

First Look | September 6

Today's Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions • Daniel 6:1-23

God is always with me.

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Memory Verse: "God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

1. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to the September Worship song and then watch today's video lesson.

2. Pray

"Let's open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You for being with us all the time. Thank you for being with us when we are playing and when we are sleeping. Thank you that no matter where we go or what we do, You are always with us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

3. Daniel and the Lion

What You Need:

- ☐ "Daniel and the Lion" Activity Page
- ☐ "Lion's Head" Activity Page
- ☐ Crayons or washable markers
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Daniel and the Lion" on cardstock paper and SScut, one cutout per child. Print "Lion's Head" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. For each child, accordion-fold the "Daniel and the Lion" cutout; fold the first picture section up, the next picture section up, then fold the small tab down. Align the top of the lion's head along the line at the top and glue. Align the straight edge of the lion's mouth along the folded edge and glue. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their lion and the pictures from the story. Fold up each child's paper to bring the lion's mouth together to close it.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:



Before the Activity: "Come on over, artists! Our Bible Story today is about Daniel and some very big lions. Let's make our own special lion that tells the whole amazing story!"

During the Activity: "Color your lion's head. *(Allow time to color.)* Your lions look great! Now open up your lion's mouth. Look at this long strip of paper. This tells today's story! Let's unfold it and color each of the story pictures. *(Allow time to color.)* Great! When you close the lion's mouth, the story is hidden! *(Fold the accordion strip and bring the head pieces together.)* But when you open his mouth wide ... you can see the whole story of how God kept Daniel safe! God was always with Daniel."

After the Activity: "Your story lions are so cool! You can take them home and use them to tell your family how God was with Daniel in the lions' den. Daniel was safe because he knew God was with him. And God is always with you, too. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"