

K-3rd

Large Group

November — Week 3

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ **Opener**

→ **Bible Story**

→ **Talk It Out!**

→ **Memory Verse**

→ **Prayer**

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
/11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Memory Verse

"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."
Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

HOST: "Hello, everyone! I'm so glad that you're here today! All month long, we're digging down to Bedrock: Building confidence in God, block by block. Because when you face tough situations, it's so important to remember that God is with you—whether you're walking past a barking dog, or like our main character in today's story ... facing a bunch of roaring lions! Before we get started, I've got a game for us to play. And I'm going to need six volunteers.

→ Choose six volunteers and bring them up on stage.

"Very good. Now, I need one of you to be our zookeeper.

→ Choose one kid and give them a safari hat to wear.

"The rest of you get to be ... our lions!

Give the kids lion masks to wear.

SLIDE → Game_Sleeping Lions!

"Our game is called Sleeping Lions! So when I say: 'go to sleep,' all of you lions find a spot on the stage and lie down to sleep—anywhere you want. It's going to be our zookeeper's job to wake you up! But lions, you want to stay asleep. In fact, if you move even a tiny bit, or laugh or say anything, then you're out. Zookeeper, you can do anything to wake our sleeping lions ... except touch them! You can say something funny, or do silly things, or whatever you can imagine. You've got two minutes to wake the lions. I'll set my timer here for two minutes. Ready? Lions, go to sleep!

Optional SFX → "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by The Tokens (SOFTLY)

→ Start your timer. Encourage the zookeeper to try different techniques to make the lions laugh or move. Make sure to catch any lions who laugh or move. If time allows, you can play multiple rounds. When the game is over, instruct the lions to wake up.

"Wow. You were an excellent zookeeper. And the rest of you were fantastic lions. Now that you're awake, let's everyone give a giant roar. Ready? RRRRRROOOOOOOOAAAAR!

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10 MINUTES

OPENER

“Wow! I definitely wouldn’t want to meet up with a bunch of you in the jungle!

“Great job, everyone! God loves us so much that He will give us His strength to do anything He asks us to do! Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

10 MINUTES

Story

Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W3

WRAPPING UP THE STORY STORYTELLER: "Daniel continued to serve Darius and found favor with the king. All his life, even living in a foreign land, Daniel was faithful to spend time with God and pray daily. He was so confident of God's presence with him that he could continue to honor God, even when he knew what awaited him when he did—a lions' den.

"Daniel was confident that God was always with him. And we can be confident of that too!

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God is always with you. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God is always with you."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

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"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

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5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!** That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears...  and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

TALK IT OUT!!!

Who was Daniel?

Answer: A man who loved and prayed to God.

Where did Daniel live?

Answer: In Babylon.

How many times a day did Daniel pray?

Answer: Three times every day.

Who liked Daniel because he was honest and wise?

Answer: King Darius.

Why were the other leaders jealous of Daniel?

Answer: Because the king liked Daniel and wanted to give him a big job.

What new law did the leaders trick the king into making?

Answer: No one could pray to anyone except the king.

Did Daniel stop praying to God?

Answer: No, he kept praying.

Where was Daniel thrown for praying to God?

Answer: Into the lions' den.

How did God protect Daniel?

Answer: He sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths.

10 What did King Darius say after God saved Daniel?

Answer: Everyone should honor and respect Daniel's God.

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5 MINUTES

Prayer

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STORYTELLER or HOST: "Dear God, thank You so much for Daniel's story and the reminder of how important it is to make a habit of talking with You. Thank You that You are always with us in every single thing we face. Teach us to live with You as our closest Friend. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop