activities:

- Give each child a small "Treasure Box" handout or a worksheet. Ask them to write or draw one good thing they will do this week to please God. Encourage them to share it with their parents.

- Encourage parents to handle this assignment

2. Take Home [click here](#)