

Hear Me Roar (Pre-K)

Week 4

BIG IDEA

I'm not afraid – God is with me!

BIBLE

Daniel in the Lions' Den: Daniel 6

WELCOME TIME

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
 - *Get on the floor and be silly*
 - *Play along with what they're playing*
 - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
 - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

CLEAN UP

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
 - *Place all toys in labelled tubs.*
 - *Place all tubs away in labelled cabinets*

INTRO

ACTIVITY | Hungry, Hungry Lions

- Hey, everyone! I'm so glad you're here today.
- **Who here has been to the zoo?**
- The zookeeper, has to make sure that all of the animals are well-fed.
- For this game, you'll pretend to be very hungry lions.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids sit in a big circle. Toss out a variety of multicolored pom-poms in the center of the circle. Explain that you'll call out a color and then they should crawl to collect that color of pom-poms and then return to their spot. Repeat play with other colors.*
- Today, we'll hear a story from the Bible about some very hungry lions!

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Daniel 6 (Daniel in the Lions' Den)

- We've been learning about Daniel this month. The true story of Daniel's life is found in the Bible. The Bible is God's word. It teaches us about who God is and who he says we are.
- We heard that Daniel and his friends were forced to work for the king in Babylon and there were many difficult things they had to do, but God was always with them.
- All month we've been learning that God's promises are as strong and mighty as a lion!
 - **What sound does a lion make?**
 - **Do you think you can roar as loud as a lion?** *[Let kids roar loudly.]*
 - That was pretty loud!
- Lions are big and strong and loud. They can be pretty scary, too.
- That reminds me of a story about lions in the Bible. Listen to this!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the [Bible story video](#).*
- You see, those people who were really close to the king made up a rule just to get Daniel in trouble. They didn't like Daniel because they knew how much the king liked him.
 - And since Daniel never did anything wrong, they knew the only way to bring him down would have to be about God.
 - Because Daniel loved God more than anyone, even the king.
- But you know what? Daniel never stopped praying to God, even when he could get in trouble. And boy, did he get in trouble.
 - The king was so sad but according to the new rule, Daniel had to be thrown into the den with all the hungry lions.
 - But guess what? God closed the mouths of the lions in the den and kept Daniel safe.
- Daniel didn't have to be afraid because God was with him — just like God is with us too.

BIG IDEA | I'm not afraid — God is with me!

- Daniel never stopped praying to God, even when it meant that he could get in trouble.
- Just like Daniel, we don't have to be afraid because God is always with us!
- That's what our Big Idea for today is all about.... but where is it?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look around for a few seconds and then look over at the white board, where you'll find a lion announcing the Big Idea.*
- Here it is!
- *[read the Big Idea aloud.]* **I'm not afraid — God is with me!**
- Stand up and let's say this together:
 - **I'm not afraid** — *(bring arms up like an X and then wave them down)*
 - **God** *(point up)*

- **is with me!** (use thumbs to point to self)

MUSIC | Sing and ROAR!

- Great job, friends! I am so glad that God is with me, aren't you?
- I think it's time to get up and move around! Let's worship God together because he is always with us!
- **SUPPLIES:**
 - *motion videos*
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the motion videos and encourage kids to dance along! Here are the songs for this month:*
 - "God is With Me"
 - "Anything At All"
 - "Attitude of Gratitude"
 - "Very Big Things"

PRAYER

- We're going to head to our small groups to talk with our friends about what we learned from the Bible today. Before we do, let's pray together.
- Can you show me you're ready to pray by folding your hands together and closing your eyes?
 - Dear God, when we're afraid, help us to know you are with us. Help us to be strong like a lion. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayon. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

DISCUSSION | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Start by handing a lion toy to a child. Have them pass the lion around the circle while the group says today's Big Idea (**I'm not afraid — God is with me!**). The child holding the lion after the last word of the Big Idea will answer a question. Resume play until all questions are asked.*
- **What rule did the king make?**
- **How did Daniel break the rule?**

- **What kind of animal was in the den with Daniel?**
- **Who kept Daniel safe?**
- **Who keeps you safe?**
- **What can you pray about?**

MEMORY VERSE | Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

- Practice the memory verse with the kids in your small group.
 - **“The Lord** (make L's with fingers) **is good** (make two thumbs up), **a refuge** (hands over head like a roof) **in times of trouble** (two thumbs down). **He cares** (wrap arms around self like a hug) **for those who trust** (bring fist down on open palm) **in him** (point up).”
- Award prizes for saying the verse.

PLAY TIME

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Who Woke the Lion?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one kid to close their eyes and pretend to be a sleeping lion. Quietly choose another child to gently tap the sleeping “lion”, who will then guess who tapped them. Allow three guesses before revealing who woke them up. The tapper then becomes the “lion” and another tapper is chosen. Continue play as time allows.
- Daniel was in the lions' den for a whole night and God kept him safe.
- **I'm not afraid — God is with me!**