

Discovery Town: Kindergarten—Elementary

1. What did Daniel do every day, three times a day, no matter what?
 - a. *He got on his knees and prayed.*
2. Why did some of the other leaders not like Daniel?
 - a. *Because he lived a life that was honest and he did not lie or cheat when doing his job.*
3. Have you ever gotten jealous when someone did a great job and got a lot of attention?
 - a. Why do you think people get jealous?
4. What law did they trick the king into making?
 - a. *That no one could bow down and pray to anyone except the king for 30 days.*
5. When Daniel heard about the king's new law, did that stop him from praying to the true God? Did he know what would happen to him?
 - a. *Daniel still went home and prayed. He probably knew there would be consequences, but he knew the right thing to do.*
6. Why do you think it is difficult to stand up for your faith at certain times?
 - a. *(Answers here vary from 'feeling singled out' to 'people might make fun of you')*
7. When are some opportunities you can you start talking with God more during the day?
 - a. *(For instance: Getting ready for school, riding the car/bus, when walking to class, before going to bed at night, etc.)*
8. When the king saw God saved Daniel in the lion's den, was he happy or mad?
 - a. *Happy! Because Daniel was an honest man, the king liked him.*
9. How did Daniel surviving the lion's den affect the king's view of God?
 - a. *The king issued a decree saying all people must honor God.*
 - b. *(Parents—this is a good example of how God can use bad situations to do great things. Daniel was faithful and trusted God which allowed God to use Daniel to show how great God is!)*

U-Turn Youth: Jr. & Sr. High

1. Daniel prayed three times a day. What kind of impact did spending this much time praying have on his relationship with God?
 - a. *It clearly gave him strong faith, an honest/upright reputation, and courage to face very difficult trials.*
2. What motivated the other administrators to devise a plan to get Daniel in trouble?
 - a. *Jealousy. But we can't forget spiritual warfare and the enemy's ultimate goal to hurt us.*
3. Does our human nature cause us to act like the administrators at times? Why?
4. Why did the king issue his decree that everyone must worship him for the next 30 days?
 - a. *Two apparent reasons: He was somewhat tricked into doing it by the other administrators. Secondly, he—like many in leadership positions—probably thought much higher of himself than he should and was full of pride.*
5. What are some situations where people are encouraging you to do something contrary to God?
6. Why did King Darius like Daniel so much and become distressed when he knew he would have to stay true to his own decree?
 - a. *The king respected Daniel because of his reputation as an honest and upright man.*
7. God didn't stop Daniel from going into the lion's den, but instead God protected Daniel while he was in there. There is no record of Daniel going into the lion's den kicking, screaming, or doubting God. Talk about a situation when your attitude was bad or you reacted poorly during a trial you were facing.
8. Read 1st Peter 2:12-17 and Daniel 6:1-3. What principles do you see Daniel displaying that are in 1st Peter?
 - a. *Obeying the king (or governing authorities) unless it clearly defies God's authority. At that point, Daniel chose to obey God.*
 - b. *Worth noting: Daniel didn't begin breaking other laws, and Daniel was willing to face the consequences for breaking the decree. In this way—Daniel was still submitting to the king!*
9. Where is the most difficult place for you to stand up for your faith? Why?
10. After reading this story, how do you feel about facing difficult situations now in your life?