

Collective Worship



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Daniel and the Scary Sleepover

This Collective Worship session encourages the children to think about how Daniel was thrown into the lions' den but was safe. God rescues. It challenges the children to think about how they can choose to do the right thing even though it might be difficult.

What you will need

- **The Jesus Storybook Bible (by Sally Lloyd-Jones)**
- **The Cheeky Pandas video "Daniel and the Scary Sleepover"**
- **The picture of a lion and a way to show it**

How it works

The following are suggestions of what you might include in this collective worship time. Please adapt to ensure it is appropriate for your context. It incorporates a Cheeky Pandas video for you to use. There is the option of a reflection or prayer activity depending on your setting.



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Welcome

Greet the group in the way you usually would in your setting, e.g. Good morning everyone!
Let's find out what we are thinking about today.

Say: Today's theme is about choosing to do the right thing as we follow God. Together, we're going to hear about how, in the Bible, Daniel chose to do what was right even though it was difficult and how God was with him. This will help us to think about how we can choose to do the right thing, too. First, let's play a game!

Invite three children up to the front and set them some 'impossible challenges' to do. For example:

- Lick their own elbow
- Touch their nose with their tongue
- Fold a piece of paper in half more than 7 times.

Say: Well done, everyone. You tried really hard and those things felt impossible to do! Today in our story the Cheeky Pandas hear about a man in the Bible who had to face an impossible choice and something impossible happened!

I wonder:

- **Would you rather have dinner with a bear or a lion?**

Think about it and then share your answers with the person next to you.

The Cheeky Pandas Present...

Show the Cheeky Pandas video clip: **Daniel and the Scary Sleepover**. This video is available at www.cheekypandas.com. Remember to pause this video before the Bible story starts.

Let's Chat

- Which is your favourite moment of the episode?
- How difficult is it to make choices?
- What Bible story does this remind you of?

Think about it and then share your answers with the person next to you.

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Say: Let's watch the Bible story now. This Jesus Storybook Bible video tells us the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den from Daniel 6.

Continue the Cheeky Pandas video clip: [Daniel and the Scary Sleepover](#). This video is available at www.cheekypandas.com. Remember to continue this video from where the Bible story starts.

Let's Reflect

[Show the picture of a lion]

Say: Let's reflect on what we've watched and chatted about. Daniel knew what he believed and knew the choice he had to make. It was really important to him to continue to pray even though it was against the law and the consequences were terrifying. He trusted that what he believed was right.

Have a think for a moment about when you have to make a choice to do the right thing, maybe in the classroom or on the playground or at lunch break. Perhaps it's harder to choose to do the right thing at home or with your brothers and sisters? This week, how can you trust God like Daniel and stick to what you believe to be true? Who can help you to do this?

When you get back to your classrooms, you could write down any ideas you have.

Let's Pray

In the story we heard how Daniel "knew it was wrong to pray to anyone except God and he had to do what God said - whatever it cost him". Christians believe that following what God says is really important. We use the Bible to help us to know what God wants us to do and how to choose to follow Him every day. Christians also believe that God loves us and can rescue us from really sticky situations and that we can trust Him always.

So let's pray:

Dear God,

Thanks that we can trust you and that we can choose to follow you every day. Help us when that is difficult and remind us of your love. Please rescue us from really sticky situations. We trust you. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Thank you for taking part in our time of collective worship. May you know God's protection in your life today.



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