

# Kidmax at Home

**Big Idea:** God wants us to know him.

**Bible Story:** Daniel and the Lions (Tiny Truths pg. 100-109)

**Supplies needed:** maze activity page, markers, Daniel activity page, yarn, glue, crayons

**Music:** "Pray Everyday" (Meeting House Kids)

## Start: Maze

Supplies: maze activity page (1 per person), markers

- Give everyone a maze to complete. The goal is to find Daniel's path out of the lions' den.
- As you work, explain that today's Bible story is about Daniel in a lions' den.
- Our Big Idea is **God wants us to know him**. When we know God, we remember that he is always with us, just like he was with Daniel!

**Video:** watch this week's video at [www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax](http://www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax)

## Pray & Discuss:

- What was your favorite part of the video/story?
- **Pray:** "Dear God, thank you that you know us and love us! Help us to know you better. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

## Craft: Daniel & the Lions

Supplies: Daniel activity page (1 per person), yarn, glue, markers or crayons

- Color and decorate your activity page. Glue some yarn onto the lions to give them "real" fur!
- As you work, remember that **God wants us to know him**. Daniel spent time praying and getting to know God. Then God protected Daniel from the lions!

# Additional Activities

## Where are the Lions?

Supplies: Lion pictures, scissors

- **Prep:** cut out the lion pictures and hide around your space. Maybe have a certain number that each family should try and find.
- Invite families to look for the hidden pictures of lions. Show them how to make binoculars with their fingers as they search.
- Designate a spot for families to place the lions they find.
- When all pictures are found, explain that this week's story from the Bible is about a man named Daniel. He prayed three times a day so he could know God better. Then God helped Daniel when he was in a lions' den! **God wants us to know him**, too!
- If you want to keep playing, choose one family to hide the lions again, and then make it contest between the remaining families to see who can find the most lions. Families have to stay together – no splitting up to cover more ground!

## The Leader Says

- Play a game like Simon Says. When you say "The leader says..." and an action, everyone should do it. If you do not say "The leader says..." first, they should not do the action.
- Feel free to make up your own, but here are some ideas relevant to this week's story:
  - The leader says to pray like Daniel (get down on knees to pray, then get up again three times)
  - Sign an order like a king
  - The leader says to fall into a lion's den like Daniel
  - The leader says to roar like a lion
  - Act like you can't sleep at night
  - The leader says to act like an angel and shut the lions' mouths (make a closing motion with hands)
  - The leader says to jump for joy like the king
  - The leader says to shout, "**God wants us to know him!**"

## Small Group

Supplies: strips of paper (for each family), pens, clear tape, small group page (1 per family)

- Talk about how **God wants us to know him**. Prayer is one way to get to know God.
- Have each family come up with simple sentence prayers that thank God for something. Write the prayers onto the strips of paper.
- Have each family tape their paper strips into loops to create a chain.
- Read aloud the text on the activity page.
- Have each family tape their chain around their lion's face to make a mane. They can bring this home to remind them of ways to thank God in prayer this week.