

Lions' jaws

**My God will
keep me safe**

Leader's guide

This fun and unique song features a cast, and this requires some willing volunteers with acting skills. It tells the story of Daniel in the lions' den and features a Narrator, King Darius, Daniel and a couple of Lions, with everyone singing the chorus.

Warm-up

Your actors will need a good sense of rhythm to ensure they do not rush ahead of the music.

Rehearse with them individually, speaking their parts with the accompaniment until you are confident that they know their lines well and can listen to the underlying music.

Bible verse

'Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.'

Psalm 16:1

Prayer

Dear Almighty God,
Thank you for always being with me even when I feel afraid. I know you are there to protect me. Please be with people around the world who are facing war, poverty and loneliness. Please help them to feel you are near and will keep them safe. Amen.

Activity

Trust Falls

Divide the group into pairs. One person in the pair will fall into the arms of their partner. The person falling should stand two or three steps in front of their partner and turn so they have their backs facing them. If anyone feels confident, challenge them to fall with their eyes closed. Swap over the person catching and falling so everyone gets a turn at both roles.

Ask the group whether they found trusting the other person easy or hard. In the Bible, Daniel trusted God to protect him from hungry lions and not get hurt. Sometimes life can be frightening, and we can feel unsure, but God is always there to catch us.

Thought

This song is based on the story of Daniel in the lions' den (Daniel 6). Daniel was a faithful man of God. When others, including the king, wanted him to stop praying, Daniel refused, and they threw him into a lions' den. Daniel was unafraid as he trusted God and knew he would be protected.

The story's importance remains true in everyday life. We always face scary things around us and fear that we are alone. God wants us to know we are safe, and he is with us whether we are facing exams, bullies, or lions!

Personal challenge

As soon as you feel afraid this week, pray just like Daniel did. Praying can be as simple as having a conversation with God. Talk to God, tell him your worries, and ask him to be near you. If you're feeling really brave, ask your family and friends if they are feeling frightened and would like you to pray for them too.

Group challenge

How can we remind others of God's love and protection?

Remember, God's love and protection is for everyone and we need to share this message. As a group, research a way of helping people in your local community or from around the world. This might include fundraising for people affected by war or poverty. Or you could send a card to a corps member going through a hard time as a reminder that you and God are there to support them.