

Daniel and the Roaring Rescue

Based on Daniel chapter 6

Characters:

Narrator: Energetic, friendly, guides the story and interacts with the audience and Leo.

Leo the Lion (Puppet): Goofy, talkative lion with a big personality, slightly dramatic but loveable.

Audience: Children aged 4-10 years

Length: 8-10 minutes

Setting: Narrator sitting beside Leo. Leo behind a prop to represent the Lions den.

Narrator:

Hello, everyone! Are you ready for a super exciting story from the Bible? This is a true story about a brave man named Daniel, some cranky kings, and... *(dramatic pause)* a den full of lions!

Speaking of lions, let me introduce my friend, Leo!

(Leo the Lion puppet pops up, shaking his mane dramatically.)

Leo:

ROOOOAR! I'm Leo, the fiercest lion in all of Babylon! Looks at audience. Okay, maybe not that fierce. I'm more of a cuddly lion.

Who here likes to roar? On the count of 3 can you give me your best lion roars! 1...2 ... 3

(Narrator encourages kids to roar along with Leo. Wait for a moment of audience participation.)

Narrator:

Wow, you kids are louder than a whole den of lions! Leo, why don't you tell us about this guy named Daniel?

Leo:

Oh, Daniel? He was the coolest! He worked for King Darius in a big, fancy palace. Daniel was super smart and super kind, he always did the right thing; and he loved talking to God every single day. *(Whispers to audience.)* But some grumpy guys didn't like that. Uh-oh!

Narrator:

That's right! King Darius really liked Daniel because he was such a great guy, King Darius even wanted to make him the boss of all his servants and this made some of the king's helpers very jealous. They wanted to get Daniel in trouble. So, what did they do, Leo?

Leo:

(Dramatically) They tricked the king! They said, “King Darius, make a new rule! No one can pray to anyone except YOU for 30 days!” The king thought it was a great idea and signed the rule. *(Shakes head)*. Big mistake, King D!

Narrator:

Uh-oh! What do you think Daniel did, kids? Did he stop praying? *(Pause for kids to shout “No!”)*

Nope! Daniel kept praying to God, 3 times a day, he’d sit at his window to pray, just like always, because he trusted God to take care of him. But then...

Leo:

(Interrupting, eyes wide) The grumpy guys caught him! They ran to the king and said, “Daniel’s breaking your rule! Throw him in the lions’ den!” *(Looks at audience.)* And guess who was in that den? ME! Well, actually it was my great-great-great-grand-lions. ROOOOAR! Giggles nervously. Okay, maybe I’m not that scary.

Narrator:

(Laughs) You’re a softie, Leo! So, King Darius didn’t want to hurt Daniel—he really liked him—but he had to follow his own rule. So, they took Daniel and... whispers threw him into the lions’ den!

(Leo ducks down behind the prop, then pops up with a dramatic roar.)

Leo:

ROAR! It was dark and scary in there! The lions were all like, “Who’s this guy?” But Daniel? He wasn’t scared. Not one bit! Wanna know why?

Narrator:

Tell us, Leo!

Leo:

Because Daniel trusted God! He prayed, “God, I know you’re with me, even in this scary den!” And guess what? God sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths! *(Mimes shutting his own mouth, making a funny “mmph!” sound.)* Mmmph mmmmh No chomping allowed!

Narrator:

That’s right, kids! God protected Daniel all night long. The lions didn’t touch him! Let’s all say, “Thank you, God!” Leads audience in saying it.

Leo:

(Popping up, excited) The next morning, King Darius ran to the den. He was so worried! He shouted, “Daniel, is your God strong enough to save you?” And Daniel shouted back...

Narrator and Leo together:

“I’m okay! God saved me!”

Narrator:

King Darius was so happy! He pulled Daniel out of the den, and not a single scratch was on him! The king said, “Wow, Daniel’s God is the real deal!” And he told everyone in the kingdom to trust God, just like Daniel did.

Leo:

(Nods proudly) Yup! And those grumpy guys? Let's just say they didn't get a happy ending. But me? I'm a good lion now. I only roar for fun! Wanna roar with me one more time? *(Leads audience in a big group roar).*

Narrator:

What an amazing story! Kids, what did we learn from Daniel? *(Pause for responses, then summarise.)*

That's right—Daniel trusted God, and God kept him safe, even in a scary place. When you're afraid, you can pray and trust God, too!

Leo:

And maybe give a lion a hug instead of running away! Giggles. Right, kids?

See you next time

(Narrator & Leo exit stage)

Performance Notes:

Tone and Energy: Keep the Narrator's delivery lively and animated, with exaggerated expressions to match Leo's goofy personality. Leo's voice should be distinct (perhaps slightly growly but friendly).

Audience Interaction: Encourage kids to roar, answer simple questions (e.g., "What do you think Daniel did?"), and repeat phrases to keep them engaged.

Props and Visuals: Use a colourful lion puppet with a movable mouth for Leo. Simple props like a rock or curtain can represent the den. Optionally, add a crown or cape for the Narrator to act as King Darius briefly.

Biblical Accuracy: The script simplifies Daniel 6 for kids, focusing on faith, God's protection, and the lions' den miracle, avoiding graphic details for age-appropriateness.

Humour and Fun: Leo's exaggerated roars and silly comments (e.g., "my great-great-great-grand-lions") add humour to balance the theme of trust in God.

