

# Daniel, Daniel, He's Our Man

**The Scene:** the lions' den

**The Simple Setup:** Make a simple boundary to represent the lions' den—a line of chairs works well.

**For Extra Impact:** Have all the "Lions" wear lion masks.

**Bible Story**  
Daniel and the  
Lions' Den  
**Scripture**  
Daniel 6:1-24

## The Characters

**Narrator:** a lion telling the story from his or her perspective

**Daniel:** a guy

**Sam:** a jealous supervisor, guy or girl

**Lions:** kids willing to act like cheerleaders and be funny

**Supervisors:** kids who will pretend to follow Daniel around

## The Skit

*After assigning the roles of Daniel and Sam, form the remaining children into two groups: Lions and Supervisors. Assign one of the Lions to play Lion 1.*

*The Lions are in the den on stage right. The Narrator walks out of the den to center stage.*

*Daniel is stage left. Sam and the Supervisors are stage right.*



**Start the "Daniel and the Lions' Den" track on *The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry* CD (track 22). Set your CD player on "repeat" so the track repeats.**

**Narrator:** Hi. My name is Leonard, and I'm a lion. I'm sorry to say that lions sometimes eat people. Not a LOT of people...just SOME people...not all the time...just SOMETIMES. But, starting today, I'm going on a people-free diet! I'll explain why as I tell you the story of Leonard the Lion and Daniel.

**Daniel:** Excuse me. I think you've got the name of the story wrong.

**narrator:** You're right! Thanks for pointing that out, Daniel. It's Leonard the LOVABLE Lion and Some Guy Named Daniel.

**Daniel:** Not to be rude, but everybody knows the story is called Daniel in the Lions' Den.

**narrator:** (*Upset*) See? I get ZERO respect! You make ONE mistake—you eat a few people—and what happens? They name the story after somebody ELSE! What is WRONG with this world?

**Daniel:** Calm down, calm down... maybe you should just tell the story. OK?

**narrator:** Fine. Daniel and the Lovable-Lions' Den. Only, these Lions weren't lovable at all. Not at first. They were fierce and mean with BIG, HUGE, TEETH! See those big, sharp teeth? They were as fast as the wind, rushing around their cage. They held up their claws, pawing at the air. Their claws were as sharp as swords!

**Daniel:** (*Clears his throat.*) Uh-hmm.

**narrator:** OK, claws sharp as those little plastic knives you get at the drive-through window. Anyway, there was this guy named Daniel who loved God. AND there was a king who ruled over an entire country. AND there were some Supervisors who helped the king run things. Wave, Supervisors! God made Daniel REALLY smart and wise. He did a GREAT job helping run the country.

**Lions:** (*Cheering*) Daniel, Daniel, he's our man! If he can't do it, no one can!

**narrator:** Thank you, Lions. That was so good I want to hear it again.

**Lions:** (*Cheering*) Daniel, Daniel, he's our man! If he can't do it, no one can!

**narrator:** Thank you, fellow Lions. Daniel did SUCH a great job, the king wanted to put him in charge of all the other Supervisors.

**Sam the Supervisor:** Now, WAIT just a minute! He's not the boss of me!

**narrator:** Who are you?

**Sam the Supervisor:** Sam the Supervisor. I supervise the South Side.

**narrator:** Sam the South Side Supervisor? There's no Sam in the Bible's account of Daniel's life.

**Sam:** I know! I didn't even get named, but I'm telling you: I'M MORE IMPORTANT THAN DANIEL!

**narrator:** OK, OK! But I STILL think Daniel is our main character, because he served God. That's what this whole story is about. Anyway, the king wanted to make Daniel the boss, and the other Supervisors were jealous. They looked for ways to make Daniel look bad. See how they're pointing at Daniel?

**Supervisors:** (*Pointing at Daniel*) We're watching you, buddy!

**narrator:** The Supervisors FOLLOWED Daniel, but he didn't go anywhere he shouldn't go. They KNELT DOWN in front of Daniel to TRIP him, but Daniel walked around them. One day, the Supervisors saw Daniel kneel and pray, and they said, "AHA!"

**Supervisors:** Aha!

**Sam:** That's it! We've got him! Daniel prays three times every day!

**narrator:** So? That's not against the law!

**Sam:** It will be in a minute!

**narrator:** The Supervisors went to the king and convinced the king to make a law against praying to anybody EXCEPT the king. If you didn't pray to the king, you'd be thrown into the Lions' den. Why is it always the lions' den? What if we're trying to cut down on fat? Why don't they throw somebody into the TIGERS' den for a change?

**Daniel:** Um, we don't have any tigers.

**narrator:** Good point. So, they threw him into the Lions' den. See how Daniel is surrounded by Lions? The Lions ROARED! They were all set to eat Daniel.

**Lions:** Daniel, Daniel, he's fresh meat! Now we've got a snack to eat!

**Lion 1:** Before we start, can I have a bib?

**narrator:** "Oh no!" the king said. "The Lions are going to eat Daniel! The king was upset, but a law is a law. The Lions OPENED THEIR MOUTHS WIDE to eat Daniel. They opened their mouths even WIDER! AND EVEN WIDER! Oh, Lion Number 2, I think you've got a cavity there!"



- Daniel:** Excuse me! Can we get on with it—I'm about to be eaten here!
- narrator:** Just then, God sent an angel to SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS. They tried to ROAR, but their mouths were shut.
- Lions:** (*With mouths closed*) Daniel, Daniel, you're no fun. Without a bite my dinner's done.
- narrator:** The king came to the Lions' den the next morning and called out to Daniel. And Daniel called back because he was safe!
- Daniel:** You've got a lot of hungry Lions in here because God SAVED me!
- Sam:** Then, the king forgave the Supervisors and gave them all big fat raises, right?
- narrator:** Nope. He put them all into the Lions' den where the Lions spent the afternoon MUNCHING and BÜRPING. And that's the story of Leonard the Lion and Some Guy Named Daniel.



## To Talk About

- ◆ Do you think Daniel was scared in the lions' den? Have you ever had to do something scary? How did you handle it?
- ◆ Why were the Supervisors jealous of Daniel? Why are we sometimes jealous of others? How do you think God wants us to act when we feel jealous?
- ◆ How did God take care of Daniel? How does God take care of us?

**Topical Tie-ins:** Courage, Faith, Jealousy, God's Provision