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Know this story? Think again!
It's Daniel in the Lions Den.
One twenty men King Darius used,
Until Daniel, they all accused.
It goes like this, they knew he prayed,
So a cunning plan, they thought and laid.
Hunched in a huddle they did all agree
to convince the King to make a decree.

"Let's tell the King to ban all prayer,
To God, to Queen, to king or bear.
Only to Darius should they vow,
That will make the King say wow!"
Now by his window, three times a day,
Daniel would sit and think and pray.
They knew he would, they bet on it,
But Daniel didn't care a bit!

They grabbed Daniel, they threw him in,
The lions den; a human bin.
It was where lions gobbled up,
Adult, youth, or crazy pup.
"That serves him right!" they shouted loud.
They didn't realise, they were all so proud.
That God had heard, Dan's little prayer,
He saw him in the lions lair.

He sent an angel to shut their teeth,
They couldn't eat, Daniel beneath.
Now in the morning Darius ran,
To check on him; his good mate Dan.
Was he alive or was he lunch?
The king thought fast, he had a hunch.
He opened up the den to see,
Daniel as peaceful as can be.

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Now this is where this little story,
Starts to get a lot more gory.
Daniel came out, the men went in,
They had no hope, their deadly sin,
Had got them trapped, now dead they be,
The lions crushed their bones, you see.
As if that wasn't quite enough,
Their families tasted just as tough.

What can we learn from all this mess?
Do you now, want to take a guess?
It's serious stuff, our actions matter,
Even our thoughts and useless chatter.
So don't forget to say your prayers,
and you'll catch The Enemy unawares.
Like a lion he waits for someone to gobble.
With God on your side you won't need to
wobble.

But one more thing that you should know,
There is now grace; through Jesus though.
He took our sin, he set us free,
He was as perfect as can be.
We'll not be punished for our sin,
There'll be no more need for a human bin,
If we turn to Jesus now today,
He is the truth, the life, the way.

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Daniel 6

1. What kind of man was Daniel? (v4)
2. What law did Daniel break? (v13)
3. How did they punish Daniel? (v16)
4. When King Darius went to see Daniel, what did he find? (v20-21)

Think about...

What is the scariest creature that you can think of? What would you do if you ever came face to face with that animal in the wild?

Im:Itate

Find some paper or card and draw an outline of a lions face - without his mane. Then use some wool or coloured paper or newspaper to attach strips around the face for the mane. Discuss how God took care of David even when he was in a den of lions all night.

Daniel prayed and trusted that God was listening. Do you pray and trust God is listening? Daniel believed that prayer was important, so he would not stop, even when he knew he could die. Discuss how prayer has helped you as a family and make a plan of times when you can pray together each day.

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Thank You God that You look after us. Thank You that we can trust You each day. Help us to stand up for what we believe in and to continue to pray to You when things get tough. Amen.

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Daniel and the Lions

Daniel and the Lion's Den

