

Daniel and the Lions' Den

Parents' Guide

Video available here: <https://youtu.be/Lari7PqKOYO>

Example discussion questions:

Reception/KS1:

- Was Daniel a good or a bad person?
- When King Darius was tricked, where did he have to send Daniel?
- What happened when the king went back in the morning?
- What did the king do to those people who had tricked him?

KS2:

- Why do you think King Darius liked Daniel so much?
- Why do you think others were jealous of Daniel?
- King Darius knew Daniel wasn't a bad person, and yet he sent him to the lions' den anyway. Why do you think he did this?
- Why do you think the king created a new law at the end of the story, saying everyone should worship God?

Ideas for follow up activities:

- If you were king or queen, what laws would you make? Create a scroll and write on it 5-10 of your ideas for laws.
- Imagine you are King Darius on the night when he sent Daniel to the lions' den. Write a diary entry to explain what happened and how you are feeling.
- Draw a picture of what you think the lions' den might have looked like.
- Daniel trusted that God would save him from the lions. Talk about a time when you had to trust someone to keep you safe - maybe when you were on a boat, doing rock climbing, visiting a new country? Were you still scared at times?

If you have been doing this or any of the other stories with your child/ren, please email some photos to school as Mr. Swards would be delighted to see them!