



NOVEMBER THEME

HALL OF FAME

Everyone's a VIP

BIBLE STORY

Daniel 6

The Lion Sleeps Tonight | Daniel is
Thrown Into a Den of Lions
Spark Story Bible, pg. 184-189
Daniel and the Lions

BOTTOM LINE

Honor God by giving God credit

MEMORY VERSE

"Love one another deeply. Honor
others more than yourselves."
Romans 12:10 NIV

LIFE APP

Honor | Letting someone know you
see how valuable they really are

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what

FOR LEADERS ONLY

GOD VIEW: the connection between **HONOR** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

Key Question: How do you honor God? Sometimes we think that the only way to honor God is by singing worship songs in church. And while that is important, honoring God is so much more than singing songs. We can worship God with the way we live, how we treat others, work hard in school, and give God credit for the amazing things God has done for us. We finish the month looking at another person who knew something about honor.

In **Daniel 6** we learn that Daniel was known for faithfully praying to God. And when the leaders tried to trap him and have him killed, Daniel honored God in spite of what could happen to him. Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, but God shut the lions' mouths and rescued Daniel.

Bottom Line: Honor God by giving God credit. Honoring others begins with the way we honor God. God has done so much in our lives from sending Jesus to save us to the fact that we have breath in our lungs to live another day. Everything we have comes from God, and we can honor God by giving God credit. We pray that families will start to notice all of the ways God helps them and in return, learn how to honor God.

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each group member by name. Thank God for being a God who is worthy of our honor and praise. Thank God for the example of Daniel, who pointed to God and gave God credit no matter what consequences he faced. Pray that we would all have that kind of courage to honor God in our daily lives.

•• **EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Engage your group in conversation using the questions below:
 - How did you honor someone by putting them first this week?
 - How did you honor someone by keeping a promise this week?
 - Did anybody put you first or keep a promise to you this week? How did that make you feel?

•• **WHO IS THAT ROARING LION?**

Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Select a volunteer from the group to be the first guesser.
- Tell the guesser to close his eyes.
- Explain that you will point to someone in the group and that person must roar like a lion.
—The guesser, with his eyes still closed, will try to guess who “lion” is.
- Encourage kids to be creative in their roars.
- Play several rounds, switching the guesser for each round.

What You Say: [Transition] **Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we are going to hear/we heard a story about a lion that teaches us about honoring God by giving God credit.”**

[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to Fellowship Hall for Children’s Ministry worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

•• **A LION’S SHARE OF CREDIT** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: “Lion Puppet” activity page, paper bags, prepared puppet pieces, glue sticks, markers, scissors

What You Do:

- Refer to the “Lion Puppet” activity page for step-by-step visual instructions.
- Give each kid a paper bag, a mane, and a glue stick.
- Show kids how to cut fringe around the outside of their manes and then glue the manes to their bags.
- Distribute the eyes and nose pieces and guide kids to glue them onto their bags.
- Distribute the ears and arms pieces and guide kids to glue them onto their bags.
- Encourage kids to use markers personalize their lion puppet.
- Show kids how they can slide their hands into the bags and move their fingers to work the mouths.
- Invite kids to make their lions roar!
- Review today’s Bible story with the questions below...
—What was the crazy rule the guys who were jealous of Daniel came up with? (*For the next 30 days, everyone in the kingdom could only bow down and pray to King Darius*)
—What would happen if someone was caught NOT following the rule? (*They’d be thrown into a den of hungry lions*)
—When Daniel heard about the new rule, what did he do? (*He kept praying to the one true God, just as he had before*)
—What happened to Daniel? (*He was thrown into the lions’ den for not following the rule, but God protected him from the lions and kept him safe*)
—What did the king do when he realized that Daniel was unharmed? (*He was so happy and he recognized who God truly was—the one TRUE God worthy of honor and praise*)
—What’s something God’s done that YOU can give God credit for? (*God made the world; God healed my grandma when she was sick; God gives us food to eat, etc.*)
—How could Thanksgiving be a time to honor God? (*It’s a whole day set aside to give thanks and we can remember to thank God first; we can say a family prayer thanking God for all that we have*)



What You Say: “Can you imagine what it must have been like for Daniel, knowing that his choice to pray to God could mean being thrown into a den of hungry lions? Why do you think Daniel chose to trust God, even with that crazy law? (*Pause for responses.*) Daniel knew that God was bigger and more powerful than a hundred hungry lions. And in the end, even King Darius understood that only God was worthy to be honored and praised. Daniel knew, and King Darius learned, that you should **[Bottom Line] honor God by giving God credit.**”

[Make It Personal] (*Talk to the kids about how you honor God by giving God credit for the good things God has done for you. How do you regularly show God honor? Do you thank God in prayer, worship God at church weekly, give sacrificially, etc.*)

●● **GOD IS #1** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: “Trophy” coloring page, markers

What You Do:

- Briefly review what it means to honor God and give God credit.
- Ask:
—What is one specific thing you would like to honor God for right now?
- Hand out “Trophy” coloring pages. Set out markers where everybody can share them. Encourage kids to make trophies that **[Bottom Line] honor God by giving God credit.** The kids’ creativity is the only limit!

What You Say: “We have opportunities every day to stop and honor God. We don’t have to throw God a huge party to show God honor. What are some small things we can do to show God our love and appreciation? (*pause for ideas*) Great answers, friends! I think one important thing we need to do is to simply thank God. We should thank God for loving us, for giving us good things like our family and friends, and for Jesus. The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. So let’s make sure to notice those good things this week and to **[Bottom Line] honor God by giving God credit.**”

●● **HUNGRY, HUNGRY...LIONS?** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: 2 sets of “Romans 12:10” activity cards, disposable plastic bowls

What You Do:

- Crumple up the activity cards and randomly scatter them in the middle of your small group table.
- Ask for 2 volunteers to play the first round of the game.
- Give each volunteer a plastic bowl. This will be their “lion.”
- Have them turn the bowl upside down and, at your signal, use both hands to place the bowl on top of the paper “balls” and scoop them to their spot at the table (*like the game, Hungry Hungry Hippos*).
- When all of the paper “balls” have been collected, the kids should carefully open them and try to put the verse in order.
- Challenge the whole group to work together to help the collectors trade cards until each has a complete set in the proper order.
- Play again with 2 new volunteers as time allows.

What You Say: “Our Bible verse says: *Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Romans 12:10 (NirV).* Daniel loved God so much that he honored God by praying to God even though it was against the law. He honored God even though it meant that he’d be thrown into a den of lions!

“Sometimes other people may not like it when we honor God and give God credit. But just like Daniel, we can honor God no matter what other people think. So remember: **[Bottom Line] honor God by giving God credit.**”

