



Daniel and the Lions

Faithfulness Behind a Sealed Door

Daniel 6 · Ages 8-12 · Free ₹0

This book belongs to

Read, wonder, talk

Enjoy eight short chapters. Look up the Bible references with an adult. Pause when something surprises you. Finish with the questions and your creative activity.

About this edition

Original retelling and layout prepared for Christ Alive Church, Bengaluru. The text summarises the biblical passages; it is not a Bible translation. New cover illustration created with AI.

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CHAPTER 01

Trusted with Responsibility

Daniel 6:1-3

Daniel was an experienced official serving under King Darius. He did his work so well that the king planned to give him greater responsibility. A faithful life can show itself in ordinary work: being honest, careful and dependable. Other officials noticed Daniel too, but they responded with jealousy instead of appreciation.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 02

A Search for Faults

Daniel 6:4-5

The officials tried to find something wrong with Daniel's work. They could find no corruption or negligence. Finally they decided to attack his faithfulness to God. They knew prayer was part of his life. Daniel's good character did not prevent people from opposing him, but it made their dishonesty clear.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 03

A Trap for the King

Daniel 6:6-9

The officials urged Darius to forbid people from praying to anyone but the king for thirty days. Anyone who disobeyed would be put in the lions' den. Darius signed the law. Flattery had helped the officials make a dangerous trap. A rule can still be unjust even when powerful people approve it.

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CHAPTER 04

The Same Open Window

Daniel 6:10-11

Daniel heard that the law had been signed. He went home, knelt and prayed three times a day, just as he had done before. He gave thanks to God. Prayer was not a sudden performance to attract attention. It was the steady habit of a man who would not replace God with a king.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 05

A King Cannot Undo It

Daniel 6:12-17

The officials reported Daniel. Darius was distressed and tried to save him, but the law could not be changed in the way he wanted. Daniel was placed in the lions' den and the entrance sealed. Before leaving, the king expressed hope that Daniel's God would rescue him. Then the long night began.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 06

A Restless Night

Daniel 6:18-20

Darius could not sleep. At dawn he hurried to the den and called out anxiously to Daniel. Was he alive? Could the God Daniel served have saved him? The king who had signed the law now stood outside the sealed place with no power to repair what he had done.

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CHAPTER 07

Daniel Answers

Daniel 6:21-23

Daniel answered that God had sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths. He had not been harmed. Darius was overjoyed and ordered him lifted from the den. Daniel's rescue showed God's power and exposed the plot against him. The king then honoured the living God in a message to his kingdom.

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CHAPTER 08

Steady Trust

Daniel 6:25-28; Hebrews 11:33-40

Daniel's rescue encourages us to remain faithful. It does not mean everyone who trusts God will always escape danger. Other faithful people in the Bible suffered. We can still pray, thank God and do what is right. Our hope rests in who God is, not in a promise that every difficult day will end exactly as Daniel's did.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

Think together

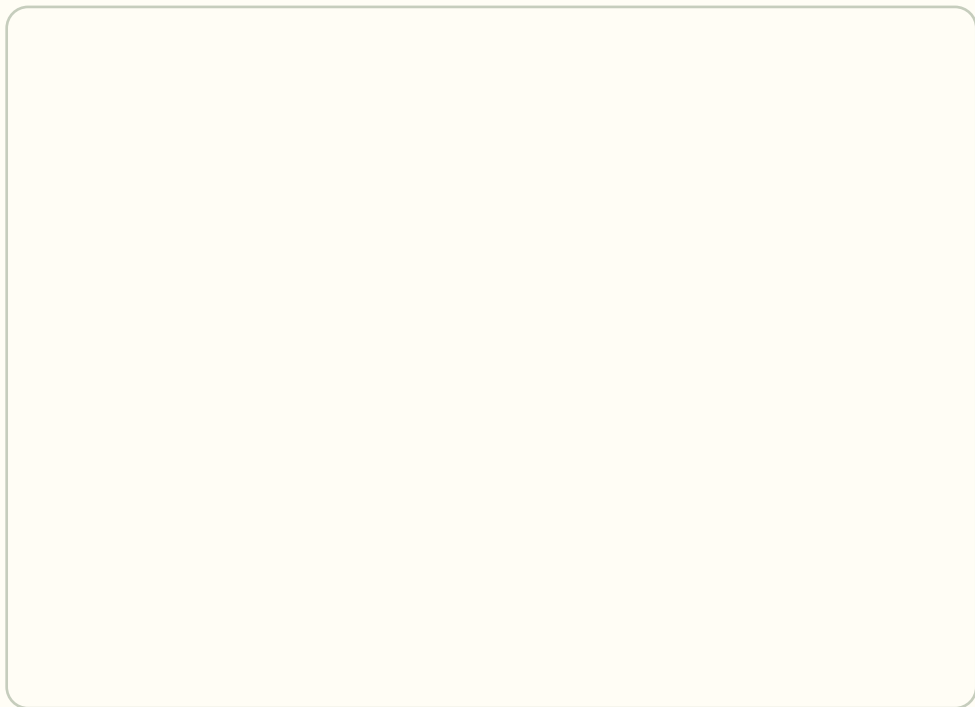
1. Why could the officials find no fault in Daniel's work?

2. What did Daniel do after hearing the new law?

3. Does trusting God mean every danger always ends like Daniel's story?

Make it your own

Make a seven-day prayer bookmark. Choose one person or concern to pray for each day.



A little prayer

Thank God for what you learned. Ask Him to help you live with love, wisdom and courage today.