

This week we will study about how God saved obedient Daniel from the evil plans of his enemies.



## Torchlight

*"God did not prevent Daniel's enemies from casting him into the lions' den; He permitted evil angels and wicked men thus far to accomplish their purpose; but it was that He might make the deliverance of His servant more marked, and the defeat of the enemies of truth and righteousness more complete."*

*– Prophets and Kings p. 453*



## A Night with the Lions



# SUNDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Loving heavenly Father, please strengthen me so that I may have an excellent spirit that will bring honour and glory to You.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:1–3

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:3

“Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Because of Daniel's excellent spirit, King Darius appointed him the chief of three governors to rule over the satraps or princes. This is the third time that Daniel's excellent spirit had been recognised by royal observers. Previously, King Nebuchadnezzar had testified to Daniel's possession of “the spirit of the holy gods”. And then the queen mother, likewise called attention to the “excellent spirit” that had been observed in Daniel.

But more important than the opinions of these royal rulers, was that Daniel's excellent spirit had been recognised by the King of the entire universe, the King of all Kings, God of heaven.

## WHOSE OPINION COUNTS THE MOST?



“I Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, testify that in Daniel is the spirit of the Holy God.”  
Daniel 4:8 (paraphrase)



“I, the God of heaven and earth, say to you Daniel, because of your excellent spirit, you are greatly beloved.”  
Daniel 9:23 (paraphrase)



“I, the Queen, testify that in Daniel is found an excellent spirit, and many other God-given talents.”  
Daniel 5:12 (paraphrase)





# MONDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God in heaven, we are grateful that You are our protector and that we can call upon You night and day.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“\_\_\_\_\_ upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:4–5

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:4

“So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Because Daniel was first and foremost faithful to the God of heaven, he was automatically diligent in his earthly appointed duties for the king of Babylon. Unfortunately, the governors and satraps were not faithful to the God of Heaven, and so Satan was able to stir up jealousy in their hearts, causing them to plot and plan to do evil against Daniel.

When we have feelings of jealousy and have bad thoughts against someone, it is a warning that we have allowed Satan to gain control of our thoughts. This is when we need to pray and claim the promise that God can deliver us from temptation.

## WHICH THOUGHTS NEED SPECIAL PRAYER?




Draw praying hands beside those thoughts that need extra prayer

I MUST ASK A FRIEND TO FIB, SO THAT I WON'T GET INTO TROUBLE FOR BREAKING THAT WINDOW.

I WILL ASK MY LITTLE SISTER TO STEAL A COOKIE FROM THE COOKIE JAR FOR ME.

I AM GOING TO MAKE DAVID LATE, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS GETS PRAISED FOR BEING ON TIME.





# TUESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, thank you for protecting me and my family. Help us to be faithful to You always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“ \_\_\_\_\_ Me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.”

## THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:6–9

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:7

“All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counsellors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The governors and satraps used flattery to trick the king into signing a law where people could only worship him for 30 days. Secretly, it was designed to be a law against Daniel and his freedom to worship the only true God worthy of receiving worship. And just to make sure their wicked plan was secure, verse 8 says they reminded the king that not even he could alter the law once he signed it.

In Revelation the Bible tells us that at the end of earth's history, a similar event will take place where worship of an earthly entity will be forced by law. Like Daniel, it is important that we are in the correct habit of regular prayer and Bible study so that we remain strong in our beliefs and practice.

## PRAYER + BIBLE STUDY = STRONG BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

Draw a line to match the Bible quotes with the correct Bible verses

<p><b>BIBLE</b> Philippians 4:6-7</p>	<p><b>BIBLE</b> 2 Timothy 3:15,16</p>	<p><b>BIBLE</b> 1 Thessalonians 5:17</p>	<p><b>BIBLE</b> Acts 17:11</p>
<p>pray without ceasing.</p>	<p>and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.</p>	<p>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.</p>





# WEDNESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Loving Lord, please help me to remain faithful and to pray regularly just like Daniel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“ \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:10–13

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:10

“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

It is possible that Daniel relied on God's promises, such as our memory text?

Despite knowing that the decree was a trap especially created to snare him, Daniel did not change his habit of praying before an open window. Daniel was declaring to his enemies that the threat to his life could not in any way change his connection with Heaven, and his absolute loyalty to God.

Just as Daniel stood before that window in Babylon, he continues to stand today before the entire world as a worthy example of the Christian faithfulness which glorifies God.

## LOOKING THROUGH A WINDOW

Place the first letter, of the last word, of each row, into the windows provided; and what did the satraps see Daniel doing?

Each day, three times a day, the satraps peered through the window pane  
And there was Daniel, as was his custom, come wind, snow or rain  
They could see raised above the window sill his arm  
Their intention was to make up an evil yarn  
So that faithful Daniel would be investigated  
And knowing his freedom could not be negotiated  
That into the lion's den he would finally go

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# THURSDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, I would like to remain faithful in times of trouble, just as Daniel remained faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“ \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; I will deliver you and  
you shall glorify Me.”

**THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!**

**LET'S READ:**

**Daniel 6:14–17**

**KEY TEXT: Daniel 6:16**

“So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, ‘Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.’”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Is it your prayer that you will dare to be like Daniel in difficult times of trouble?

Daniel's faithfulness brought glory to God, in as much as King Darius was convinced of the power of God to deliver Daniel, even from the jaws of hungry lions.

In Revelation the Bible tells us that the whole world will be lit up with God's glory when false worship is again forced on people living just before Jesus returns to earth. This means that there will be many of God's true followers who will dare to be like Daniel and remain faithful to God.

## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Colour in the picture.





# FRIDAY

**LET'S PRAY** My Father in Heaven, I am glad that You do amazing things to protect your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“ \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; I will \_\_\_\_\_ and  
you shall glorify Me.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:18–23

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:22

“My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our torchlight comment above, reminds us that God had a bigger plan which is why He did not prevent Daniel's enemies from casting him into the lions' den. The miracle of Daniel surviving the lion's den helped the world get to know about God. Even King Darius was so impressed that he sent a letter “to all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth” decreeing that everyone in the kingdom must respect and honour the all-powerful, living God of Daniel, whose kingdom is everlasting.

## HOW DOES A MIRACLE GO VIRAL AROUND THE WORLD?

Today information can go around the world in milliseconds via email, Youtube, Facebook and many other ways using social media. Can you spot the most effective way of reaching the God of the universe in milliseconds?





# SABBATH

**LET'S PRAY** Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the lessons I have learnt this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 50:15

“ \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; I will \_\_\_\_\_ and  
you shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 6:24–28

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 6:27

“He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It can only be by a miracle of God that the wild hungry lions did not tear Daniel to pieces and eat him all up.

There are so many instances in the Bible where God miraculously saved His faithful followers. Nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope that God will also save us when we are in trouble. And especially when we follow the ways of the Bible and not listen to wicked people wanting us to disobey God.

## NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Can you match the person or people to a miracle of God?

Flood

Red Sea

Whale

Lion's Den

Jericho

Philistines

Daniel

Noah

Joshua

Samson

Israelities

Jonah