

HOME connection

OT Unit: Courage to Stand Alone, Lesson 4

D6 Family Theme:

Remaining Faithful During Opposition

OBJECTIVES

Know: Daniel chose to keep walking with and serving God no matter what it might cost Him.

Think: Walking with and serving God is my highest priority.

Do: Walk closely with God, even when it causes me to lose favor with the culture around me.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Daniel 6:1–28.

Daniel's reputation and character were impeccable—but that did not stop his enemies. They were willing even to mislead the king in their efforts to bring him down. They did not recognize that in fighting against Daniel, they were also fighting Daniel's God.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Do right and leave the consequences to God. Pray that you and your family will obey God's commands and trust God to bring about justice for the actions of others.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

OPTION 1: Do some research about carnivorous lions and watch how they capture and eat their prey (like "Lions with Bad Table Manners," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1qqK4JIQ2w>). Why would the king have a lion's den? Why would this punishment be so scary for someone who could not outrun, hide from, or escape the lions? How did Daniel have such courage?

OPTION 2: How about seeing the tables turned? Ask your family to describe instances in which someone tried to make it difficult for another person, but the situation turned out worse for the accuser instead. Remind your family about what happened to those who accused Daniel (verse 24) after Daniel was released unharmed from the lion's den.



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned Mr. Webster had been reading to his children the story of when God helped Daniel when he was in the lions' den. Annie was nervous about her spelling test, but remembered what she had learned from the Bible—**God Helps His Children**. She prayed and asked for God's help, and He answered her prayer.



K & 1
GRADE

2 & 3
GRADE

4 & 5
GRADE

Today your student learned Daniel was faithful to God through his actions. Being faithful is being where you are supposed to be and doing what you are supposed to do. He or she discussed ways to be faithful at home, church, school, and with friends and was encouraged to choose to be faithful to God through his or her actions.



YOUNG
TEEN

HIGH
SCHOOL

Who would think you could get in trouble for praying? Your teens studied Daniel 6 today and the plot against the prophet. What would you do in similar circumstances? Was standing before the open windows to pray (verse 10) really necessary? Daniel's bold obedience meant certain punishment, but God was faithful to protect him. God will protect your teens, too, when they stand up for Him with right motives and good attitudes.



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members examined what it means to be faithful during opposition and were encouraged to walk closely with God. We may not be popular with others, but we must remain true to God's expectations.



ADULT

FUSION group members discussed how Daniel chose to keep walking with and serving God no matter what it might cost Him. Members were encouraged to walk closely with God, even when it causes them to lose favor with the culture around them.