

Concept development

Faith ~ Facing persecution

Lesson

Words to define: Labyrinth (pinner) - 6:1

Body:

Read to them the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Ask questions - How did King Darius

feel about having to throw Daniel in

the den? Did he sleep good? What

happened to Daniel? Who protected

Daniel? What did the King do when

he woke-up? What happened to the

men that had died?

Activities:

Coloring pages + make their

own coloring book of Daniel in the

Questions:

From Book

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Then King Darius gave orders for his chief servant to be thrown into the pit full of fierce, hungry, wild beasts. A huge stone was rolled over the entrance to the den, so there was no way of escape.

The king was so unhappy at what he had done, he went straight to bed without food or drink. Then he tossed and turned all night long, unable to sleep a wink. At dawn, Darius leaped out of bed and rushed to the lion's den to see what had happened.

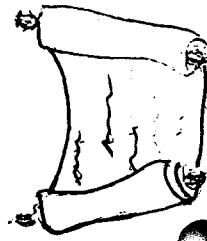
He called out, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you serve saved you from the lions?"

From the darkness below, a voice answered clearly, "Your majesty, my God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. They have not harmed me because I am innocent and have not wronged your majesty in any way."

"Get him out of there!" ordered the delighted king. When he examined Daniel, he found no trace of any wound. Daniel had trusted God, and the Lord had protected him.

King Darius was furious with the officials who had trapped both him and his servant, Daniel. He pointed at the ringleaders. "Now throw *them* to the lions!" he ordered.

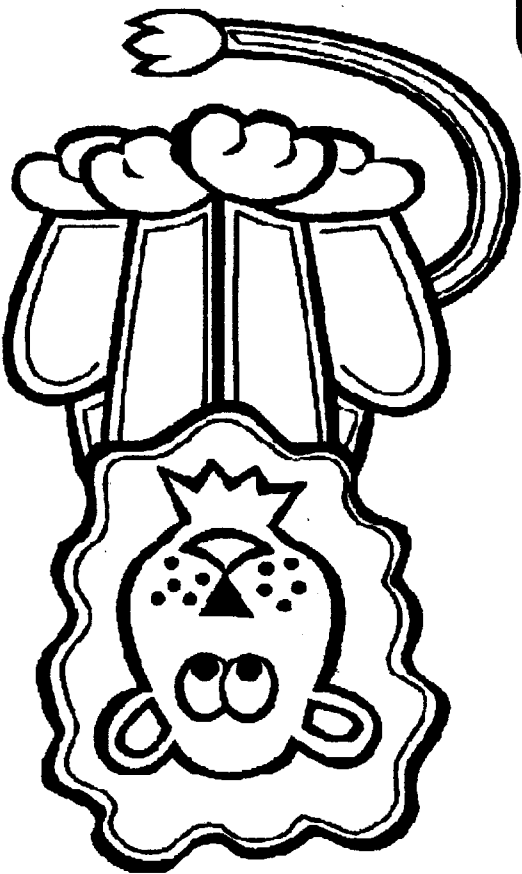
Then the king issued a new proclamation. It said, "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must worship and respect the God of Daniel. He performs great signs and wonders. He rescued Daniel from the lions."



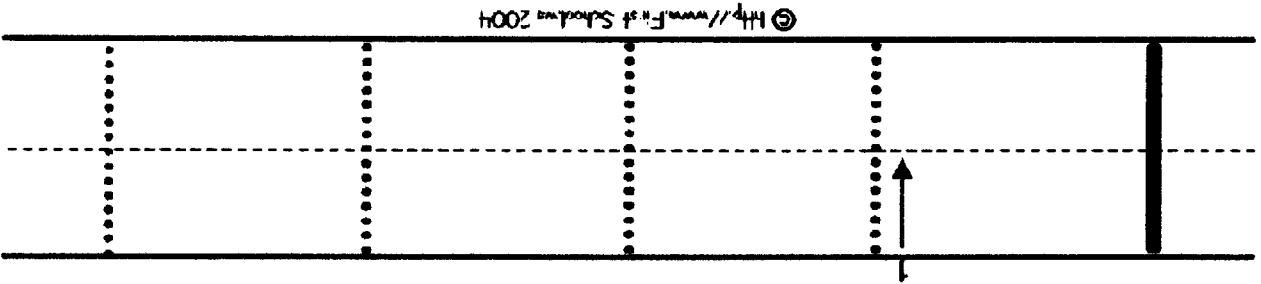
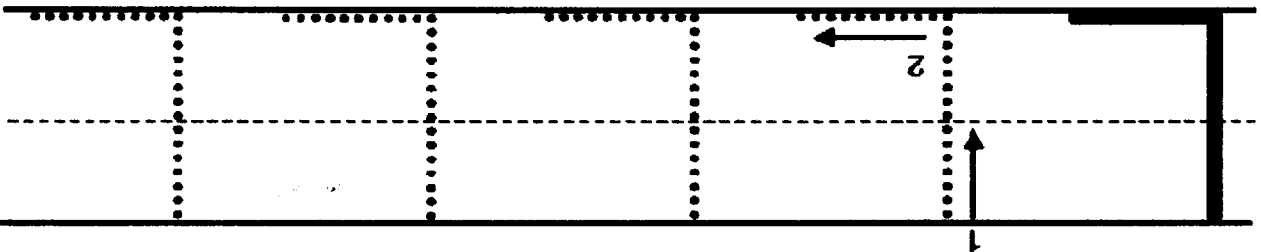
Daniel loved God, and he did what was right.	Cross your arms over your chest, point up.	Touch your eye.	Three times a day he got down and prayed.	Close to the Lord he wanted to stay.	Point up.
Then Daniel got thrown into the lions' den!	Make claws with hands.				
R-r-r-r! R-r-r-r! R-r-r-r! What happened then?	(Move hands around like paws each time you say R-r-r-r!), then hold arms out to side, bent at elbows, wrists flexed, palms up.				
Daniel wasn't hurt. The lions' mouths were shut!	Clap hands together.				
Daniel was fine - he had no cuts!	Hold arm out in front of you.				
Next morning the king ran to Daniel real fast.	Run in place.				
Ran to the lions' den and then he asked:	Make claws with hands.				
Was God able to save you from the lions' den?	Place cupped hands on sides of mouth.				
God shut the mouths of the lions! Say Amen!	Clap hands together.				
Daniel was lifted out of the lions' den	Make claws with hands.				
The king was so happy. A law was made then:	Hold one finger up.				
We will worship Daniel's God - his rule will never end.	Hold both hands up to God in praise.				
He rescues and saves - He is our friend!	Hug yourself.				
Now the king believed in Daniel's God too!	Point up.				
The bad men were thrown to the lions - its true!	Make claws with hands.				
Daniel's God is <i>my</i> God! He's <i>my</i> friend too!	Point to yourself.				
He's stronger than anyone, like Daniel knew!	Point up.				

Name _____

Date _____



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Daniel

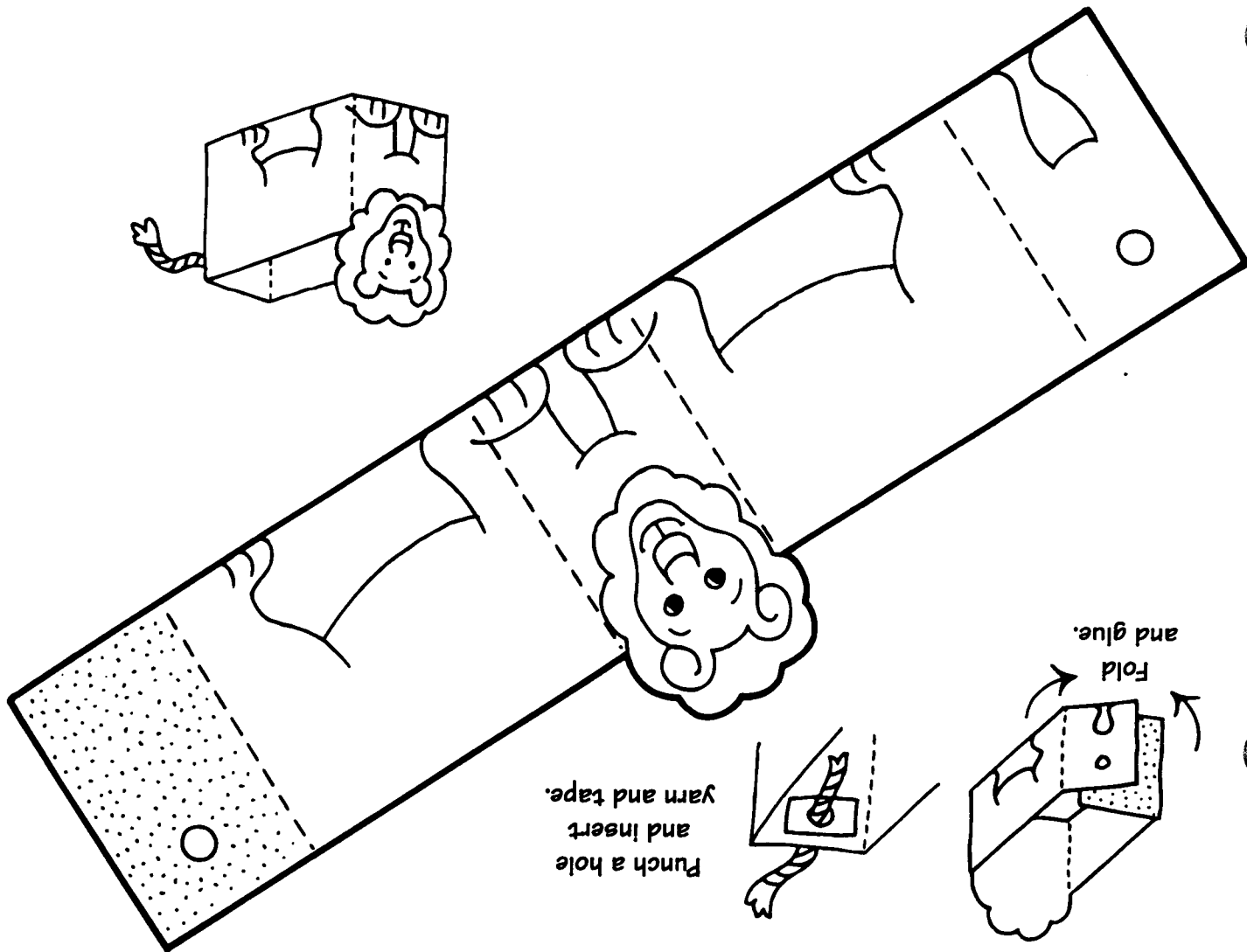
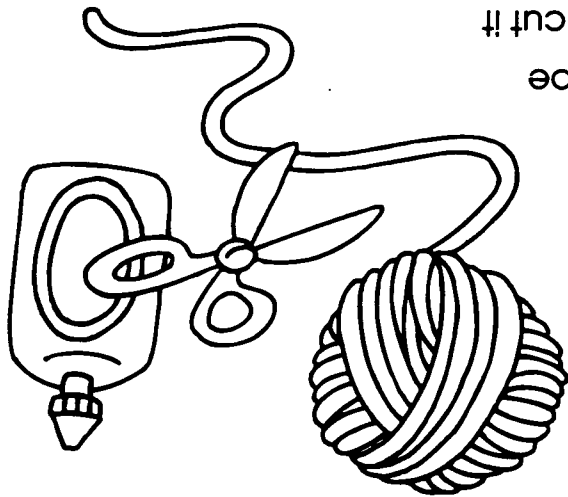
(Craft Page)

The Friendly Lion

This amiable beast from the lions' den won't do Daniel any harm! It will just stand and smile on a shelf at home.

Materials needed: photocopies of this craft page, crayons, scissors, glue, hole punch, yellow yarn, tape

Directions: Let the children color the lion and then cut it out along the bold lines. Then they fold on the dotted lines and glue as shown. Punch a hole for the tail, insert a few strands of yarn, and tape them in place.



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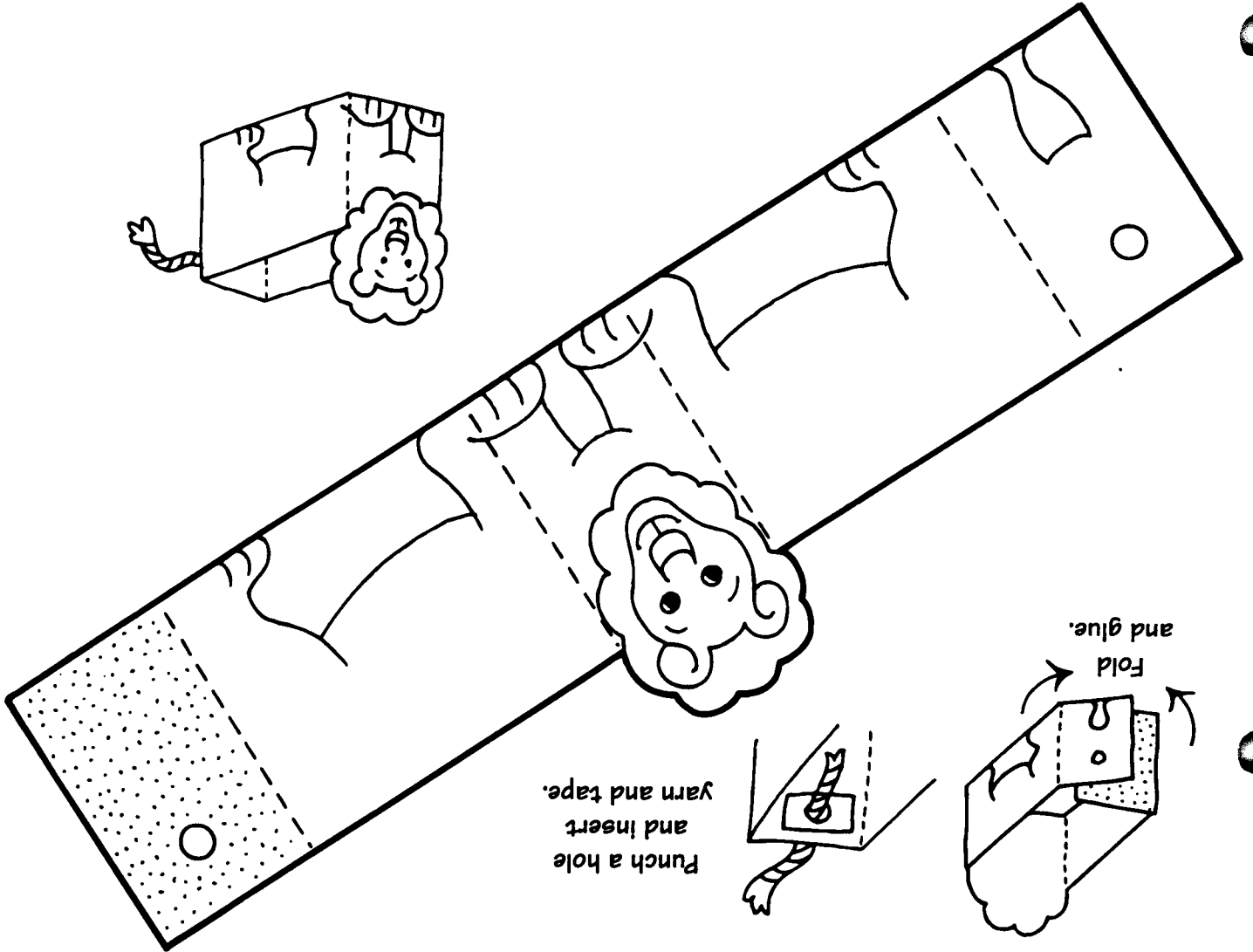
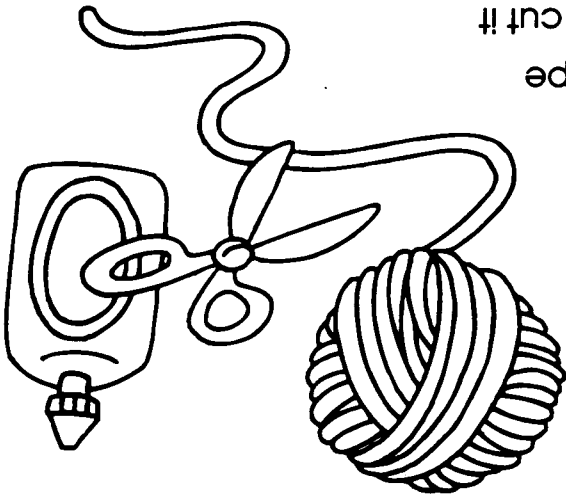
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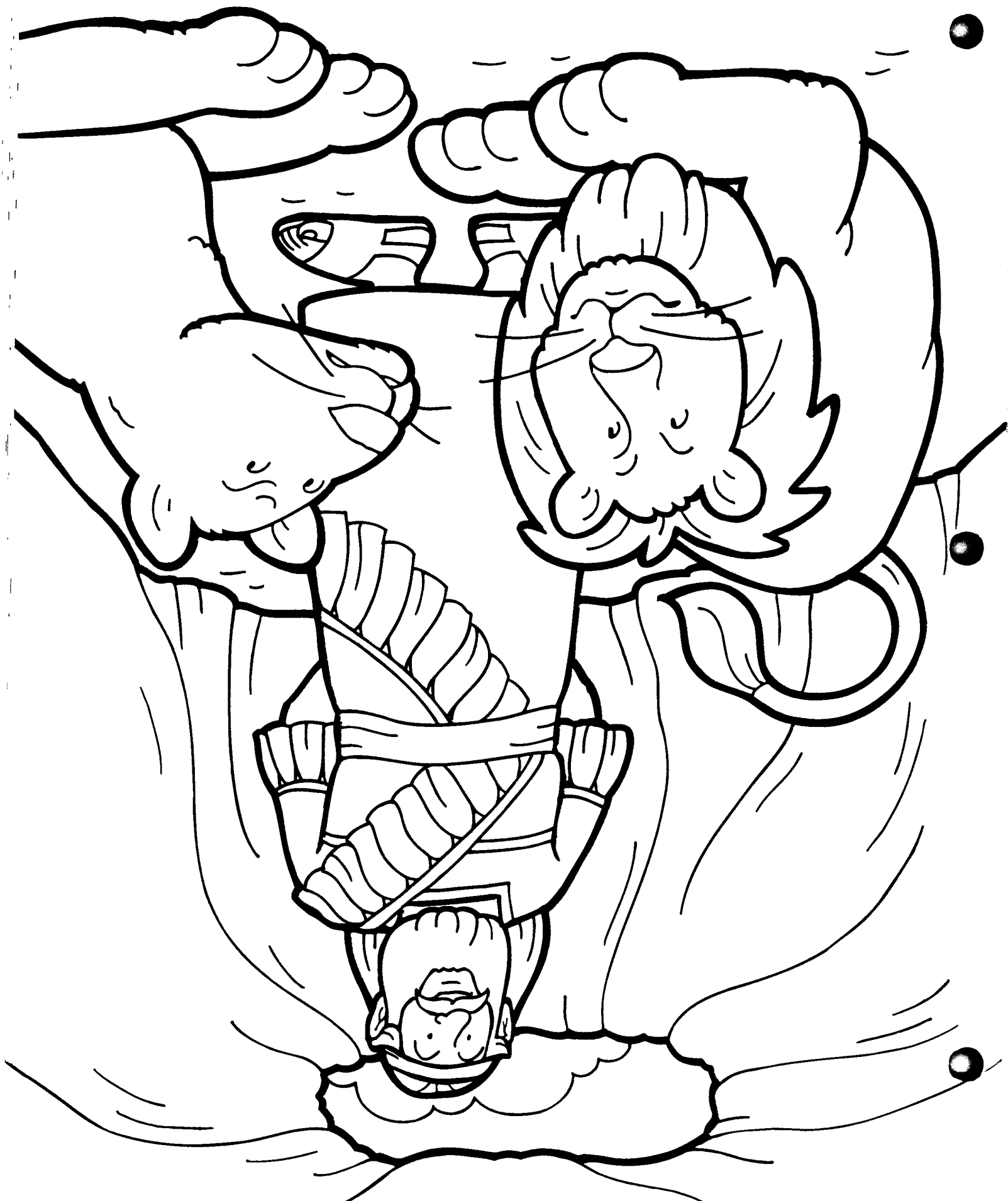
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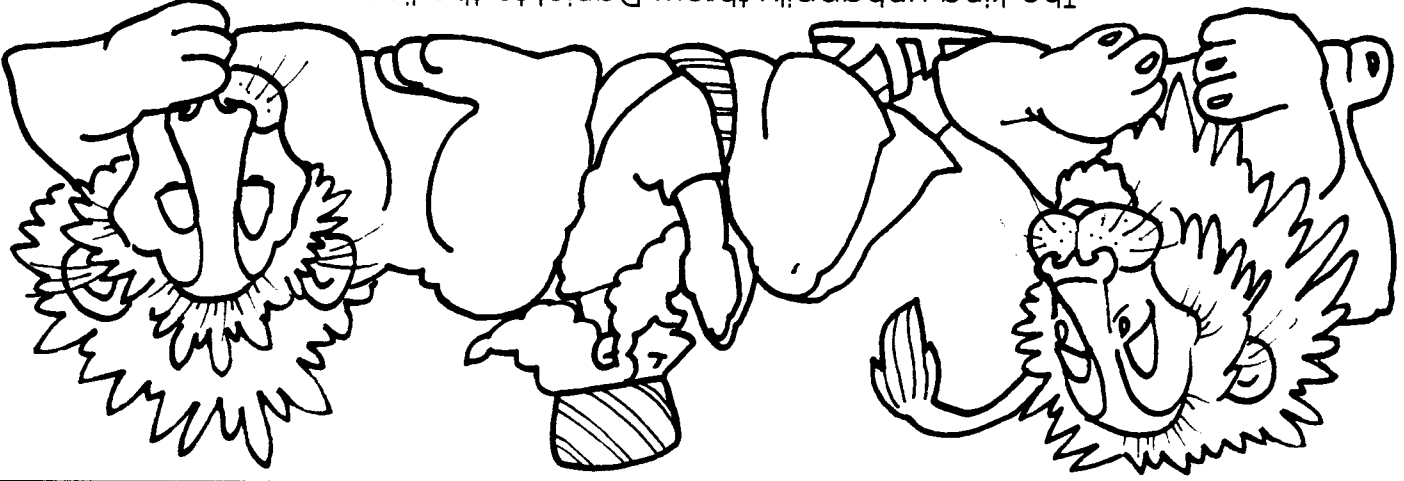
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and glue.

God protects Daniel in a den of lions. Daniel 6:1-28



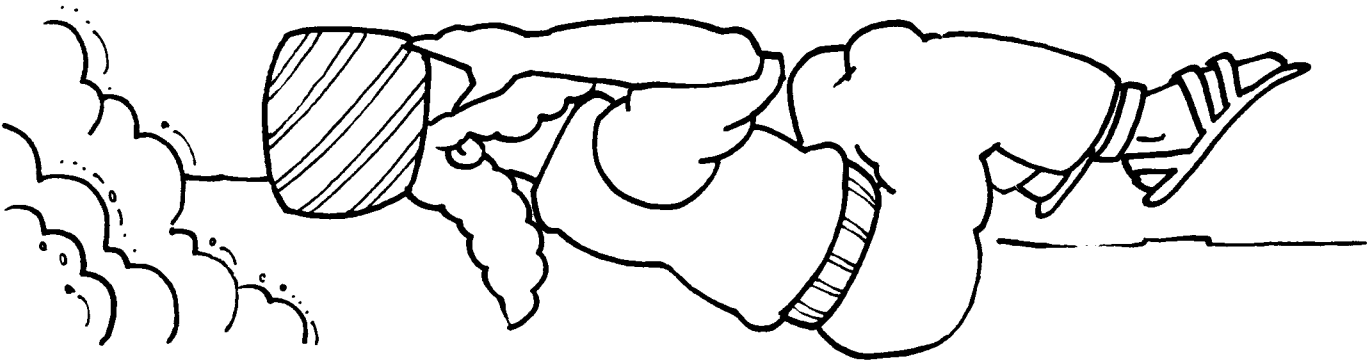
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The king unhappily threw Daniel to the lions.
But God's angel shut the lions' mouths, and Daniel was not harmed.



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Daniel continued to pray to God three times a day, just as he always had.
The officials found him praying, just as they knew they would.



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So the wicked officials came up with a plan.
They convinced King Darius to make a law stating that no one
could pray to anyone but him.





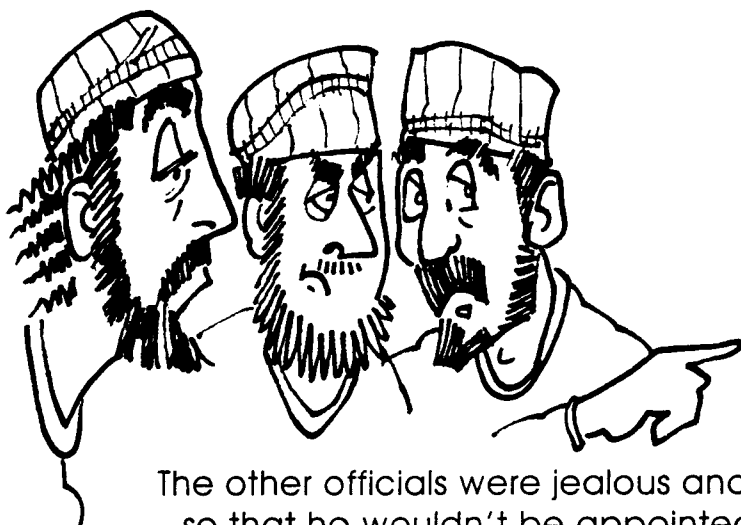
Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6



Daniel, a wise man who worshiped God, was a government official in Babylon. King Darius was so pleased with him that he planned to make Daniel ruler over the whole kingdom.

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The other officials were jealous and tried to find fault with Daniel so that he wouldn't be appointed. But Daniel was blameless.

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