



# Mad Kings and Lions: Free Lesson Guide on Daniel

## Episode Overview

**Scripture:** Daniel 1-6

**Main idea:** Staying faithful to God is always worth it, even when things get scary!

**Key Theme:** God is the True King over all earthly kings

## Wait, What Happened?

1. **The Veggie Challenge:** Why did Daniel choose water and veggies over the King's food?
2. **The "Fourth Man":** How does it feel to know God is with us when we go through challenges?
3. **The Lions' Den:** Daniel prayed even when it was illegal. How can we talk to God every day?

## Heart to Heart (Discussion)

**Read Daniel 3:17-18:** Did the three friends know for sure God would save them from the fire?

**Read Daniel 6:22:** Who did God send to help Daniel in the den?

**Read Daniel 2:20-22:** After God revealed the King's secret dream to Daniel, Daniel stopped to sing a song of praise.

## The Weekly Challenge

The "10-Day Daniel" Weekly Challenge! In the video, Jimmy talks about the "10-Day Challenge" where Daniel and his friends chose water and vegetables to honor God. **Y**

**our Challenge:** Pick one thing this week that you know honors God but might be "different" from what everyone else is doing.

**Examples:** Instead of complaining, try 10 days of "Thank You" prayers. Spend 10 minutes reading the Bible each day with a friend or family member.

## Craft 1: The "Snap-Shut" Lion

**The Lesson:** Just as the clothespin stays shut until you apply pressure, God held the lions' mouths shut to protect Daniel.

- **Materials:** Wooden clothespin, yellow/orange cardstock or stiff paper, markers, and glue.
- **The Build:**
  - 1. Draw a lion's head on the cardstock, then cut it horizontally right through the mouth so you have a top half (eyes/ears) and a bottom half (chin/mane).
  - 2. Glue the top half to the top "jaw" of the clothespin and the bottom half to the bottom "jaw."
  - 3. When the clothespin is closed, the lion's mouth is shut. When you pinch it, the mouth "roars" open.

**The Takeaway:** Write Daniel 6:22 on the side of the wooden clip: "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions."

## Craft 2: The "Protector Lantern"

**The Lesson:** Even in the "fire" of hard times, God is right there with us.

- **Materials:** Orange or yellow construction paper, scissors, tape, and a battery-operated tea light (do not use real candles).
- **The Build:**
  - 1. Fold the paper in half lengthwise.
  - 2. Cut straight slits from the folded edge toward the open edge, stopping about 1 inch from the top.
  - 3. Unfold the paper and tape the short ends together to form a cylinder. The slits will bow out to create the lantern shape.
  - 4. Attach a paper strip handle to the top.

**The Verse:** Use a black marker to write Daniel 3:25 around the top rim: "I see four men... walking in the middle of the fire... and the fourth is like a son of the gods."

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