



WEEK THREE – NOVEMBER 2025 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Daniel + The Lions' Den | Daniel 6*

Bottom Line: *God is always with you.*

Memory Verse: *“Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.”- Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)*

Insight: *Identity Based on God's Image – I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth*

Application: *Confidence – Living like you believe God is with you*

Series Overview: God chose a people and promised through them to bless the whole world. And God fulfilled that promise by sending Jesus to rescue and redeem us. When we begin to understand this story and allow it to inform everything in our lives, we can live from a place of quiet confidence, knowing God is always with us and is able to work every single thing we face into a beautiful pattern for our good. This month, we're exploring some larger-than-life characters from God's story who lived during the decline of Israel and Judah and the following exile. These individuals chose to—or failed to—place the full weight of their lives on trust in God. Through stories of Elijah, Jonah, Daniel, Esther, and Nehemiah we see how making choices from a foundation of trust changes everything about the way you live

8:45 - 9:05 | 10:45 – 11:05 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Connection Centers

Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders

What You Need: Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
 - **Before kids arrive, pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that He is with you at all times. Think about an age-appropriate time when you faced something more confidently because you know God was with you in it. Ask God to help the kids see that He is always with them, and to teach them how to live confidently because God goes through every single moment of life with them.**
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
 - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
 - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
 - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
 - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
 - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
 - ***“What is the nicest thing someone did for you this week?”***
 - ***“What is one thing that God made that you think is extra cool? (Like a sunset, a dog, or a tree”***
 - ***“Do you like to play outside or inside more when it's cold?”***
 - ***“Do you like hot chocolate or apple cider more?”***
 - ***“When you grow up, what is one thing you want to teach someone else how to do?”***

- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*
 - *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
 - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
 - Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | OPENING SMALL GROUP

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Floor tape; music

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Use tape to outline a large box on the floor. This is the “safe zone.”
- On the opposite side of your group space, use the tape to create a starting line that’s long enough for your group to stand behind.
- When enough kids arrive, select one to be the “lion.”
- Instruct the rest of the kids to gather behind the starting line.
- Explain how to play.
 - Say: “When the music starts, your job is to get across the room and try to make it to the safe zone without being caught moving.”
 - The “lion” will stand on the front edge of the safe zone with their back turned.
 - When the music stops, the kids are to freeze, and the “lion” will spin around.
 - If the “lion” spots someone moving, that kid who has been spotted must return to the starting line.
 - Play various rounds and allow multiple kids to be the “lion.”

What You Say:

“That was so fun! And it was so hard to keep calm when the ‘lion’ turned around!

“In our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to hear about a man named Daniel who came up against a lot of lions. It was really scary, but he was used to trusting God—during scary times and all the time. He knew he didn’t face those lions alone. Let’s go discover more about who Daniel put his confidence in!”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

In Week 3, we discover that Judah was conquered and many Israelites taken to Babylon, including Daniel. But even though Daniel grew up in a foreign nation, he placed all his confidence in the one true God. Because of his wisdom from God, Daniel was given a position of authority by several kings. But as an old man, he faced an incredibly difficult choice—to pray to an earthly king or to continue placing his confidence in God alone... which would mean a trip to the lion’s den.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

GOD IS MY SHIELD

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Shield” Activity Page; “God is My Shield” Activity Page; Coloring supplies; foil; scissors; glue sticks

What You Do:

- Give every kid a “Shield” Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies, foil, glue sticks, and scissors.

- Show the kids the shield example and remind them: **God is always with you!**
- Invite the kids to decorate their shield however they'd like.
- Encourage the kids to use symbols, colors, or drawings that remind them that God is always with them.
 - *NOTE: Kids could draw a time when they needed to trust God, just like Daniel.*
- Set out the “God Is My Shield” Activity Page stickers.
- Let the kids choose and place their stickers on their shield.
- Say: “This paper shield is something you can take home, but do you think it can really protect you like a real shield? *(Pause for answers.)*”
- Say: “That’s right! It can’t—it’s just a reminder. But God really is your shield, friends. He surrounds you, protects you, and is always with you.”
 - *[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time when you were nervous or afraid, but you remembered God was with you. How did trusting God help you stay strong?)*

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Allow the kids to decorate their shields in pairs.

What You Say:

“Awesome job creating your shields! These shields are cool to look at, but they also remind us of something really important: we don’t have to face anything alone. God wants to protect us—like a real shield!

“Daniel trusted God even when things were scary. He didn’t stop praying, and he didn’t stop believing that God would be with him even in the lions’ den!

“Daniel was God’s friend. He talked to God. He asked God for help. And when Daniel was in the lions’ den, God answered. God was like, ‘My friend asked Me for help. I will help him!’

“Here’s the best news: That same God is with YOU too! But how? When you choose to believe in Jesus, you are saying, ‘God, I trust You. I believe Jesus died for my sins and came back to life so I can be close to You forever.’

“And when you do that, God gives you His Holy Spirit to live inside you! It is God’s very Spirit! God moves in closer than close to you! He is God with you, He goes with you everywhere you go, and He is your shield. He will help you when you ask.

“So if you’ve never made the decision to follow Jesus, maybe today’s the day! You can talk to me, a grown-up, or another leader, and we’ll help you understand what it means to say, ‘Yes, Jesus, I want You to be my Savior! I want to be Your friend forever!’”

ACT IT OUT!

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: “Story Images” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of 2-3.
- Give each group a card with an image from the “Story Images” Activity Pages.
 - Make sure all of the cards from the “Story Images” Activity Page are given to groups. It’s okay if certain groups have more than one card!
- Say: “We’re going to review the story of Daniel together! I’ll pause and invite different groups to act out certain parts of the story based on your image.”
- Give the groups a few minutes to observe the image on their card(s) and come up with a skit.
- After you read each Bible Story point, invite the assigned group to act out their part.
- Encourage the kids to have fun with their expressions and actions!

- Continue until all the images have been reviewed.
 - **Bible Story Points**
 - Daniel becomes a leader in the kingdom.
 - Call on the group with the image of Babylon.
 - Jealous advisors trick the king into making a new law.
 - Call on the group with the image of the scroll.
 - Daniel keeps praying, even when it's dangerous.
 - Call on the group with the image of Daniel praying.
 - Daniel is thrown into the lions' den.
 - Call on the group with the image of the lions' den.
 - God sends an angel to shut the mouths of the lions.
 - Call on the group with the image of an angel.
 - King Darius sees Daniel is safe and praises God!
 - Call on the group with the image of King Darius praising God.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- For an option with less movement, allow the kids to discuss the Bible Story points and what took place in their story image from a seated position with their groups.

What You Say:

“Great acting, friends! Daniel didn't wait until he was in trouble to start trusting God. He talked to God every single day, he trusted God every single day, so Daniel was able to trust God when he faced the lions. And God was right there in the lions' den with Daniel! He NEVER left Daniel, and He won't leave you.

“No matter what you face—big feelings, tough decisions—**God is always with you!** God goes with you every single step of your life! Everything you face, you face with Him.

“Remind yourself **God is always with you** by making a habit of talking to God throughout the day. He is with you every minute!”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together in a seated circle.
- Say, “Today we discovered that God is ALWAYS with us! Before we go, let’s take a moment to talk to God. Prayer is how we talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! And since God is always with you, you can talk to Him anytime! Right now, you can pray out loud or quietly.”
- Prayer starter prompts:
 - “God help me be brave when I’m scared.”
 - “God help me to put my trust in You!”
 - “Thank You, God, for always being with me!”
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, thank You for loving us and always being with us. You were with Daniel in the lions’ den, and You are with us too. Teach us how to go through life with You aware of Your presence. Fill us with confidence no matter what we face because You are with us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name! Amen!”

[As adults arrive, encourage the kids to show off their shields and share one way they can remember: “God is always with me!” Challenge them to tell someone at home the story of Daniel this week.]