



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 Explore | An activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Supplies listed in "A Lion's Share of Credit" activity from the Groups section

What You Do:

- Begin assembling the puppet as described in "A Lion's Share of Credit." This is a fairly time-consuming activity, so it would be good to get a head start, if possible.

•• **WHICH IS STRONGER?**

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:

- Ask: Which is stronger...
 - a caterpillar or a cat?
 - a butterfly or a bird?
 - a whale or a worm?
 - a goldfish or a gorilla?
 - a shark or a sheep?
 - a grasshopper or a grizzly bear?
 - a ladybug or a lion?
- Guide kids to vote by moving like the stronger animal.

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

What You Need: "Lion Puppet" activity page, paper bags, prepared puppet pieces, scissors, glue sticks, Spark Story Bible

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.
- 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!
- Read "Daniel and the Lions" from the Spark Story Bible (p. 184-189).
- Pretend to be God's angel who kept Daniel safe in the den (*not in the Spark version, but in many other versions, an angel is mentioned to have stayed by Daniel's side in the lion's den*). When you touch each lion, tell kids to shut the lion's mouth! (*You can even invite volunteers to take turns being the angel.*)

What You Say: "Our Bottom Line this week is: [Bottom Line] Honor God by giving God credit. What does it mean to give credit to God? (To say that God is the reason for the things that happen to us and the good things we do; to thank God; to tell other people what God does)

"How did Daniel give God credit? (He said that God kept the lions from hurting him and that God always keeps him safe). Can you think of a time when you did something good? That was God helping you! What about a time when you were afraid but then felt better? That was God holding you close. What about a time when you felt sad and someone gave you a hug? That was God working through that person! God is everywhere...always helping us and working through us to help others! Pretty great, huh?!?"



[Make It Personal] *(Share something God has done that you can give God credit for doing.)*

“So remember to [Bottom Line] honor God by giving God credit.”

●● **ALL CREDIT** [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, crayons

What You Do:

- Briefly review what it means to honor God and give God credit.
- Ask: If you made a trophy for God, what would it look like?
- Hand out “Trophy” coloring pages. Set out crayons 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: “Our Bottom Line this week is: [Bottom Line] Honor God by giving God credit. What does it mean to give God credit? *(To say that God is the reason for the things that happen to us; to thank God; to tell other people what God does)*”

“How did Daniel give credit to God? *(He prayed to God even though it meant he would get in trouble; he said God saved him from the lions; he said God always keeps him safe)* What are some ways that you can give credit to God? *(I can thank God; I can dance for God; I can sing songs of praise to God; I can tell others about God)* 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)* So remember: [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.”

PRAY AND SEND

