



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.

•• **JUST FOR FUN**

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?
 - Share any fun/unique stories from your life involving animals.

•• **GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME**

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.

•• **TAKE A SNAPSHOT** [Live for God | Application Activity]

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What You Need: “Trophy” activity cards, pens

What You Do:

- Revisit the theme of “honor” that we have been learning about this month.
—Explain that just as it’s important to honor others, it’s important to honor God and let God know you see what God has done for you.
- Give kids three “Trophy” activity cards.
- Encourage kids to finish this sentence on each of their trophies: “God is valuable to me because...”
—If necessary, you can prompt kids by asking, “What has God done for you?”
—Examples can be from the Bible (*perhaps what they have learned over the last month*) or from their personal lives.
—Give kids space to be creative and go a bit deeper with this.
- **[Make it Personal] (Join the kids in this activity and fill out three trophies as well.)**
—If necessary, use your trophies to provide an example for the kids.
- Allow kids to share some of their trophies with the group.

•• **BIBLE STORY EXTENSION** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment.

What You Need: Name tags, markers, Bible

What You Do:

- Ask: Who was in the story today?
- Create a name tag for each the characters in today’s story (*Daniel, King Darius, the two jealous leaders, the angel, the lions*)
- Give each kid a name tag (*use as many lions as needed so everybody has a tag: Lion #1, Lion #2, etc.*)
- Encourage the group to act out the story. If needed, recap the main events from the Bible story (*or read them from Daniel 6*) to



prompt/narrate the reenactment for the kids.

—After 30-60 seconds call out, “Switch,” and instruct everyone to switch name tags with someone else in the group.

—Continue the story with kids’ new “assignments.”

—After the retelling of the story is complete, engage kids in conversation by asking questions and encouraging the group to answer the questions as the character on their name tag.

- Continue to switch roles during the question time as well.
- Potential questions...

—For King Darius: Why did you sign a law that everyone had to pray to you? Why did you throw Daniel in the lions’ den? How did you feel when you found out Daniel prayed to his God and not you? How do you honor Daniel’s God now, after Daniel survived the lions’ den?

—For Daniel: How did you end up in Babylon? What do you do—what does a day look like for you? What did you think about King Darius’ law? Why did you keep praying to God? Did King Darius have any last words for you before throwing you into the lions’ den? How do you honor God?

—For the Leaders: Explain your relationship with Daniel. Doesn’t sound like you were Daniel’s friend—why not? Why go to all the trouble to pass a law to trap Daniel? How did your revenge plan go for you—what happened?

—For the lions: What happened? Why didn’t you touch Daniel?

•• DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [Live for God | Application Activity]

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What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask some of the following questions...
 - How did Daniel honor God?
 - How can we honor God?
 - What are some things we can give God credit for?
 - What does it show others when we give God credit for the things in our lives? What does it tell others about our relationship with God when we honor God?
 - How could Thanksgiving be a time to honor God?

•• VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Bibles, “Reference Squares” activity page, “Verse Cards” activity page, pens

What You Do:

- Divide kids into teams of two or three.
- Give each team a set of “Verse Cards” and a set of “Reference Squares.”
- Explain teams will race to match the “Reference Square” with the corresponding “Verse Card.”
- Declare the first team to match all the cards correctly the winner.
- Tell teams to select two “Verse Cards.”
- Ask teams...
 - What do the verses you selected say about honoring God?
 - Encourage teams to write their answers on the back of the “Verse Cards.”
- Discuss the answers kids wrote. Potential dig deeper questions could include:
 - Colossians 3:23: Why does doing your homework as if you were doing it for God honor God? Or why would cleaning your room as if you were doing it for God honor God? What does it say about God when you do everything as if working for God?

