

STONY PLAIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Family Resource

Sunday August 16, 2020



BIBLE ALL-STARS VIDEO LESSON

SAFE AMONG THE LIONS - DANIEL'S STORY

FAMILY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS



1. Daniel was a man who trusted & obeyed God. Do you think that it was easy for him to live in obedience like he did?
2. What did Daniel do that got him thrown into the lion's den?
3. What happened when Daniel was in with the lions?
4. Why do you think God saved Daniel?
5. God is faithful to His children, even when they face something as scary and dangerous as Daniel did in this story. How does that make you feel?

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions."

DANIEL 6:22



MEMORY VERSE

**"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous. Do not
be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with
you wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9

PARENTS TIP:

As you teach your children about Daniel's story, find pictures or videos of lions to share with your kids to keep them engaged!



HINT: Try finding an online Zoo option, where you can view lions through a live-cam!

ACTIVITY PAGES



[DANIEL COLOURING PAGE](#)
[DANIEL & THE LIONS MAZE](#)
[DANIEL SPOT THE DIFFERENCE](#)



CREATIVITY CONTEST



CAPTURE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY AS THEY INTERACT WITH THIS WEEK'S LESSON. SUBMIT PHOTOS/ VIDEOS OF THEIR CREATIVE CONTENT & SUBMIT TO pictures@spaonline.com FOR CONTEST ENTRY.

SUMMER GRAND PRIZE : AUGUST 30

LOVE IN ACTION

This week you are challenged to write out one thing you are thankful for every day. At the end of the week, share with your family all the different things that you have been grateful for. Celebrate together!



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

PARENT-TO-PARENT

SQUIDS AND UNDERWEAR

By Shara-Rae Jansen

Shara-Rae, her husband David, and their 2 young sons (ages 4 and 1) are regular attenders at SPAC. Shara-Rae has been a life group leader this past year, and was kind enough to share with us some of her journey in discipling her kids in prayer.

My oldest son, Joshua, was nearing three-years-old when I realized I was “behind” in the “teaching my kid to pray” thing. While David and I had always prayed with him before bed, we had never taught him to pray on his own.

I imagined the heartfelt prayers he would pray. His childish voice praising God for all the good things in his life, and earnestly praying for others.

Instead, Joshua refused to pray. For weeks. He would not utter “Dear God”, or if he did, it was an undecipherable mumble. I was disappointed, but I didn’t push him too hard. “You pray,” he would answer each time I asked him to pray. “You know,” I said, “God loves to hear you talk. He wants to hear *your* voice, because He loves you very much.”

Gradually, Joshua began to repeat a simple prayer after me. “Dear Jesus,” (or “Dear God”), we would begin. Then I asked him to tell God one thing he was thankful for.

For nearly six months, this was his nightly prayer:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for squids.”

Yes, squids. Sometimes it was an octopus, but more often than not, squids.

Sometimes he would laugh and come up with silly things to be thankful for. I remember this one time: he rattled off a list of things he was thankful for, including, “Underwear!” As he writhed in bed, laughing at his own joke,

I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus thinks you’re so funny,” I said, tickling his sides. “He loves to hear you laugh.” Tears glistened in my eyes. It was a silly, yet holy moment.

We never want our kids to view prayer as a serious, religious action that is separate from who they really are. We desire bedtime prayers to be a pleasant experience; a safe place to learn about the heart of God, and share their heart with Him. Jesus loves and delights in every part of us - our quirky personalities and humour – and He accepts all of us, including our weaknesses and fears.



Of course, we hope that their prayers will expand *beyond* squids and underwear. Thankfully, Joshua has directed his prayers towards praying for those who are injured and sick. (No more squid prayers for us! Until the next child begins to talk...)