LESSON 18

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN



Aim: **To show the children that, like Daniel, we do not need to fear anything people can do to us. Nothing can ever take away the everlasting life Jesus Christ has given us.**

Scripture Reading: **Daniel 6:16-18**

It would be best to read the whole chapter through.

Memory Verse: **Exodus 20:12**
(the Ten Commandments)

"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Review last week's memory verse and complete verse 12 this week.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Have any of you ever seen a lion or do you know someone who has? They are very powerful and dangerous animals. You would need a good weapon if you were to meet one!

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Daniel was going to meet not one but several lions, and completely unarmed at that! King Darius was unhappy about the whole thing, but could not find a way out of his new and foolish law (Dan 6:14-15). **Show Picture 17 and briefly review last week's story by asking questions.**
2. Daniel was arrested and thrown into the lions' den. **Tell the children about the king's farewell wish, the precautions to keep Daniel inside the den and the king's bad night (6:16-18).**
3. At first light the next morning, King Darius hurried to the pit where the lions were kept. Had Daniel's God been able to save him? **Describe how Daniel answered when the king called out to him. Show Picture 18. Daniel was quite safe (6:19-22)!**
4. The king was overjoyed. Daniel was released and the evil men who had plotted against him were thrown to the lions instead (6:23-24).
5. God used this event to show his power and as a result King Darius was convinced that Daniel served the living God. Knowledge of God spread throughout that huge kingdom. **Read 6:26-27 to the children.**

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Our Response to the Story

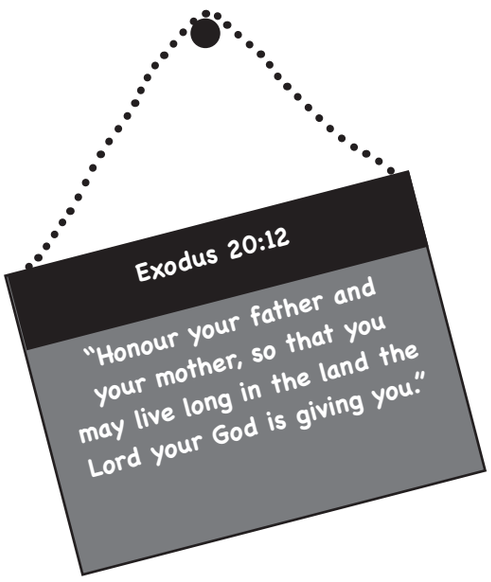
Thousands of people in Africa live in fear of war, hunger, sickness, evil spirits and most of all, death. Many have lost their homes and all their possessions, some of them more than once.

Daniel trusted God to take care of him and God saved him from the lions. Other faithful servants of God have however been allowed to die. **Read to the children the list in Hebrews 11:35-40.**

Terrible persecutions like these are still happening today. But even if evil people take Christians' lives, they cannot kill their hope. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, came to give us everlasting life.

Instil the Memory Verse

Review all the verses of Exodus 20 learnt so far.



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