

Daniel and the Lions

Jenny: Hi, Joe, would you like to tell the kids the story of Daniel in the lion's den?

Joe: Sure, I love that story, especially the part about the slingshot.

Jn: What slingshot?

Jo: The one Daniel used to kill Goliath.

Jn: Joe, that was David.

Jo: Daniel killed David with a slingshot?

Jn: No no no, David killed Goliath with a slingshot.

Jo: Oh yeah, that's right. Daniel was the one who got the walls of Jericho to fall down.

Jn: No, Joe, that was Joshua. Remember, (singing) Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho

Jo: (interrupting) What's that awful noise?

Jn: I'm singing, silly. Are you sure you remember the story of Daniel?

Jo: Well, how does it start?

Jn: There was an evil king who wanted everyone to worship and pray to him instead of to God. So the evil king said that if you prayed to anyone but him you'd be punished.

Jo: That's awful! People should never pray to anyone but God!

Jn: That's right. So Daniel refused to stop praying to the real God and

Jo: They threw him right into a cage of hungry lions!

Jn: Now do you remember the story?

Jo: Sure. They left him in the lions' cage for the whole night, & they thought for sure those lions would have Daniel-burgers for supper. But God sent an angel with a jar of peanut butter

Jn: What??!!

Jo: The angel fed those lions peanut butter so their mouths got all stuck together and they couldn't eat Daniel.

Jn: Oh, well, I guess they could have used peanut butter.

Jo: And in the morning the king came to look and saw that Daniel was still in one piece. No Daniel-burgers.

Jn: Right, and the king decided that Daniel's God was the real God. And do you know what the moral of the story is?

Jo: If we obey God, He'll take care of us and keep us safe.

Jn: Right.

Jo: Did I do a good job of telling the story?

Jn: Yes you did.

Jo: Talking about Daniel and the peanut butter made me hungry. I'm gonna go have a peanut butter sandwich. You want one?

Jn: Sure. Let's go.