

HEAR ME

ROAR

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL (1)







## THIS MONTH

There's a reason lions are symbols of courage – even their roars (which can be heard up to five miles away) tell us how strong they are! And because of God's promises, we can be as strong and bold as lions, too.

In this five-week series, kids will learn important truths from the life of Daniel they'll want to shout (or roar!), like how we don't have to give up and don't have to feel alone. Instead, we can keep learning and not be afraid, even when we don't know the future. Why? Because God is with us!

## THIS WEEK

This week, kids learn about Israel's journey in Babylon, and how God was always with them.

## BIBLE

I Daniel 1

Lamentations 3:19–26



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READ the Suggested Scripture. (THE BIBLE)

READ the Recap of this week's Lesson.

READ the Suggested Scripture and/or supplied questions.

WORSHIP with your family!

Complete an ACTIVITY with your family!

MEMORIZE scripture with your family!

Access additional Resources using QR Code.

**I won't give up** – God is with me!



Welcome to our new series, Hear Me Roar! Daniel and three of his friends just arrived from a town called Jerusalem. It's kind of a sad story. You see, they were brought to Babylon by the king, a man named Nebuchadnezzar. The king brought Daniel and his friends to work for him. It was so hard! They even got brand-new names! These guys were hand-picked and brought here to become special workers for the king. He even gave them his very own food, and trust me, the guy eats GOOD!

But apparently, those guys refused to eat the kind of food that the king eats – they wanted to eat the way they used to back home because they wanted to honor God. So instead they asked for vegetables and water only.

The really crazy thing is after ten days they were healthier, stronger, and wiser than everyone else!

But in all seriousness, because they kept their faith in God even though they were in a brand new place with unfamiliar rules and traditions, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are standing out in a good way.

But they still remembered and wanted to obey God. They knew God was with them wherever they went. They could have given up and eaten what everyone else was eating, but they stuck it out because they knew God was with them. God is with us too! I won't give up – God is with me!

- How did Daniel and his friends end up in Babylon?
- What did the four of them do differently from others who were brought to Babylon?
- What are some things you put your hope in?
  - Winning? Attention? Friendships?
- Was there a time you made a different choice than those around you because it was the right one?
  - Was it difficult?
  - What helped you to not give up?

## Worship

“Echo”  
(Elevation Worship)

“I’m Trusting You”  
(Lifetree Kids)

## Memorization

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse Nahum 1:7 (NIV), in case you want to work on them together.



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Using the attached QR Code do the following with your family:

- Watching the additional teaching video
  - Preschool and/or Elementary
- Use the includes music/videos to find the suggested music.
- Locate the additional Take home "Bible Booklet" and do some additional activities.
- Memorize Nahum 1:7 (NIV) together by learning the ASL actions.

## PRAYER

God, thank you that you are with me. Even when things are difficult, you encourage me and remind me that I can do it! Even when it seems like a door is locked in my life, you help me open it or find a new way out.

This gives me strength, courage, and hope! Your compassion never fails. I won't give up, because you are with me! Amen.

Find some at-home materials to make a card for a friend or family member, especially someone who is going through a difficult time. Consider providing postcard stamps for kids to take their cards home and mail once they've located the recipient's address.

We've all felt alone at one time or another. Maybe you've felt alone when you started attending a new school or joined a sports team. Maybe you felt alone if your parents had to separate, or if your best friend moved away.

No one likes to feel alone. God often reminds us we aren't alone by giving us friends and family members to support and encourage us.

This week, we've been reminded that we aren't alone – God is with us.  
So, let's take a few minutes and remind someone else they aren't alone.