

Darius was now the king of Persia and he had 120 princes who helped him rule.

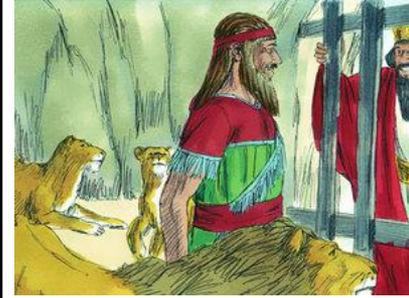
Darius loved Daniel because he was so wise and good in all he did. Darius made Daniel the ruler over all the princes.



The other princes became very jealous and tried to find some fault in Daniel. The only way they could find anything against Daniel was if it was something to do with the law of his God.

They came up with an evil plan to get rid of Daniel.

Daniel in the Lions' Den



Daniel 6

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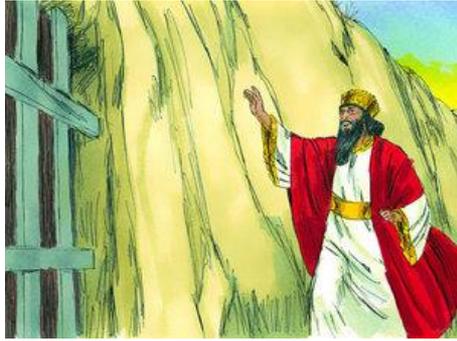
The king wrote a special decree that everyone in his kingdom had to respect the God of Daniel.

The king then ordered that the wicked princes and their families be thrown into the lions' den. The lions pounced on them before they even touched the bottom.



The princes wrote this decree ...
"Whoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for 30 days, save of thee, O King, he shall be cast into the den of lions."

They brought the decree to King Darius and he signed it. The king didn't know the princes thought up this plan to catch Daniel.



The king was so happy when he heard Daniel's voice! He commanded that Daniel be taken out of the lions' den.

In the morning, the king rushed to the den to see if Daniel was alive. Daniel said that God had sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions!



When Daniel heard about the new law, he still prayed to God. He would rather obey God than men.

The king was sad. He now knew he had been tricked into signing the new law. He tried to think of a way to save Daniel, but once the law had been made, it could not be changed.



So Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. The king hoped that Daniel's God would save him.

The princes ran and told the king that Daniel was disobeying the law and should be thrown into the den of lions.