

A Praying Man: Daniel 6

Set Up: Have the boys color the picture of a "Praying Man" from the "Lesson Reproducibles." While they are coloring, bring in J. B. Beaver to ask them questions like, "Why are the man's hands lifted up?" or "Why is the man kneeling on the ground?" They should say that this is how the man prays to God. Some boys will say that we can pray in any posture. Encourage their comments. Use J. B. to emphasize Daniel's prayer. For example, J. B. could say, "I'm glad that Daniel prayed because that helped him be strong and obey God."

Commander Says: The Bible tells about Daniel, who worked for the king. Daniel did such a good job that the king put him in charge of a lot of men. Some of those men were jealous, so they decided to get him into trouble. But they could not catch Daniel doing wrong.

They knew that Daniel prayed every day. So they went to the king and said, "We have an idea. For the next thirty days, anybody who prays to someone besides you gets thrown into the pit of hungry lions." The king liked the idea, and he signed it as law.

Daniel continued to pray just like always—by his open window three times a day. The men watched Daniel carefully. When they caught him praying to God, they went and told the king. "You said anyone who prayed to another besides you would get thrown into the lions' den." When the king heard that Daniel had prayed, he was very upset. He liked Daniel and didn't want him to die. But the law was the law and he could not keep Daniel from the lions.

So when Daniel was put in the lions' den, the king said, "Daniel, may your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" And God did save Daniel! The next day, when the king saw that Daniel was alive and fine, he was so happy. He ordered Daniel's enemies to be thrown in the lions' den.

Review: Have the boys say out loud: "Real strength comes from prayer!"

Week 7: Bible Study

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