

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Older IK Leader Guide

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

October 7, 2026- Disciples are faithful even when rejected.

Bible-Daniel 6- Daniel in the Lion's Den

Disciples build relationships that point each other to Jesus.

Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:00 PM (Prayer)
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM
** PL and LT groups will follow 4th & 5th schedule
*** PreK groups outside play is decided at campus

Family Table

What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group. Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, collect trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share new things or old things they are learning.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- **For fun:** How would you trap a mouse?
- **This week:** Think of a time you worried about what other people thought of you. Talk about it if you want to.



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Social Game

This or That

Have kids move to one side of the room for This and the other side for That.

Say: "Today we're going to hear about Daniel making a hard choice to follow God. Let's practice making choices!"

- Would you rather be friends with a lion OR friends with a bear?
- Would you rather be very brave OR be very strong?
- Would you rather stand alone for what's right OR have everyone agree with you?
- Would you rather tell the truth and get in trouble OR keep quiet and avoid trouble?
- Would you rather pray every day OR read the Bible every day?
- Would you rather have courage when you're scared OR patience when you're frustrated?
- Would you rather follow God when it's easy OR follow God when it's hard?
- Would you rather spend a night with lions OR spend a night in a cave full of bats?

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: Today we'll learn about Daniel, who chose to follow God even when everyone else wanted him to do something different. Daniel trusted God no matter what.

Video & Bible

Say: Having friends can be so important. Friends who discourage us from good things, like following God, make it hard to know what to do. Let's check out this story from the Bible to know how Daniel handled the same thing.

Watch "Daniel"

Say: Can you believe how God protected Daniel and honored him for his faithfulness even in a tough situation? Our God is so kind.

What to Do: Pass out Activity Pages and Bibles to each kid with a pencil.

SAY:

- Today we're reading from Daniel 6:21-28. (Pg 947) Let's find it together in our Bibles.
- Daniel is in the Old Testament, the part of the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus came. Daniel is part of the Major Prophets. Circle Old Testament on your worksheet.
- To find it, start at the beginning of your Bible and flip past Psalms. Look for Daniel, then find the big number 6 (chapter 6).
- Next, find the small numbers 21-28. If you find it first, help someone nearby. Separate each of these and ask different kids to read each one.
- Once everyone is there, take turns reading the verses aloud together and listen for what God teaches us about Daniel's response after King Darius threw him in the Lion's Pit.

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Discussion

Let's spend a few minutes processing what we have learned from the Bible today.

- Why do you think Daniel kept praying to God even when he knew he could get into trouble for it?
- How did God take care of Daniel in the lions' den, and what does that teach us about trusting God?
- What are some situations where it can be hard to do the right thing or follow God?
- How can you show faith in God this week, even when others might not understand your choice?
- If someone doesn't believe in God or makes fun of your faith, how can you show them kindness and continue to follow Jesus?

Practice

Dangerous Traps

Supplies: Finger traps (1 per child) • Dangerous Trap (1 per group)

Say: When you make choices because you're afraid of what other people think, it's a dangerous trap! Let's see what happens when we let our fear of people keep us from doing what God wants us to do.

- Give each kid in your group a finger trap.
- Tell your kids to put the trap on their index fingers.
- Read off a "finger trap" activity from the Dangerous Trap.
- Kids try to do the action with their fingers in the traps.
- Tell kids to take off their traps and try again.
- Repeat steps 2-5, for all of the "finger trap" activities.
- Next, read the "People Trap" scenarios.

Ask kids: • What's the right choice when this happens? • How could this trap keep you from making the right choice?

Leader Tip- If time doesn't allow for both activities, do the People Trap and choose 3-4 scenarios.

Family Discipleship

What to Do: Your handout today is designed to help you remember what we learned. Take it home and share it with a family member, then ask them to go through it with you. We also want to hear how the other challenges are going. What are you learning? How is God helping you grow? Be ready to share your experiences with the group!

Leader Tip: Encourage families to look at the kid's work as they show up to pick up their kids.