

Lesson 14



12-6-2020
LEADER GUIDE

DANIEL DEN OF LIONS

DANIEL 6

GOAL

- ▶ To illustrate to the children how, in the midst of danger, adversity, and even death, we can rely on God to protect us. He fills us with the courage to stand up for our belief in Jesus Christ.
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WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Province:** small areas within a country
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MEMORY VERSES

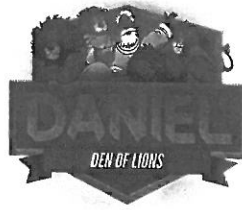
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MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Daniel 6:22:** God used his power to close the mouths of hungry lions because Daniel had done nothing wrong and did not deserve to be punished.
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OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Daniel 6:** Daniel's enemies envied his position and were jealous of his good character. They invented a scheme to put Daniel to death for his prayer to God. When Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, God shut the lions' mouths. Daniel was saved, and the wicked men were put to death instead.
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QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: King Darius divided his kingdom into how many provinces?

A1: King Darius divided his kingdom into 120 provinces.

Q1b: Do you know someone who seems to be good at everything?

TN: Most of us know someone like this. It can be discouraging to not be as good at things as someone else, and it is very easy to become jealous of their success. The officials in this story were jealous of Daniel's successful work for the king. They decided that it would be easier to get rid of Daniel than to figure out why he was successful and try to change their ways to more closely align with how Daniel worked. When we encounter someone who is good at many things, we should look to see how they achieve their success. We should try to determine whether we can learn from them rather than become jealous.

SLIDE 3

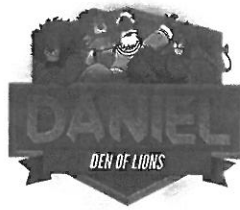


Q3a: How did King Darius react when he found out Daniel broke the new law?

A3: King Darius was heartbroken when he found out Daniel broke the new law.

Q3b: Have you ever wanted to help someone but didn't know how to help?

TN: The king, as powerful as he was, couldn't figure out a way to keep Daniel out of the lions' den. There was nothing he could do. When we find ourselves in situations in which we don't know how to help someone in need, all we need to do is pray. We can pray for God to fix the situation, or we can pray for God to give us wisdom and direction on how to help the person. God will always help us help others.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: When did King Darius return to the lion's den to check on Daniel?

A5: King Darius returned to the lions' den early the next morning to check on Daniel.

SLIDE 7

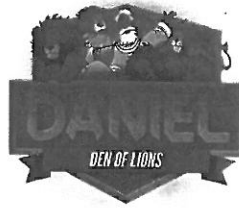


Q7a: What was the message King Darius gave?

A7: King Darius said "Everyone in my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel..."

Q7b: Daniel's faith inspired the king. Does his faith inspire you to do what is right no matter what?

TN: Daniel didn't stop worshiping God even though it could cost him his life. Daniel faced the lions with courage because he trusted God to save him. Daniel continuously did what was right, no matter what the consequences might be. Daniel's steadfast faith inspired the king to embrace the God of Israel as his own God. Ask the students how Daniel's faith inspires them.



QUESTION & ANSWER

MEMORY VERSES

- ▷ **Daniel 6:22:** "My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him."

BIG IDEA

- ▷ A close relationship with God can give us confidence to do what is right no matter what.

CLOSING PRAYER

- ▷ Dear God, thank You that you are powerful and good. Thank You that you can protect us from anything we are afraid of. Help us today to have the power, love, and self-control that You give to us. We ask these things in in Jesus' name, Amen

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ANSWER KEY

Across

3. King Darius sent a **(Message)** to his people that said that God of Daniel is the living God.
5. Darius the Mede divided his kingdom into 120 **(Provinces)**.
6. The evil advisors who **(Plotted)** against Daniel were thrown into the lions' den.
7. Anyone who didn't pray to King Darius would be **(Thrown)** into the lions' den.

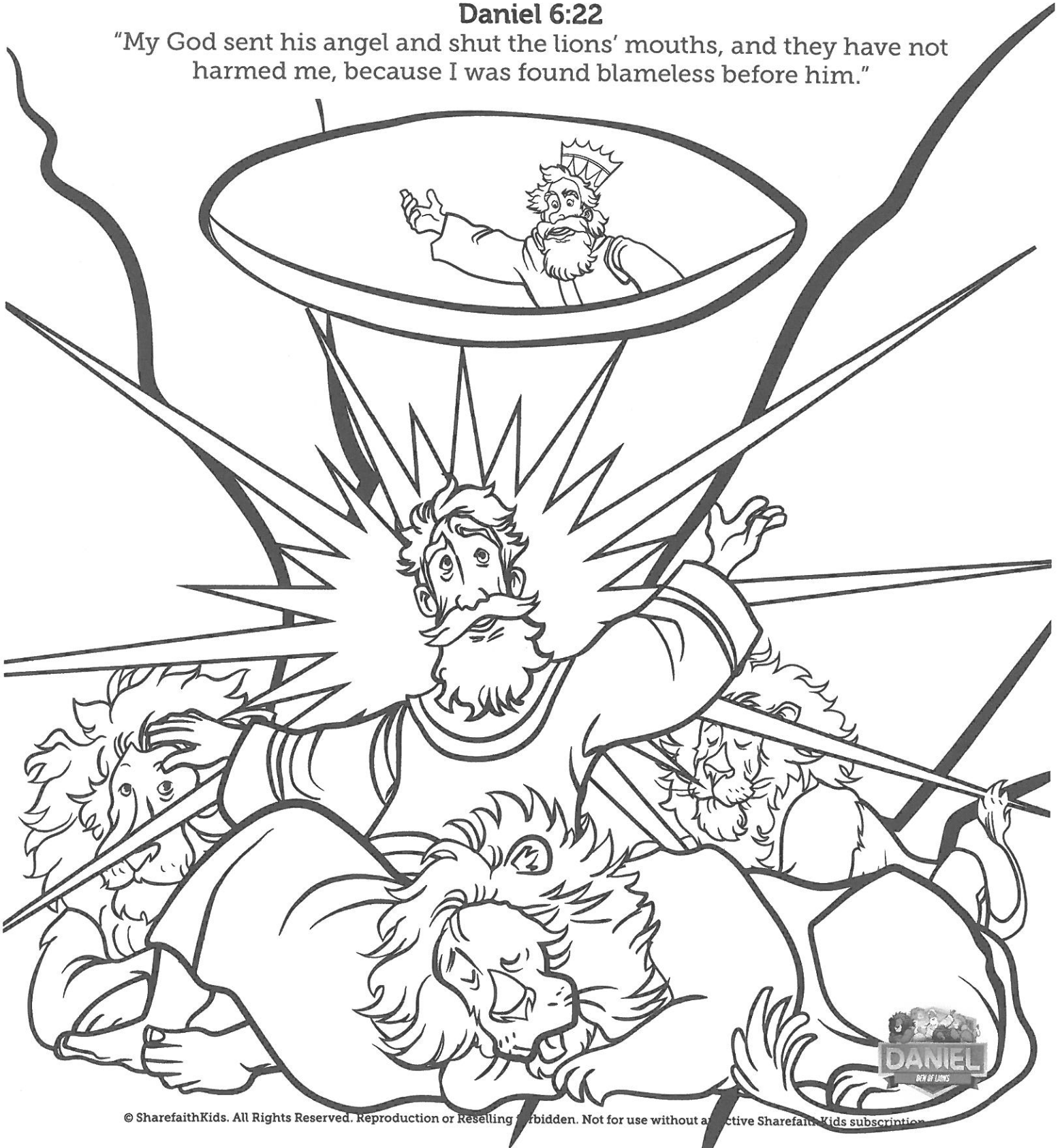
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1. A **(Stone)** was placed over the mouth of the den to seal it.
2. King Darius said to Daniel, "May your God **(Save)** you!".
4. Daniel survived the night in the lions' den and didn't have a single **(Scratch)** on him!

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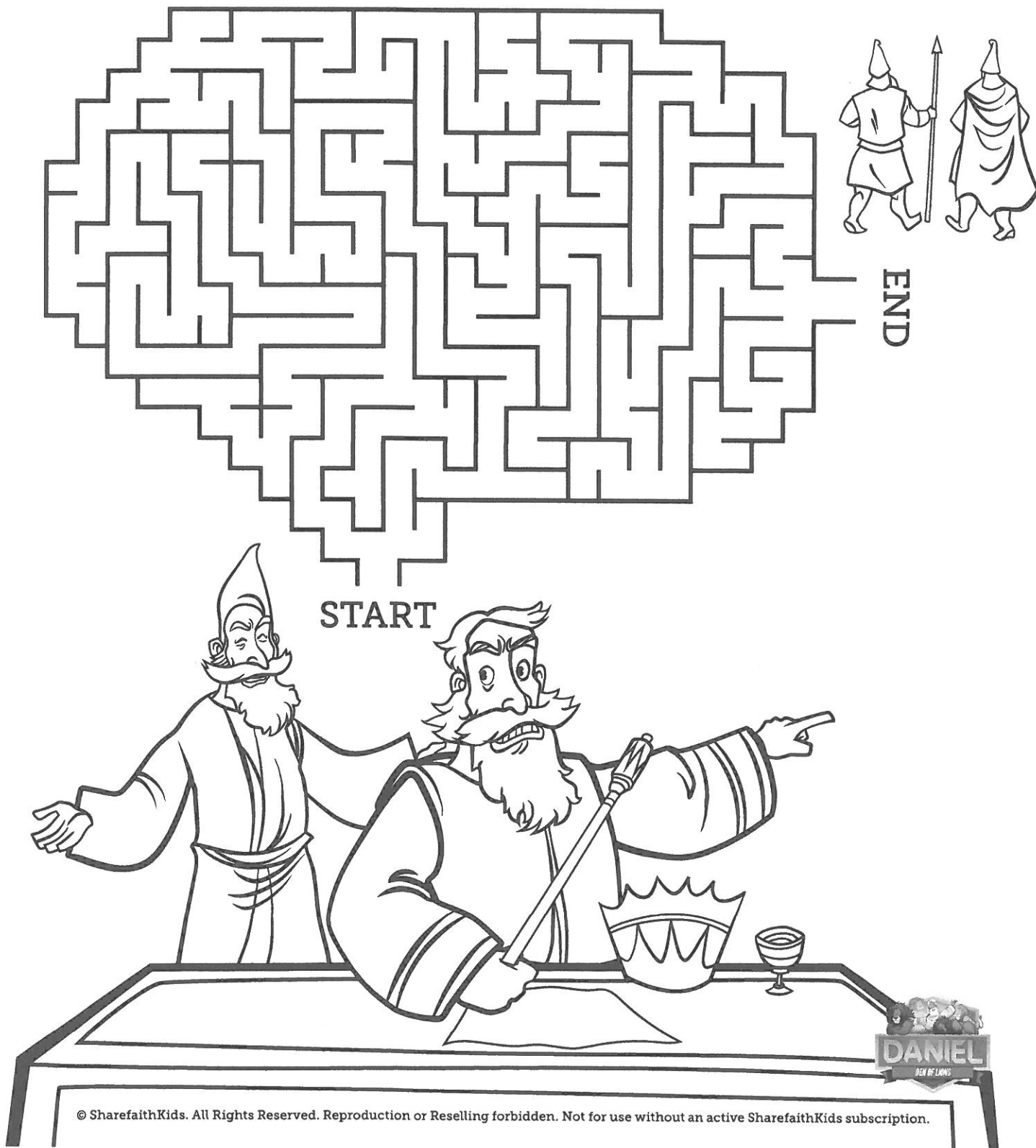
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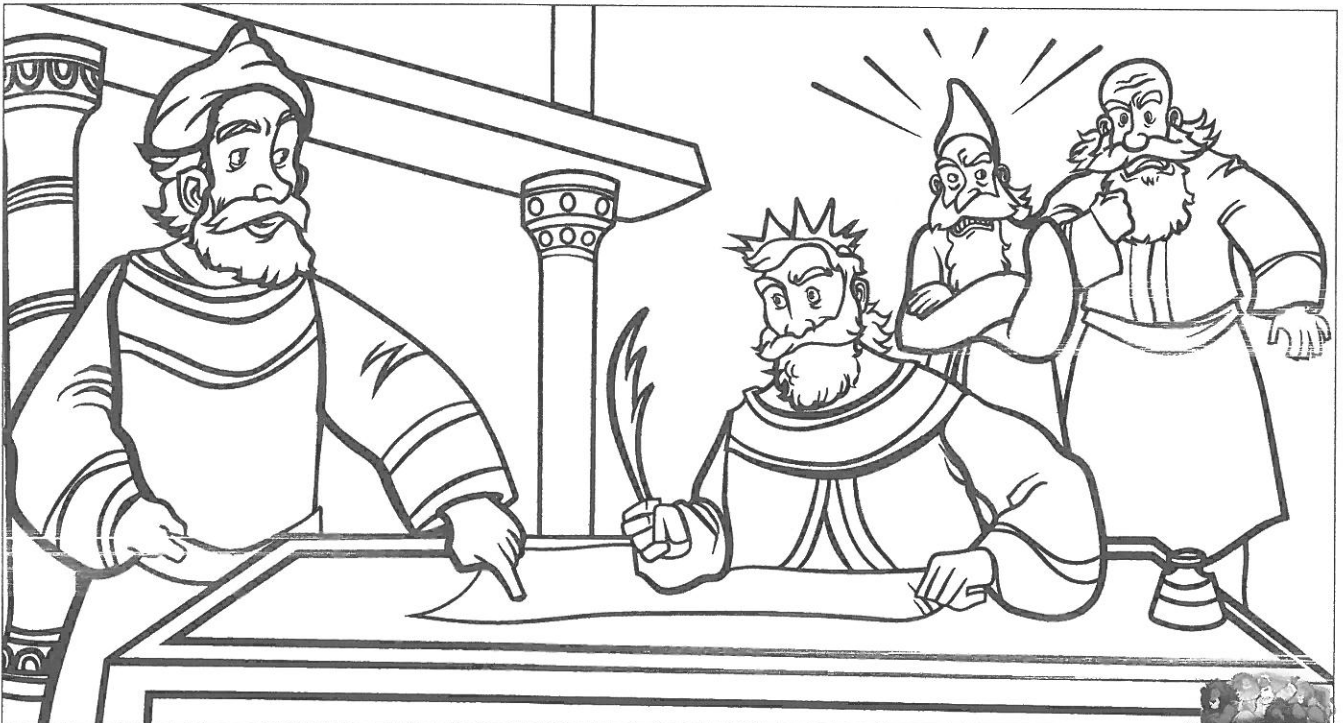
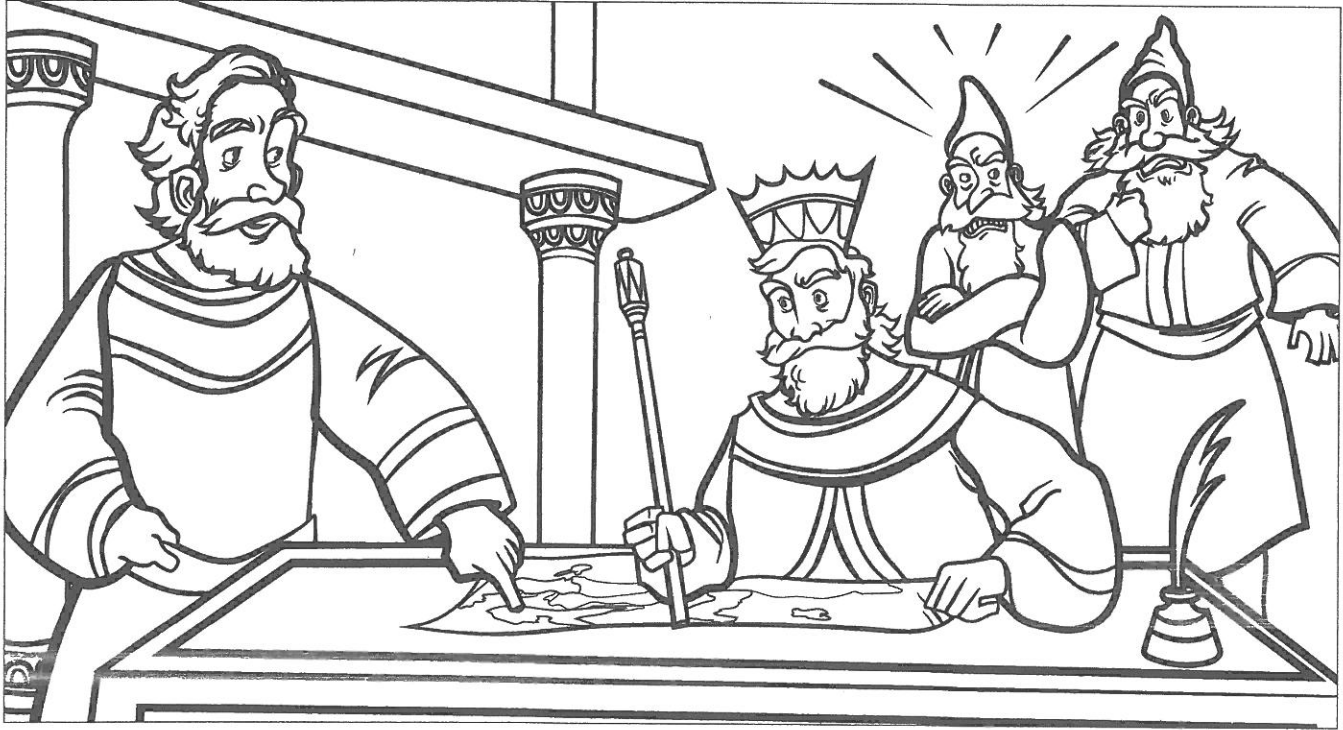
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Guide the soldiers to arrest Daniel.



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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Discover the hidden words.

Z	O	H	N	E	H	T	N	W	E	X	G	X	X	I
M	S	F	I	W	E	E	H	N	I	T	E	P	Z	D
H	L	I	O	N	S	E	O	B	M	L	U	D	N	T
X	H	A	H	E	H	N	Y	I	E	N	N	T	M	R
K	L	T	D	E	M	I	S	B	G	E	D	A	S	V
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G	R	M	D	J	Y	S	O	L	T	Z	U	K	H	O
A	E	Y	U	T	R	Z	O	F	W	O	R	J	R	N
T	A	T	F	C	M	I	Z	R	U	O	V	W	O	E
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S	C	R	A	T	C	H	I	N	R	M	E	R	E	Y
M	X	V	I	E	T	Z	Y	F	C	U	R	X	N	Z
D	A	R	I	U	S	X	F	V	G	O	D	Q	E	B

Word Bank

KING
DARIUS
LIONS
DEN

ADVISORS
STONE
SURVIVE
GOD

SCRATCH
THROWN
BIBLE
HEAVEN

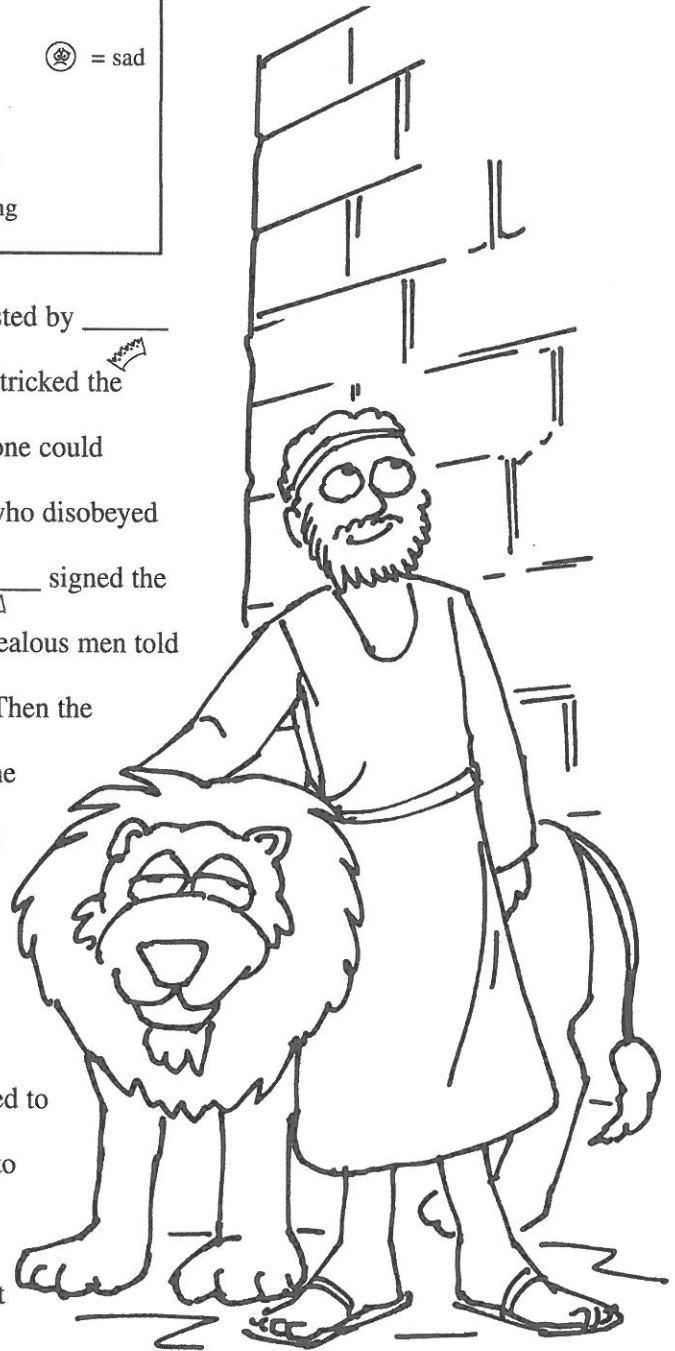


Daniel always worshiped God. Then something happened.

Fill in the blanks using the code.

= plan	= serve	= law	= lions	= sad
= pray	= Daniel	= angel	= night	
= worship	= king	= alive	= rescue	
= see	= den	= Darius	= morning	

_____ was a good man in the kingdom of Babylon, trusted by _____.
 _____. Some other administrators grew jealous! They tricked the
 _____ and presented him a _____ that for 30 days, no one could
 _____ any god or man, only the _____. Those who disobeyed
 _____ would be thrown into the _____, _____. So the _____ signed the
 _____. _____ continued to _____ to God. The jealous men told
 _____ that _____ had broken the _____. Then the
 _____ knew he'd been tricked. But he couldn't change the
 _____, and he was very _____. As _____ was sent
 to the _____, _____, the _____ said, "May
 your God, whom you _____ continually,
 _____ you!" _____ stayed up all
 _____ worrying. When _____ came, he hurried to
 the _____, _____ to _____ what had happened to
 _____. _____ found
 _____ and well. The _____ had not
 hurt him. The Lord had sent an _____ to protect _____.



Name _____

Daniel trusted God and was
saved from the Lions!

Use the code to find out what happened.



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My G__d s__nt



hi__ ang__l and



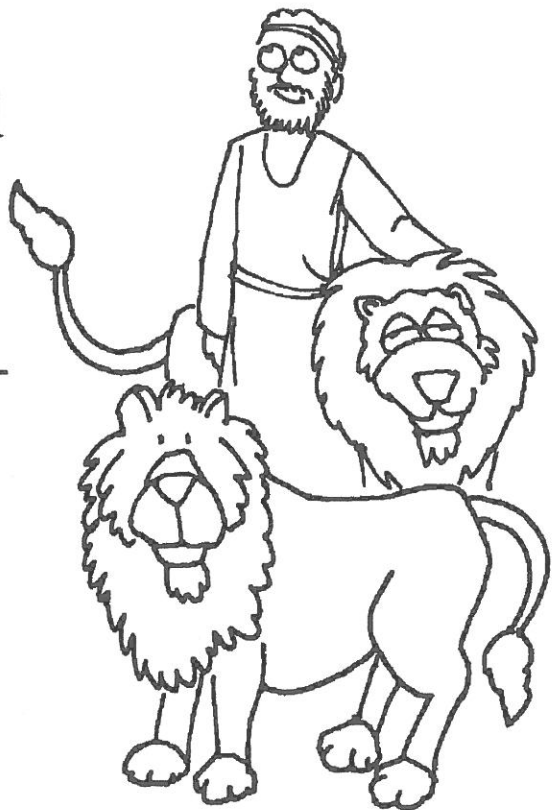
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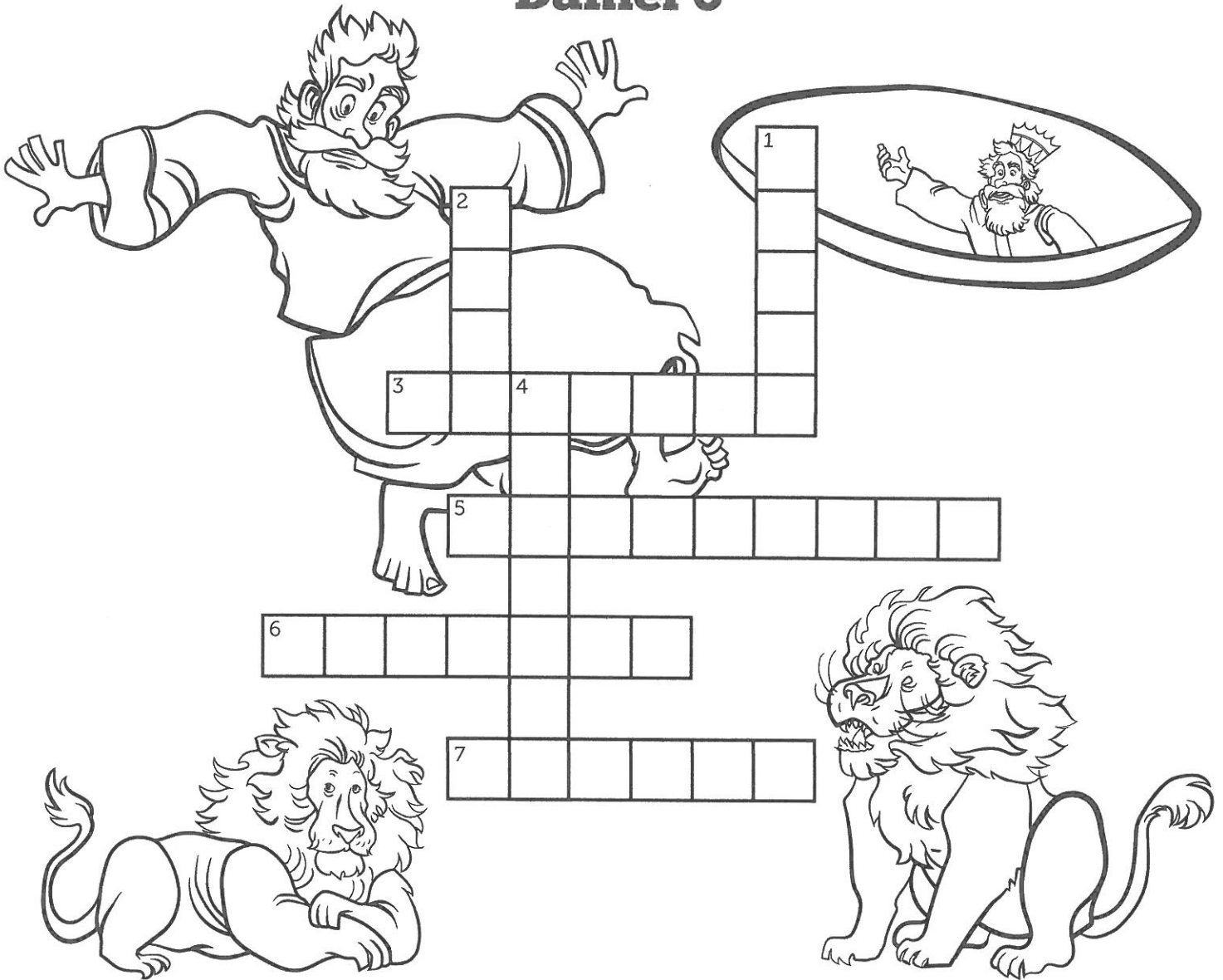
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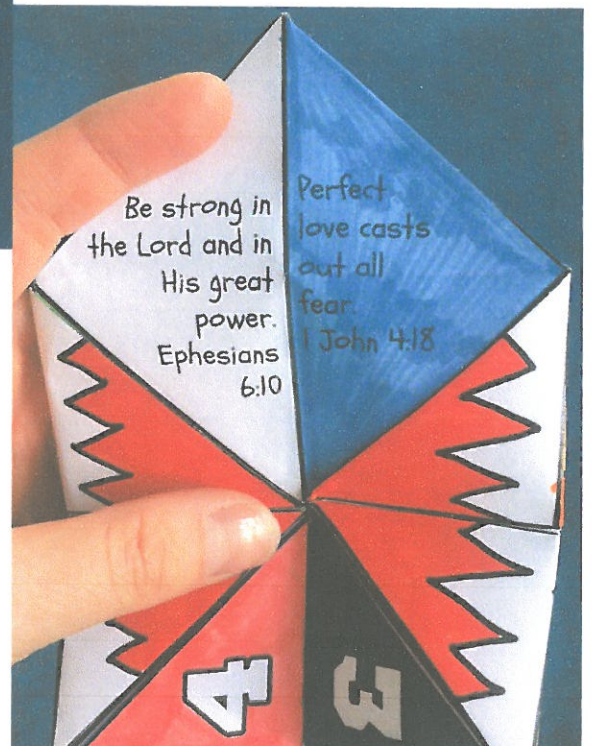
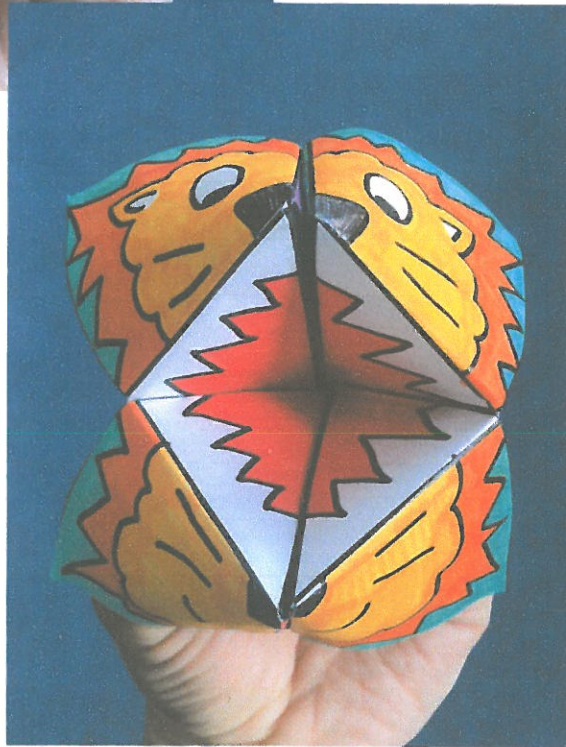
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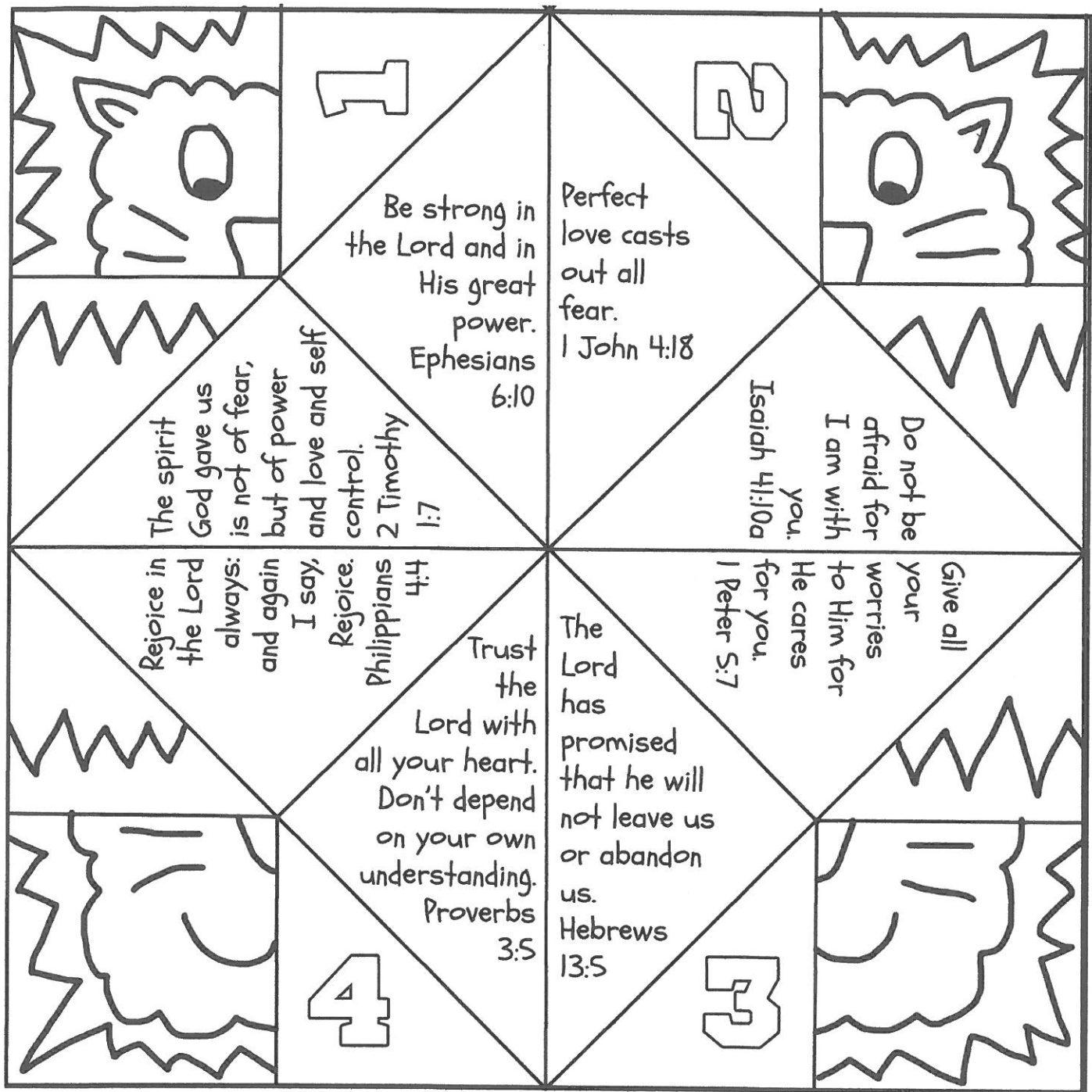
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Lion & Bible Verses Finger Puzzle





Color the printable and then cut out the square. Fold the square in half and then in half again. Unfold the paper and fold the corners into the centre of the square. Turn the paper over and fold the new corners into the centre of the square. Fold it back in half. Place your fingers under the flaps and move it back and forth. Ask your friends to choose a corner of the lion to open and see which verse they get!