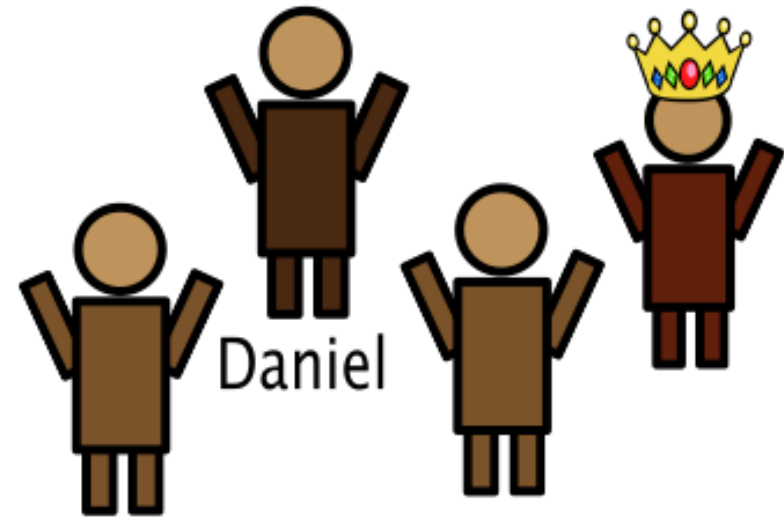


# Daniel And The Lions' Den



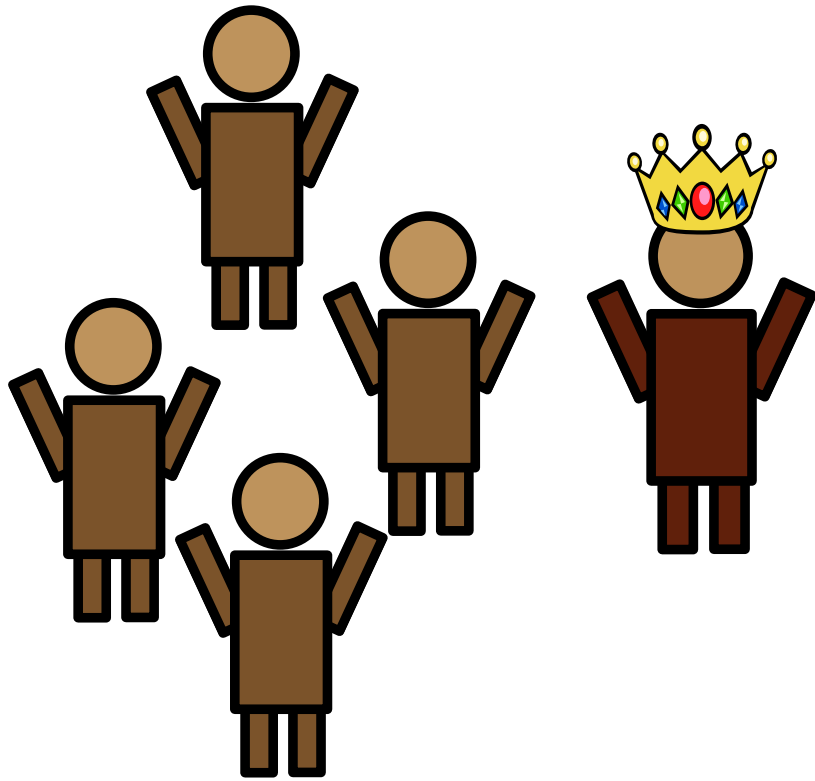
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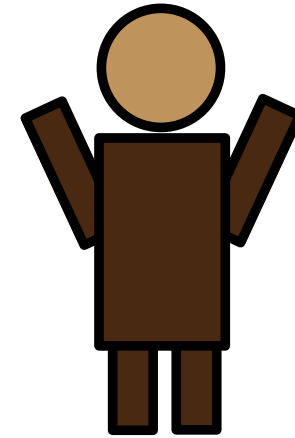
King Darius placed three leaders over his entire kingdom. One of the leaders was Daniel.

Daniel did a better job than the other two leaders or any of the royal rulers. He was an unusually good and able man.

But the other leaders tried to find something wrong with the way he ran the government. But they weren't able to. He never did anything wrong.



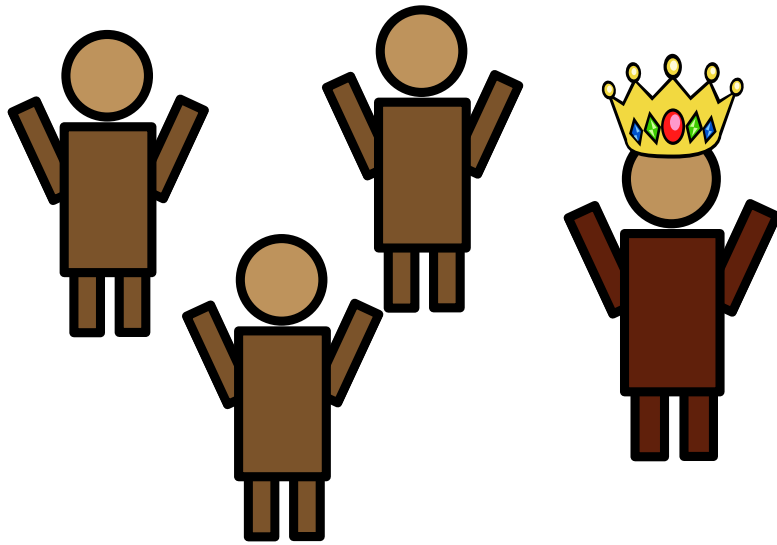
So the leaders went as a group to the king. They said, "We've agreed that you should give an order. And you should make sure it's obeyed. Here is the command you should give. During the next 30 days don't let any of your people pray to any god or man except to you. If they do, throw them into the lions' den."



Daniel

Daniel found out that the king had signed the order. In spite of that, he did just as he had always done before.

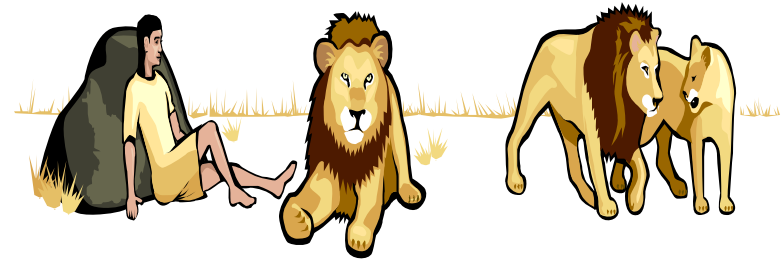
He went home to his upstairs room. He went to his room three times a day to pray. He got down on his knees and gave thanks to his God.



Some of the leaders saw Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king. They said, "It said that for the next 30 days none of your people could pray to any god or man except to you. If they did, they would be thrown into the lions' den."

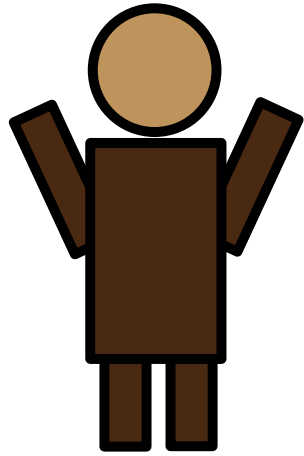
The king answered, "The order must still be obeyed."

Then they said, "Daniel still prays to his God three times a day."



So the king gave the order. Daniel was brought out and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to him, "You always serve your God faithfully. So may he save you!"

A stone was brought and placed over the opening of the den. Then nothing could be done to help Daniel.



## Daniel

As soon as the sun began to rise, the king got up. He hurried to the lions' den. When he got near it, he called out to Daniel. He said, "Daniel! You serve the living God. So has he been able to save you from the lions?"

Daniel answered, "My God sent his angel. And his angel shut the mouths of the lions. They haven't hurt me at all. That's because I haven't done anything wrong in God's sight."