

UNIT VERSE
 Choose life ... loving the LORD
 your God, obeying his voice and
 holding fast to him.
DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20 (ESV)

PROPER REACTIONS

These powerful Bible verses can help you react properly to difficult situations. Find them and record your observations and conclusions.

LAMENTATIONS 3:31-33

REMINDS ME THAT

EVEN WHEN

I SHOULD REMEMBER
GENESIS 50:20

WHEN

JOHN 16:33

IS HELPFUL BECAUSE

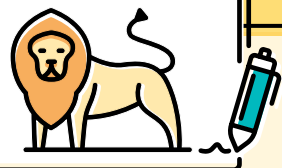
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ENCOURAGES ME BECAUSE

I NEED



While Daniel was exiled in Babylon, he served under four different kings: King Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar, King Darius, and King Cyrus. Daniel was likely more than eighty years old when he was thrown into the lions' den.



God's Law

Deuteronomy 30:20 says that we should love God, obey Him, and stay faithful to Him.

List some ways you can follow God's law at these places.

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Those who were jealous of Daniel could not find anything against him because he honored God. Read Daniel 6:1-5.

What are some words that describe Daniel?

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CONVERSATION

Daniel in the Lions' Den

DANIEL 6

King Darius chose 120 princes throughout his kingdom. He also chose 3 presidents to watch over the princes. He chose Daniel as 1 of his presidents. Daniel was trustworthy and honest, and the king planned to put him in charge of his whole kingdom.

The other leaders were jealous. They watched for Daniel to do something wrong so they could complain to the king. Soon, they realized that they would never find anything against Daniel unless it had something to do with his God. The leaders went to the king and said, "You should make a law that says for 30 days no one may pray to any god or man except you. If someone breaks the law, he should be thrown into the lions' den!" King Darius agreed and made the law.

When Daniel heard about the law, he went into his house, opened his window that faced Jerusalem, and got down on his knees. Then he prayed to God, three times each day, just as he had always done.

The leaders searched for Daniel and found him praying to God. They hurried to the king and said, "Daniel has ignored you, the king. He prays three times each day to his God." The leaders insisted that the king throw Daniel into the lions' den.

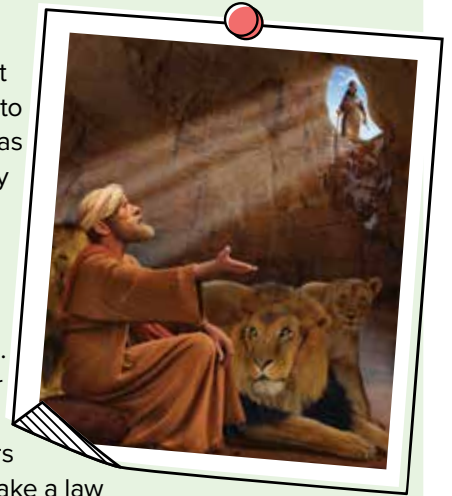
The king was upset, but the law could not be changed. As Daniel was thrown into the den, King Darius said, "May the God you serve rescue you!" A large stone was placed over the opening, and the king sealed the stone with his ring.

The king could not sleep all night. The next morning he hurried to the lions' den and called to Daniel. Daniel was alive and safe! He said, "God sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths. They haven't hurt me."

King Darius was overjoyed and gave orders to take Daniel out of the lions' den. The king wrote a new law that people in his kingdom should worship Daniel's God because He is the living God, and He rescued Daniel from the lions.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9

LIFE POINT: God gives people strength to obey in difficult times.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, in today's Bible story your child learned that God gives people strength to obey in difficult times. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den for disobeying the king's law, but God protected him.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child understand that she will face difficulties in her Christian faith. Talk about situations she might have already faced because of her beliefs. Remind your child that God is with her, just as God was with Daniel.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God is all-powerful and in control of all things.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Joshua 1:9

Monday: Psalm 46:1

Tuesday: Psalm 16:8

Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Thursday: Psalm 34:17

Friday: Proverbs 18:10

Saturday: Nehemiah 8:10

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Daniel in the Lions' Den* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.

