

Old Testament Lesson 2

DANIEL 6:10-16

We are learning that **God Helps His Children**. Today we learned Daniel was thrown into a lions' den. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

HEARTPRINT: GOD HELPS HIS CHILDREN

The Heartprint is the main Bible concept or truth from each unit that we want to imprint upon your child's heart. Repeating this Heartprint often may seem redundant, but it will serve as a vital aid in teaching this truth to your preschooler.

APPLICATION VERSE: God will help me (Isaiah 50:7a).

TALK 

Although King Darius loved Daniel, he had to throw him in the lions' den because of a law he created. King Darius had to follow through on his word and accept the consequences even though they were bad ones. This is a good example of being careful what you promise and keeping your word. It is very important for us to think through our decisions and to do what we say. Explain to your child the importance of speech. Remind them that everything we say should be encouraging and pure. If you say something, mean it so your child will know words matter.

PLAY 

Use paper plates, yarn, and crayons to create lion masks. Use a piece of elastic or craft sticks to wear or hold the mask. Pretend to be lions by crawling and growling. You may want to pretend your house is a zoo full of hungry lions. Explain to your child that Daniel was thrown into a den full of scary lions. God will help us when we are afraid; all we have to do is ask.

God Helps His Children.

SING 

Sing this song with your child to the tune of "God Is So Good."

God helps His children.

God helps His children.

God helps His children.

He hears every word.

RESPOND 

Pray with your child and thank God for hearing our prayers and helping us. The following is a rhyme your child uses in class to settle down for prayer time:

Open and shut them, open and shut them
(open and close fingers),

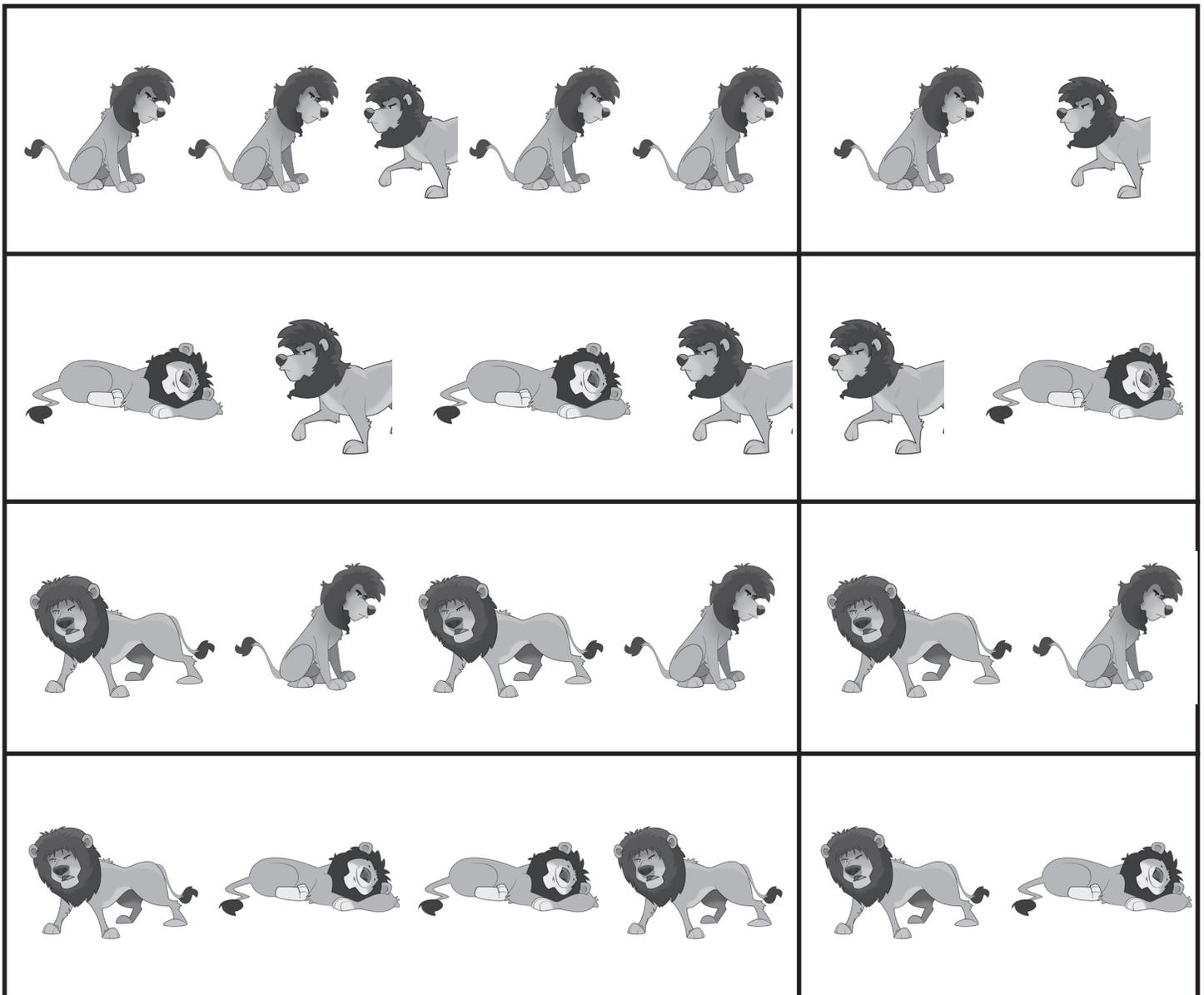
Give your hands a clap (clap hands).

Open and shut them, open and shut them
(open and close fingers),

Put them in your lap (put your hands together in your lap).

Even at this age, children can participate and learn to be still during a short prayer time.

Daniel was thrown into a lions' den for praying to God.



TEACHER/PARENT INSTRUCTIONS: Encourage the child to circle the lion that will come next in each pattern. Talk about how King Darius told Daniel the God he prayed to would help save him. We can remember **God Helps His Children.**