



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE Bible stories – Daniel in the lions’ den	LEARNING STAGE KS1	WST TEACHER/DATE Mrs Tricia Bastable Mrs Johanna Jordan
AIM: To learn the Bible story of Daniel in the lions’ den. LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To explore the Old Testament Bible story of Daniel in the lions’ den and what it tells about what God is like.	MAIN AREAS/ OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom Other AOL covered:	LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: PowerPoint (USB) Story book of Daniel in the lions’ den Bible Worksheets to photocopy Cupcake cases for worksheet activity Extra pencils (orange/brown/yellow) School to provide: Photocopies of worksheet Colouring pencils

Introduction

Introduce idea of the Bible as a special book to Christians because it tells them what God is like. It doesn’t describe what God looks like but it does tell us what his character is like; that he is caring and kind and loves everyone.

Today we’re going to look at an Old Testament story that shows us what God is like. This story involves a friend of God, some bad men, a king who must always be obeyed and some lions!

Main content

Song

Teach the song ‘Good Old Daniel’ with actions.

*There once was a man called Daniel
Good old Daniel
He prayed to God three times a day
Good old Daniel
The king’s decree (Boo)
Said worship me (Hiss)
Poor old Daniel. (Ahh)
But Daniel would not bow the knee
Good old Daniel*

*So the gates went clang (clap)
and the locks went click (click)
and the lions began to roar (ROAR)
And the lions began to roar (ROAR)
They couldn’t eat Daniel if they tried
Good old Daniel
Because the Lord was on his side
Good old Daniel.*

Story

Tell the story of Daniel in the lions' den using a story book (i.e. My Bible Stories – Daniel in the lions' den) and a PowerPoint.

Discuss what happened to Daniel and why? Because Daniel prayed to God despite the king's decree, he was thrown into the lions's den. But God saved Daniel.

Ask:-

- I wonder how Daniel felt when he was arrested.
- I wonder how Daniel felt when he was thrown into the lion's den.
- I wonder how Daniel felt when he saw the angel.
- What does this story tell us about God?
- What other things can we learn from the story?

Christians believe that God hears and answers their prayers. Even if God doesn't always answer their prayers immediately, they believe that God is always with them and helps them when they face challenges.

Re-cap the story using the song.

Activity

Explain the worksheet (draw Daniel, make lions from cupcake cases, write 1 sentence about what happened).

Extension/enrichment activities

Colour by numbers

Plenary

This story reminds Christians that God is with them, no matter what they face and that they can always talk to God.

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions

What helps us when we go through difficult times?

Class teacher's notes

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