

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: How To Live In A Lion's Den

Week 48 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. If you could be any animal, what would it be? Why? 2. What positive traits does this animal have that we might find in a human? (like strength) 3. What dangerous qualities does it possess?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Daniel 6.10-23; Psalm 121.1-8; 1 Peter 5.6-11.

Daniel: 1. King Darius issues an edict banning prayer to anyone but himself at the insistence of some government officials who were envious of Daniel. Why doesn't Daniel obey it? When should Christians disobey government regulations? 2. How does Daniel respond to his lions' den situation? What lions' dens do Christians today face? 3. What assurance can Christians find in this story?

Psalm: 1. The psalmist lifts his eyes to the hills to find his answers. What places in nature help us to feel closer to God? 2. What ideas in this psalm would be especially good to share with children? 3. How would this psalm bring comfort and peace to an anxious person?

1 Peter: 1. Why would God lift up those who have humbled themselves? 2. What actions or words of the devil are especially difficult to resist? How can fellow-Christians help each other in those situations? 3. What suffering will a Christian endure that he cannot bear? Why?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. Where are the 'lions' in your life right now? _____home
_____school_____workplace _____neighborhood_____larger community.
2. How can today's scriptures help you face your 'lions' den' with confidence and courage?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

How can you help someone this week who is fearful or anxious?