**Questions to ponder with children about the Daniel story:**

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| **What do you remember?**  • Who was in the story?  • Why did the king like Daniel?  • What did Daniel do three times each day?  • Why was Daniel thrown in the lions’ den?  • Was Daniel hurt?  • Why?  • How did the story end?  **What lessons can we learn from Daniel?**  • Love God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deut 6:5)  • Trust God. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;" (Prov. 3:5)  • God is always caring for us.  • God helps us.  • We don't have to be afraid because God is always with us. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee." (Is. 41:10)  • Be obedient to God. "The first duty is to obey God." (SH 496:5 |

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| **How can we be like Daniel?**  • Pray daily.  • Do the right thing; be obedient.  • Always listen to God.  • Think independently with God.  **What values can we learn from Daniel’s story?**  • Daniel was an **independent thinker** who **prayed** to his own God three times each day.  • He **listened to God**, not the king or king's men.  • Because of his **obedience to God**, he was able to listen to God's angel messages and hear what God was telling him.  • The king's men were jealous because King Darius liked Daniel a lot. They knew he wasn't supposed to pray to his God, and they watched to see if he would be disobedient to the king's new law that said not to pray. They tricked the king into having Daniel thrown into the lion's den hoping the lions would kill Daniel.  • Even though it might have been very scary, Daniel did what he knew was right to do (a great example of **moral courage**).  • He prayed to God.  • The growling, angry lions became docile and unafraid. Daniel knew he was safe. The lions didn't hurt Daniel because he was **innocent**.  • When the king let Daniel out of the lions’ den, he saw Daniel alive, and he made sure all his kingdom knew about Daniel's God. |