

Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Daniel 6

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Daniel who continued to pray and trust in you even when others around him were doing something different.

Help us to spend time praying and working on our relationship with you every day just like Daniel did.

Even as we cannot meet in our church buildings we know that for some Christians in the world that is not unusual. We pray for all those in the world who are persecuted for their faith and all those countries where churches cannot meet together freely.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How often did Daniel pray?

Daniel prayed every day, three times a day in his room looking towards his home, Jerusalem. Daniel was one of many young men who had been taken from Jerusalem. They had been kidnapped and taken to Babylon to live there. Over time Daniel had impressed the Kings and been given more responsibility but he remained loyal to God and continued to put his relationship with God first. Praying and trusting in God was a habit that Daniel had built into his daily life, when we pray about the little things it makes it easier to pray for the big things!

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you had to say no to something? Perhaps a time when you had to put your relationship with God first?

Family Activity 1

Play a game of sleeping lions.

Everybody lies on the floor and pretends to be asleep – see who can go the longest without moving!

Take in turns to be the watcher, looking out for people moving or making noises. If nobody is moving why not tells jokes to see if you can get anybody to laugh. Here are some lion jokes to get you started.

Q: On which day do lions eat people?
A: Chewsdays!

Q: Why don't lions like fast food?
A: Because they can't catch it!

Q: What does the lion say to his friends before they go out hunting for food?
A: 'Let us prey.'





A verse to remember

Psalm 17 v 6

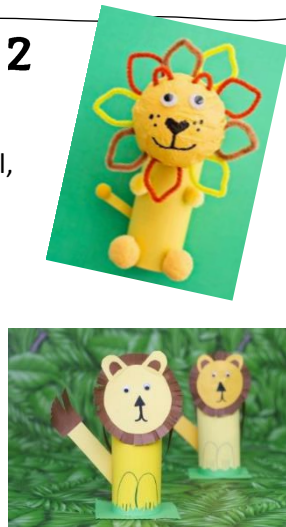
“I call to you, God, and you answer me.”

Daniel had built healthy prayer habits into his everyday life, making time to pray every day. Daniel knew that God heard his prayers and answered them. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week. How good to know that however and whenever we pray God hears us and answers.

Family Activity 2

You will need: A used toilet roll, any craft materials you have.

Take the centre roll of a toilet rolls and use any craft materials or colours you have to turn them into lions! Here are some examples of lions that other people have made to give you some inspiration!



Family Activity 3

In the story of Daniel which we are thinking about this week the Lions were kept in a deep pit which was hard to escape from. Use your own furniture and blankets to build a cosy den of your own to spend time in.



Active Prayer

Why not try praying just like Daniel did! Set some reminders on a phone or device or set a kitchen timer to go off at various points during the day. Each time your reminder goes off gather together to pray.

Daniel prayed in the direction of his home city – why not select some different directions to pray in. Pick some locations locally that you could pray for – your school, church building, nearest hospital or doctor’s surgery.

You might also like to pray for the neighbours who live nearest to your house in each direction.



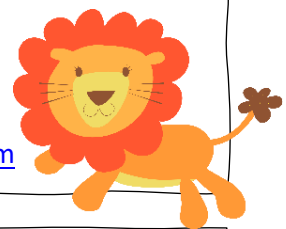
Go on a home safari!

Did you know that you can visit a Zoo from your home?

Many zoos around the world are live streaming from inside their enclosures.

Why not watch some real life lions here:

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/lion-cam>




Helping Older Children

Prayer is something we can help our children build into their daily lives – it does not have to be formal or eloquently worded.

If your child shares a worry or is struggling with a task, why not encourage them to pause and ask God for help? Encouraging them to bring even the smallest things to God in prayer will help them to create prayer habits.

When something good happens why not take a moment to pause and thank God. It is great to recognise God at work in every area of our lives.

A colouring page you could print and colour together



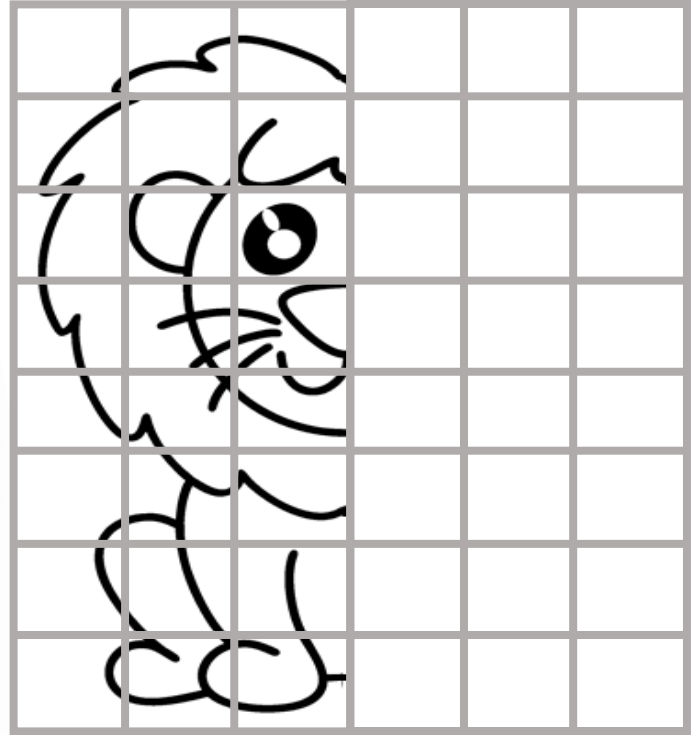
⁶³ I CALL
TO YOU, GOD,
AND YOU
ANSWER ME.⁶³

PSALM 17 V 6

PUZZLE SHEET

Copy the squares one by one to create a mirror image and finish the picture of the Lion.

Can you find your way through the Lion's mane maze?



Can you find the seven differences between the two pictures?

How many lion paw prints can you find on this page? Can you colour them all in?

