

Lock-Down Sunday School – A 4-week series about Trusting God

Do whatever you want to make this work for you – feel free to use your own ideas/resources, change around the order, or skip things entirely.

Option 1 – Sunday School – use this as a normal Sunday School lesson, on Sunday morning (or whenever) – doing one thing from each category will take about 30minutes to an hour and half (or longer) depending on which things you choose to do.

Option 2 – Everyday Devotional – do a little everyday – break down the story into smaller chunks to focus on each day. Pick an activity or two to do each day. I recommend spending a few days learning the Bible verse & songs, if you're using those options.

Week 2 – Daniel in the Lion's Den (Stuck in a pit)

Worship Time

Continue to learn these songs from last week, or sing your favourite worship tunes:

I'm Trusting You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VDpHibftHs>

I Will Trust in You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIJU3te81Dg>

Lesson Time

Under-5s

- Read the story of Daniel from a children's Bible.
- Throughout the story ask questions like (use the ones that fit your child's understanding):
 - o Was the king's new law good?
 - o How do you think Daniel felt when he heard about the new law?
 - o Who did Daniel obey?
 - o How do you think Daniel felt when he was thrown in with the lions?
 - o What do you think Daniel did while he was with the lions?
 - o How did God protect Daniel?
- After the story tell your child, "Daniel trusted God – he believed God would look after him no matter what"

Over-5s

- You might like to start by playing the 'Either-Or' game outlined below – finish the game by introducing the story – 'our story is about a man who had to make a really hard choice...'
- Read or watch the story of Daniel – pick an option:

- In the Bible – Daniel 6:1-28 – have your child find the story, and take turns reading a few verses at a time – make sure to explain any words they don't know
- In a kids storybook Bible
- Videos – The long version (26 minutes) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UNBtaVsWm4>
The short version - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV3eQ2PBqHE&t=3s>
Alternatively if you're subscribed to Minno (talk to me for a code for a free month) there are several versions on there.
- Questions (use the ones that fit your child's understanding):
 - How do you think Daniel felt when he heard about the new law?
 - Do you think it was hard for Daniel to choose to obey God – why/why not?
 - Was God trustworthy?
 - When have you had to make a hard choice between right and wrong? (good for everyone to answer)
 - What was your favourite part of the story?
 - What surprised you about this story?
 - Do you have any questions?
- Other Story Ideas (if you're telling it multiple times during the week)
 - Any of the ideas from last week will work, or...
 - Build a puppet theatre (as basic as a table on its side, or as elaborate as your building skills allow), make sock puppets, glove puppets, wooden spoon puppets, popsicle stick puppets or any kind of puppet you can think of & act out the story together. Record it and put it up for others to see!
 - Tell the story from the perspective of the lions, the other officials, or the king

Activities – do as many or as few as you want

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

Ways to Learn it:

- With one of these cool songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUR1ufexry0> or
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_zUJC4aAJc

- Write the words of the memory verse on pieces of paper & hide them (through the house, outside, wherever you want). Either have everyone work as a team or write a copy for each person and race against each other. Find all the pieces and then put the verse together. Practice saying it –removing pieces until you can say it without looking.
- You might want to only do half the verse if you think your child will struggle with learning the whole thing at once.
- If your family is already confident with Prov 3:5-6, find a new one together – google ‘Bible verses about Trust’ if you need some ideas

Crafts:

(all templates & instructions are on our pinterest page, along with more ideas. Visit: <https://www.pinterest.nz/craftsitter/kids-ministry-at-home/>)

- Origami Lion (also known as fortune tellers or cootie catchers) (template & instructions here: <https://ministryark.com/craft/lion-origami-bible-craft/>)
- Lion bookmark (image on the pinterest board) - Cut a strip of brown or yellow card, the size you want your bookmark to be. Draw a lion face at one end. In a circle around the face glue, staple, or tape small strips of yellow, red, or orange paper or card – this will be the mane. Write the memory verse (or just ‘Trust God’) on the bottom half of the bookmark
- Lion mask – this can be done with either a paper plate or a circle of card. Cut the middle out of the plate/card circle, so you are left with the ring. Glue/staple/tape strips of orange, yellow, and/or red card or paper around the ring (if you do not have coloured card or paper, use white & colour it with markers, pencils, paint, or food colouring before cutting into strips. Tie it around your child’s head with string, or attach it to a stick so they can hold it in front of their face.

Games/Playtime:

- Either-Or Game – this game is all about decisions. Have the kids stand in the middle of the area you will play in. Each round consists of 2 choices – if they want to choose the first option they are to go to the right side of the space, for option 2 they go to the left. There is no middle ground. Offer any choices you can think of, from simple preferences (Ice Cream or Pizza; Apples or Oranges; Netball or Rugby?), funny dilemmas (Would you rather have feet for hands or hands for feet; would you rather shoot worms out of your nose every time you sneeze or have snakes for fingers?) to more serious choices (would you rather be able to feed all the hungry, or end all the wars). Go for as long as you want, let the kids have a turn asking the questions, and

make it harder by having them have to justify their choice and try to bring others onto their side.

- Play Paper Scissors Rock – Daniel, Lion, Officials. For ‘Daniel’ hold hands together in prayer, for ‘Lion’ put hands up as claws & growl, for ‘Official’ shake pointed finger. Daniel beats Lion, Lion beats Official, Official beats Daniel.
- Build a fort to be a lions’ den – act out the story or just play in it

More things to do Online:

- Up-close lion encounter video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x4nZJMHvO0>
- What does trust mean video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUrnkA0DF2g>