



Date: _____
Series: God Is Powerful
Fall Year 1, Lesson 22

Daniel and the Lion's Den

Take Home Point: *GOD IS POWERFUL – *God tames our fears.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Daniel 6: 1-28

We will help children know:

- The story of Daniel and the lions' den.
- God's power is for us, too.
- We can give our fears to God.

We will help the children feel:




- Trust in God's power.
- Secure that God's power is for them, too.
- Reassurance in the face of fear.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and watch a DVD of Daniel in the Lion's Den
- Craft: Make a lion tail
- Snack: Eat a lion sandwich
- Game: Daniel, Daniel, Lion.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: GOD IS POWERFUL...God tames our fears.
- Sing and Pray.

Kingdom Quest Year 1 - Lesson 22 - 1

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubba puppet holding a whip made from a 12" string taped to a pencil Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DVD player and DVD of Daniel and the Lion's Den. DVD is available from christiancinema.com, amazon.com and other internet sources - Option: Children's Bible
Small Group Application 	5 6 7 8	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> yellow and/or brown yarn, cut into 18" pieces, 12 per child one 30" piece of yarn per child <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice 5 raisins per child 1 piece bread per child large circle cookie cutter, 1 per group (Option: round bun) cinnamon/sugar mixture spoon Optional: butter and plastic knives <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
Large Group Wrap-up 	9 9	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Bubba puppet whip (made from a pencil and string), Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: (Bubba is holding a whip) Hi everyone.

Presenter: Bubba, is that a whip you are holding?

Bubba: Yes it is. I am going to be a LION TAMER!!

Presenter: Whoa, you scared me. Why do you want to be a lion tamer?

Bubba: I am sure there are lions in the woods behind my house. Now I won't be afraid of them anymore.

Presenter: Bubba, you do not need to be afraid. Lions do not live around here.

Bubba: Are you sure?

Presenter: Yes. Do you know what the word "tame" means?

Bubba: Yes. Tame means making a wild animal nice so it does not eat you.

Presenter: Bubba, that is exactly what our Bible Event is about today.

Bubba: Taming wild lions?

Presenter: Yes.

Bubba: I think I'm going to like this.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about that Bible event?

Bubba: Yes.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: O.K.

Presenter: ***GOD IS POWERFUL...now you say, "God tames our fears."**

Bubba: God tames our fears.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: OK, everybody, ***God is Powerful ...**

Bubba: (and everyone): God tames our fears.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Video Presentation

Supplies: Video "The Story of Daniel and the Lions Den", DVD is available from christiancinema.com, amazon.com and other internet sources, DVD player (Option: read the story of Daniel and the Lions Den from a children's Bible.

Presenter holds the Bible

I wonder what a hungry lion sounds like. Can you roar like a hungry lion? Children roar. Wow, you sound very hungry! I would be afraid of so many hungry lions. Let me hear more roaring. Let the children roar for 5-10 seconds. **Now, pretend that you cannot open your mouths and be perfectly quiet.**

That is what happened in today's Bible Event. A man of God named Daniel was put into a cave full of hungry lions. God closed the lions' mouths and stopped them from eating Daniel. This reminds me of our take home point. *GOD IS POWERFUL...God tames our fears.

Show the movie starting where King Darius takes over Babylonia to the end (or read from the children's bible).

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. **GOD IS POWERFUL...God tames our fears.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Lion Tail

Supplies: Yellow and/or brown yarn, 12 pieces, 18" long for each child; 1 piece 30" long for each child

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a lion tail that you can wear. You can practice roaring with your mouth open. Then pretend your mouth will not open, just like in our Bible event.

(You can have the yarn in piles of 12 pieces ready for each child, or have them count out 12 pieces.) Lay your pieces of yarn next to each other. If you know how to tie a knot, using all the yarn, tie a knot about 4" from the bottom. Now we will take the long piece of yarn and find the middle of it. Tie the middle of it at the top of the tail. Now use this to tie it around your waist. Let me hear you roar when you get your tail on.



Review the Bible Event.

Why did Daniel get thrown into the lion's den? (*He would not pray to the king.*)

Let's practice the take home point. ***GOD IS POWERFUL...God tames our fears.**

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.

Activity 2: Snack: Lion Head Snack

Supplies: 1 piece of bread per child, large circle cookie cutter (option: round bun), cinnamon/sugar mixture, spoon, raisins (5 per child), napkins, cups, water or juice (Optional: butter and plastic knives.)

If using the bread and cookie cutter, you might want to cut them out before class starts. Keep covered so they do not dry out.

***CAUTION: <i>Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.</i>

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a lion head snack. Here is a circle of bread (or bun). If using option of butter, put it on now. Now let's sprinkle (with spoon) the cinnamon/sugar on to make it look like the mane. Next, put raisins for the eyes and mouth. Now you can eat your lion.

Review the Bible event.

What happened to the lions when Daniel was thrown in their den? (*They could not open their mouths.*)

Let's practice the take home point. *GOD IS POWERFUL...*God tames our fears.*

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

**GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.**

Activity 3: Game: Daniel, Daniel, Lion!

Supplies: none

This is a version of Duck, Duck, Goose. Play it the same way except children say, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel.....Lion! The lion will be chasing Daniel. Make sure all children get a chance to be Daniel or the lion.

Review the Bible event.

How did King Darius feel when he saw that the lions did not eat Daniel? (Happy, surprised, joyful)

Let's practice the take home point. *GOD IS POWERFUL...*God tames our fears.*

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.

Prayer Time:

Why do you think that Daniel did not try to hide praying to God? (*He was not afraid of the king; he knew God would protect him from the king.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

Let's practice the take home point. *GOD IS POWERFUL...God tames our fears.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.

Safety and Security: Safety and security procedures are important for each church to carefully define and implement according to their unique needs. The security, safety, illness and accident procedures described in this curriculum are provided for example purposes only and may not be appropriate, applicable or adequate for every situation. Each church is responsible for determining whether any security, safety, illness and accident procedures contained in the curriculum are appropriate, applicable or adequate for its unique situation. The activities described in this curriculum require adult supervision and may not be suitable for each child and each situation. Each church is responsible for ensuring that adequate adult supervision is provided for all activities and for determining whether an activity is appropriate for each child and each situation. Kids Kount Publishing disclaims all liability for the implementation of any procedures or the performance of any activities described in this curriculum.

Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: *Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a lion's tail. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Kids say: ...God tames our fears.

Presenter: (says to Albie): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Albie says: *Has anyone seen my ears?*



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like a lion's head. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Kids say: ...God tames our fears.

Presenter: (says to Albie): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Albie says: *I have always wanted a pet sea gull!*

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called Daniel, Daniel, Lion! Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Kids say: ...God tames our fears.

Presenter: (says to Albie): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Albie says: *If I knew magic, I could disappear!*

Presenter says: "Albie, listen one last time.

*GOD IS POWERFUL...

Kids response: ...God tames our fears.

Presenter: (says to Albie): *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

GOD IS POWERFUL...*God tames our fears.

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
You tame our fears.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

GOD is POW-er-FUL.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.
HE TA-MES all our FEARS.
GOD is POW-er-FUL.

Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants to tame our fears.