

Activities:



Display a shoe, an umbrella, a hat, a bottle of sunscreen, a tablecloth and a boot. Ask children to try and figure out what they all have in common (all of these items protect something). Discuss how God always protects His children.

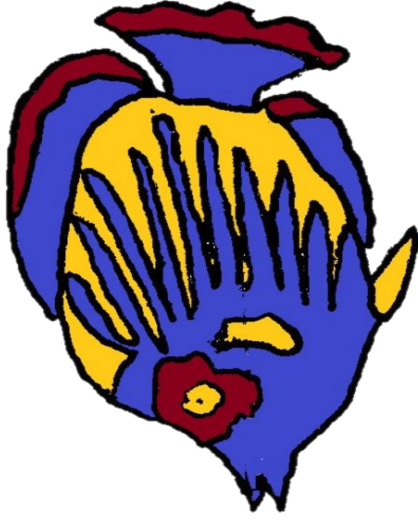
Show children the fish. Just as Nebuchadnezzar's dream had warned, the Babylonian Empire (the gold head) was taken over by the Medo-Persian Empire (the silver chest and arms). The Medo-Persian Empire, ruled by Cyrus the Great, conquered Babylon. The Medo-Persian Empire was an even bigger empire and the Babylonian Empire was now just one of its kingdoms. Darius was the new king of Babylon.

Show children a jar. This represents the world. Fill the jar halfway with water. This represents people who don't know God. Pour oil into the jar. This represents followers of God. Pour food coloring into the jar. This represents things like of this world like pride, jealousy and greed. The oil repels the coloring. The droplets pass straight through and colors the water. But followers of God are not perfect. Sometimes we sin and we become like the "world". Stir all together so the food coloring mixes with oil. We need to repent and let God work in our hearts. Let everything settle so the food coloring returns to the water. Turn off the lights. Shine a flashlight behind the jar. The light won't shine through the bottom part but lights up the oil. The Holy Spirit lights up our hearts and helps us to make the right decisions.

Use labels if desired.



Medes & Persians



Babylon



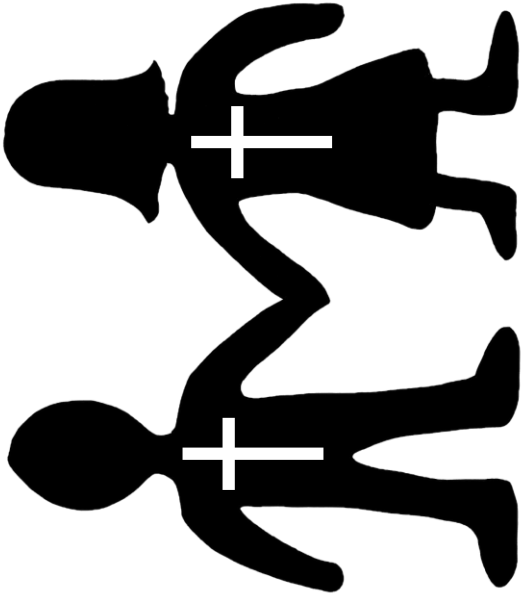
Judah &
Israel



The World



People Who Don't Know God



Followers of God



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UPPER

ELEMENTARY

DANIEL IN THE LIONS DEN



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DANIEL

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DEN

PRAYING

JEALOUS

OFFICIALS

LAW

PROTECTION

BABYLON

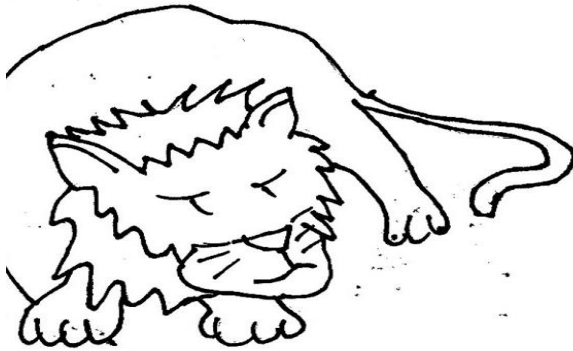
MEDES

PERSIANS

Lower Elementary

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Name: _____



What can we say about all this? If God is on our side, can anyone be against us?

~ Romans 8:31

Materials: brown, yellow & orange construction paper, paper plates

- ❖ **Children cut out center of paper plate**
- ❖ **Children glue strips of brown, yellow & orange paper to edge of paper plate**
- ❖ **Children curl papers**
- ❖ **Children wear to be lions**



Preschool

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves small, then surround themselves with darkness. Talk about how God can protect us anywhere.

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make a lion den. Put a toy person inside. Make roaring noises, then say, "God protects me!"

Games:

Assign one child to be the angel and the rest of the children to be lions. Tell the lions to open their mouths and roar. The angel goes around and tags the lions. When a lion has been tagged, they stop roaring and lie down on the floor.

Play Daniel, Daniel, Lion (Duck, Duck, Goose).

Have a roaring contest.

Daniel in the Lions' Den



Name: _____

God can protect me anywhere.