Daniel and the Lions — Child-Friendly Version

Daniel was a good and kind man who loved God very much. He lived in a place called Babylon and worked for King Darius. The king liked Daniel because he worked hard and always told the truth.

But some of the other helpers were jealous. They didn't like that the king trusted Daniel so much. They tried to find something Daniel was doing wrong, but they couldn't—Daniel was honest and followed the rules.

So they made a sneaky plan. They told King Darius to make a new law:
"For 30 days, no one is allowed to pray to anyone except the king."
If anyone disobeyed, they would be thrown into a den of lions.

King Darius agreed, not realizing it would hurt Daniel.

Daniel heard about the new law, but he still prayed to God three times a day, just like always. The jealous helpers caught him and told the king.

King Darius was very upset. He didn't want to punish Daniel, but the law couldn't be changed. So Daniel was placed into the lions' den. The king said, *"May your God protect you."*

That night, the king couldn't sleep. As soon as the sun came up, he hurried to the lions' den and called out, "Daniel! Are you okay? Did your God keep you safe?"

Daniel answered, "Yes! God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths. They didn't hurt me!"

The king was so happy. He took Daniel out of the den and punished the men who had lied. Then he made a new announcement:
Everyone should honor Daniel's God, because He saved Daniel from the lions!