Session 7: October 16

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, girls and boys concluded their study of the book of Daniel by exploring perhaps the most famous Bible story from the book—Daniel and the Lions' Den. God had blessed Daniel, and Daniel flourished as an administrator of King Darius' kingdom. The other leaders of the kingdom were upset at Daniel's success, and they tried to find something Daniel did wrong. When they could not find anything, they formulated a plan to hurt Daniel. Challenge kids to recall the evil plan to hurt Daniel, how Daniel responded, and how God rescued Daniel. Then talk about a time you needed to trust God. Don't forget to check out the discussion questions on the back of this week's Family Card.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Daniel 6
MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 27:1
BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 34:4
OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH: We can obey God and trust His plan for our lives.
YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH: We can trust God.

Daniel and the Lions' Den
Daniel 6

King Darius appointed 120 leaders over his kingdom. Darius appointed three administrators to oversee the leaders. Daniel was one of the administrators. Daniel was extremely good at his job. He was so good that the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the entire kingdom. The other administrators and leaders did not like the king's plan. They tried to find things that Daniel did wrong. But they couldn't find anything, so the men made an evil plan.

The leaders went to the king and convinced the king to create a new law. For 30 days, no one was allowed to pray to anyone except the king. Anyone who broke the law would be thrown in the lions' den.

When Daniel heard of the new law, he went into his house in front of his open window and continued to pray to the one true God three times a day, just as he had done before the law was created.

The leaders went to Daniel's house and saw him praying to God. Then they went to the king and reminded him of the law he had signed. "Daniel has ignored your law. He prays three times a day." The king was upset by this news. He liked Daniel. The king tried to find a way to rescue Daniel, but the law could not be changed. Daniel was thrown in the lions' den. The king told Daniel, "May your God rescue you!" Then the king went to his palace and did not eat all night long. He could not sleep either.

The next morning, the king rushed to the lions' den, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God rescued you from the lions?"

Then Daniel spoke, "My God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me."

The king was thrilled! He ordered that Daniel be brought out of the lions' den. When Daniel was out, the king saw that Daniel was not hurt because Daniel had trusted in the one true God.