

Dear Student,

This month, we will be learning about Daniel. Daniel lived many years after King Solomon, so we are jumping ahead in the bible. Many changes have happened. The kingdom was divided into Israel and Judah. The Assyrians took over Israel and scattered the people living there. Two hundred years later, the Babylonians conquered Judah and took most of the people captive. In this story, we hear about an event in the life of one of the captives.

In your bible, turn to the book of Daniel (it is the twenty-seventh book in the bible). Please read Chapter 6.

Daniel was different from the other leaders. Daniel was not a Babylonian. He obeyed God and followed the 10 Commandments. He was trusted by King Darius.

- I wonder why the others didn't like him?
- Have you ever had someone not like you?
- How does it feel to be treated differently?
- Daniel's enemies had a hard time finding a way to hurt him. How did he live his life?
- How do you live your life?
- Daniel breaks a law. Have you ever broken a rule that you thought was not fair?
- Daniel knew what the punishment would be for breaking this law, yet he did it anyway. Why?
- The king realized he had been tricked, yet the law was the law. Have you ever been tricked into doing something wrong?
- God very clearly intervenes on Daniel's behalf. Has anyone every helped you?
- Why do you think God helped Daniel?
- What does it mean to have belief in God?
- How did the king feel about Daniel and Daniel's God?
- Was Daniel more courageous in breaking the law or in facing the lions?
- Where do you get your courage from?

Sometimes it can be hard to know what is just. God's actions showed that the law was not fair. It often takes courage to do what is right. Daniel's belief helped the King Darius to believe too.

A fun game you can play as a family is Angel in the Lion's Den. One person gets to be the angel, everyone else is a lion. The lions roar and run around. When they get tagged by the angel, they stop roaring and lie down. When every lion is quiet, pick someone else to be the angel!

There are some worksheets for you to do and a poster about courage. There are also some stickers for whenever anyone does something courageous.

Next month we will learn about Mary.

There are on-line lessons at <http://stannes-billerica.org/sunday-school-videos/>. These are lessons from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and not about the people of the bible that we are meeting in our take-home series. There is even one with Bishop Gayle Harris!

-Brenda Komarinski

## **Courage:**

Have the Courage to Do the Right Thing



What does having courage mean to you?

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Describe a time when you had the courage to do the right thing:

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How does having courage help when you see bullying?

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How do you show courage? \_\_\_\_\_

# Daniel and the Lions



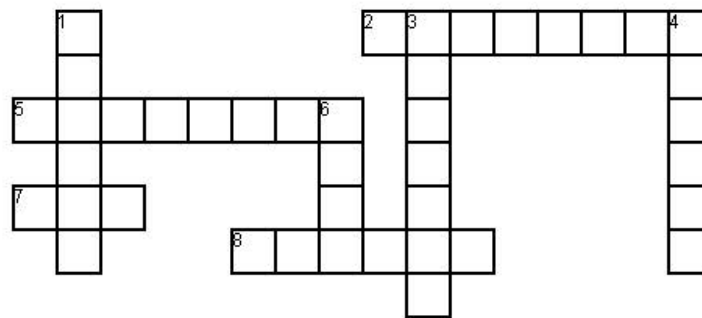
For more coloring pages, visit [www.childrensstorybooksonline.com](http://www.childrensstorybooksonline.com)

# God's Prayer Warrior: Daniel

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The puzzle is based on Daniel 6:1-28.



## ACROSS

2. To be taken into custody by legal authorities
5. To be loyal, dependable, and true
7. A shelter or retreat for wild animals, such as lions
8. A faithful prophet of God who served the king during captivity in Babylon

## DOWN

1. A solemn request for help or an expression of thanks addressed to God
3. To be saved from danger or harm.
4. The king of Babylon who chose Daniel to assist him
6. A large meat-eating animal of the cat family that has a brownish colored coat

FAITHFUL	PRAYER	LION	RESCUED
ARRESTED	DARIUS	DEN	DANIEL

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*The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 13-15-18-14-9-14-7 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 14-15-15-14 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 16-18-1-25-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 12-9-15-14-19 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 14-9-7-8-20 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 4-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 11-9-14-7-4-15-13 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 18-5-19-3-21-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_
9. 6-1-9-20-8-6-21-12 \_\_\_\_\_
10. 18-21-12-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Independence

Yes I try

- ☐ ☐ I can say no!  
☐ ☐ I assume responsibility

☐ ☐ I can talk/deal with

my feelings

- ☐ ☐ I am independent and  
self-reliant

☐ ☐ I can make positive  
choices

Independence

Circle  
of  
Courage

Belonging

## Mastery

Yes I try

- ☐ ☐ I can deal with change

Mastery

☐ ☐ I set and achieve goals

☐ ☐ I monitor my behavior

☐ ☐ I deal with anger/failure

☐ ☐ I complete tasks

## Generosity

Yes I try

- ☐ ☐ I encourage others

☐ ☐ I show appreciation

☐ ☐ I can say "I'm sorry"

☐ ☐ I share with others

☐ ☐ I respond to needs  
of others

## Belonging

Yes I try

☐ ☐ I feel I belongs

☐ ☐ I share attention

☐ ☐ I cooperate with others

☐ ☐ I am sensitive to others

☐ ☐ I can achieve consensus

## Courage in everyday things:

- Saying “I’m Sorry”
- Being honest, even if you get in trouble
- Being yourself
- Saying “No” to your friends
- Protecting someone who is being picked on
- Standing up in front of a crowd
- Choosing to do what is right
- Making a new friend
- Trying something new

