

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

DANIEL IN THE

DEN OF LIONS

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS IN 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADES



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Daniel in the Den of Lions

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den from your children's Bible.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Daniel and the Lions' Den Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Daniel was a Jew living in Babylon. When he was around 10, he was captured and taken from his family. He went to work in the palace. Over time, Daniel became well-respected and was given authority over many people in the palace.

Fun Fact: Daniel was friends with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Since Daniel was a Jew, he followed God's rules, which sometimes didn't line up with the king's rules—as we'll see in the story of Daniel in the Den of Lions.

Daniel worked in the palace for so long that he worked for four different kings - first Nebuchadnezzar, then Belshazzar, then Darius, and finally Cyrus. This story takes place while Darius was king.

Daniel was around 80 years old when he was sent to the lions' den.

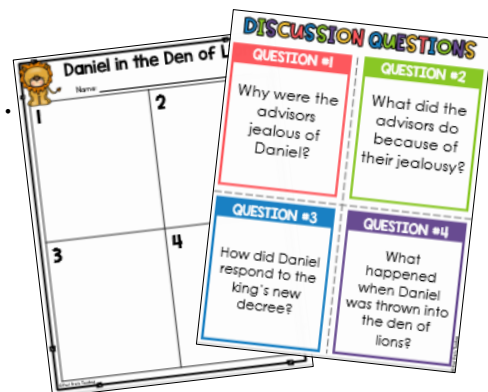
Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Daniel and the Lions' Den: Quickly map out the four main parts of the story.

1. The king's advisors were jealous.
2. The advisors told the king to make a new decree (a law).
3. Daniel was thrown into the den of lions.
4. God rescues Daniel.

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.



Daniel in the Den of Lions



Step Three: Complete the Lion Craft

Before the lesson begins, print out a lion body and head for each student. Precut strips of yellow and orange construction paper. Gather glue sticks and coloring materials.

In this craft, kids will be creating a lion with a 3D mane.

Begin by cutting out the lion's head. Set it aside.

Glue the paper strips to the head of the complete lion to create a mane. Point the strips outward. When the mane is complete, glue the lion's head on top of the mane. Finally, glue the Biblical truth (God is my protector) anywhere on the lion.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Daniel and the Lions' Den' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. Daniel 6:27a NIV

Big idea suggestion: God is our protector.



Daniel in the Den of Lions

Name: _____

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Why were the advisors jealous of Daniel?

QUESTION #2

What did the advisors do because of their jealousy?

QUESTION #3

How did Daniel respond to the king's new decree?

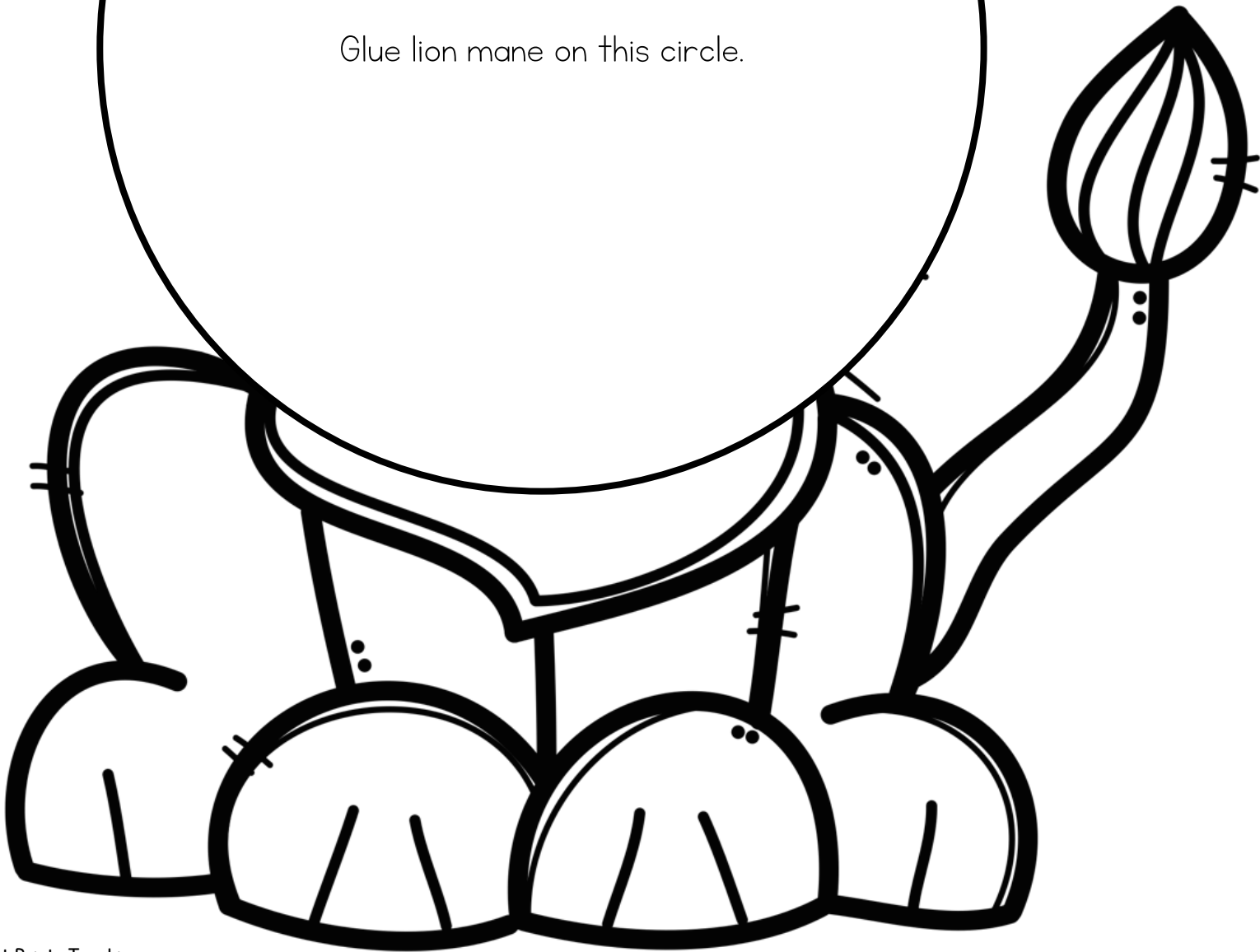
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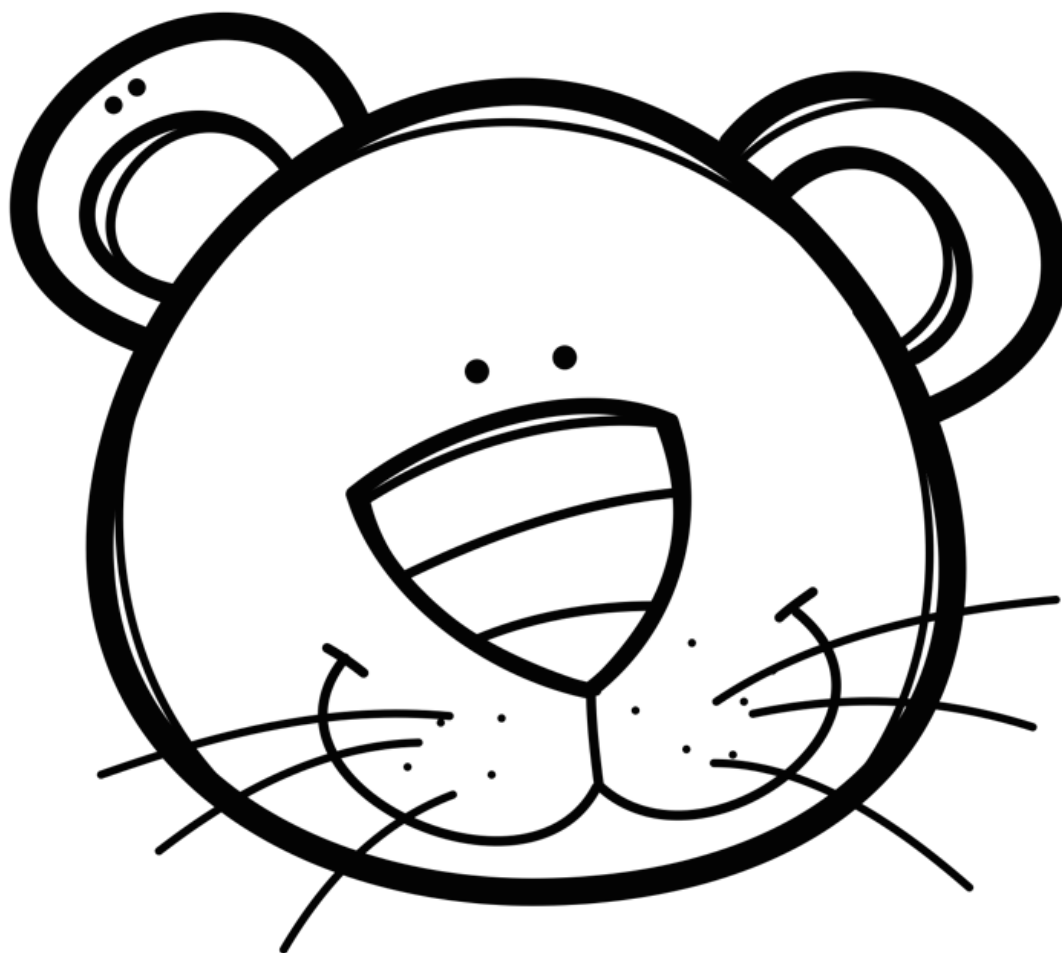
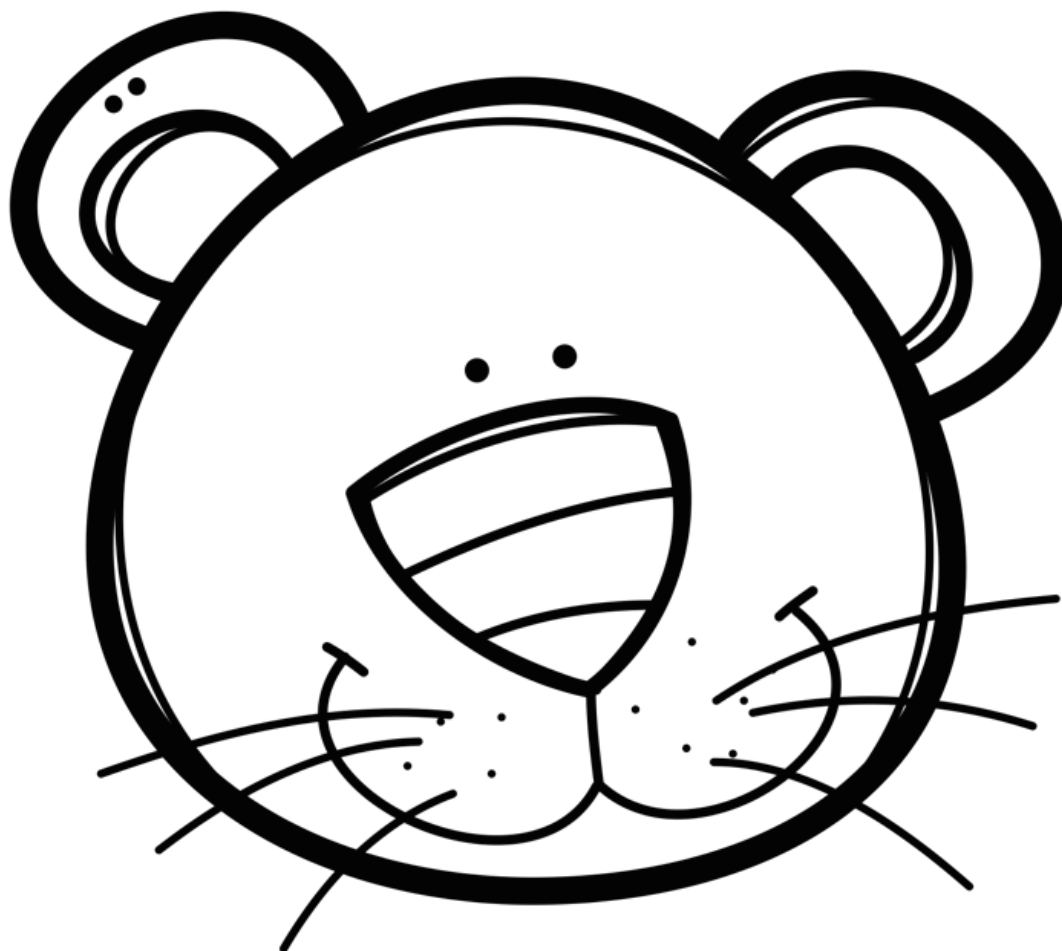
What happened when Daniel was thrown into the den of lions?

God Rescued Daniel

God is my protector.

Glue lion mane on this circle.





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MEMORIZE THIS:

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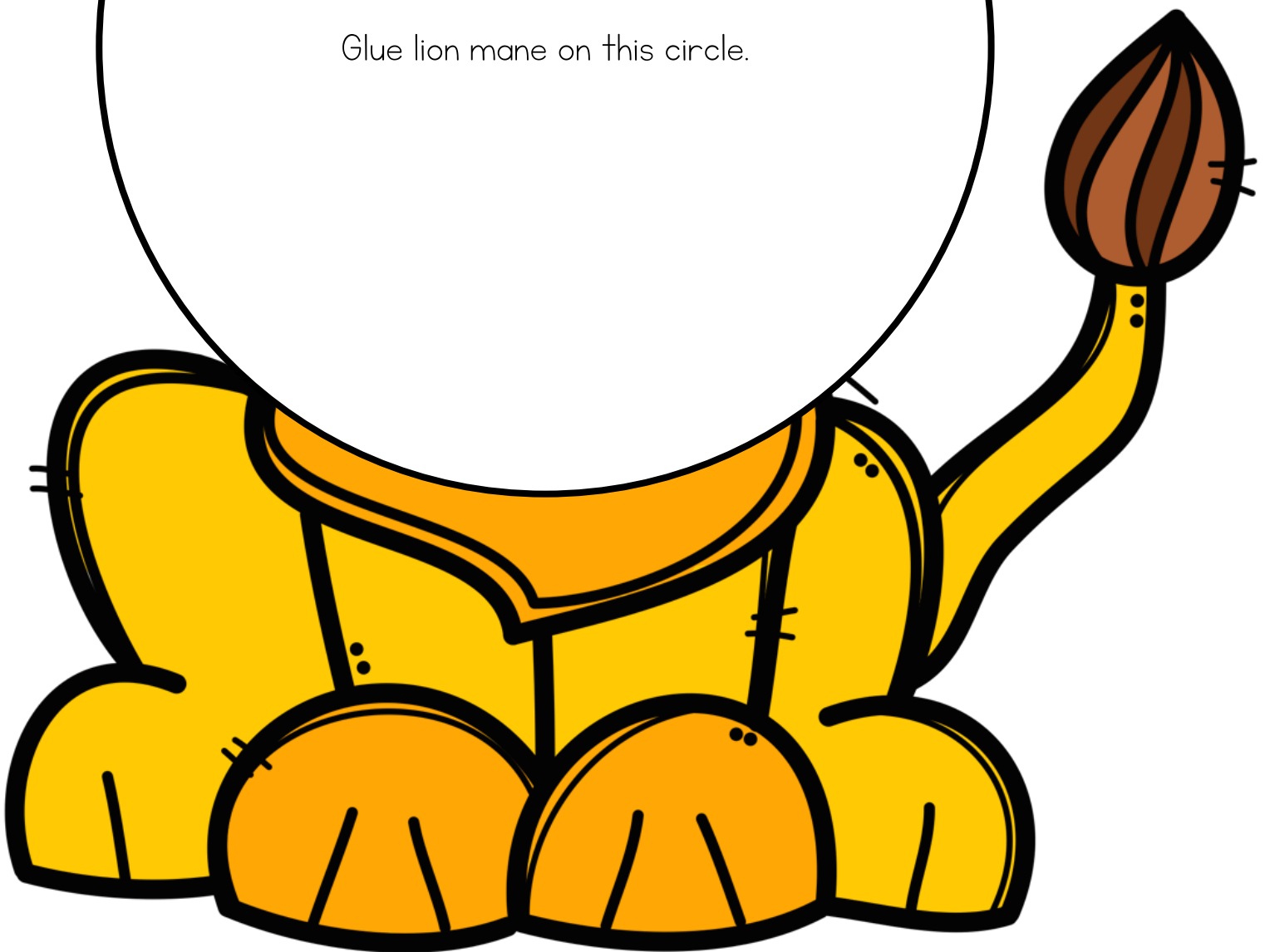
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