

Straight As An Arrow

A Boy Named Daniel

Daniel wasn't just any boy. He was among the royalty of Judah.

But when Judah was captured by a conceited King named Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, the king decided to take Daniel and three of his friends to serve in his own palace in Babylon. The king wanted only the best-looking, smartest fellows.

And the boys fit that description perfectly.

The only problem was that Daniel and his friends weren't like the others in Nebuchadnezzar's palace. **The boys loved and respected God and wanted to please Him always.** They didn't gorge themselves with rich fattening food like the others in the palace. Instead, they ate simple food. **They also prayed to God – not to idols.** And Daniel and his friends didn't depend on magic or astrology like the others did in the king's palace. They knew that God alone has real power.



No can do!

When King Nebuchadnezzar had bad dreams, none of the magicians, astrologers, nor fortunetellers could tell him what the dreams meant. **But Daniel could.** God revealed the dreams to Daniel and told him exactly what they

foretold. Yes, God actually showed Daniel the future, and everything he predicted came true.



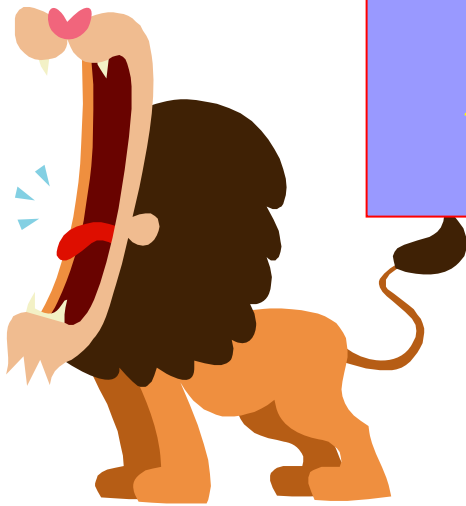
Daniel was so talented and capable that the king thought he should be put in charge of the whole kingdom. **He knew Daniel was trustworthy and wouldn't cheat, steal, or lie.**

But others in the palace were very jealous. They hatched a plot against Daniel. They knew Daniel prayed to the true God every day instead of worshipping false idols like they did. **So they convinced the king that Daniel was a traitor.** The punishment? Daniel would be tossed into the lions' den. As you can imagine, no one ever came out alive from that.



So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. They then sealed the opening shut. The lions were very hungry. Daniel would not last long.

Or so everyone thought. The next day, Daniel emerged – untouched!

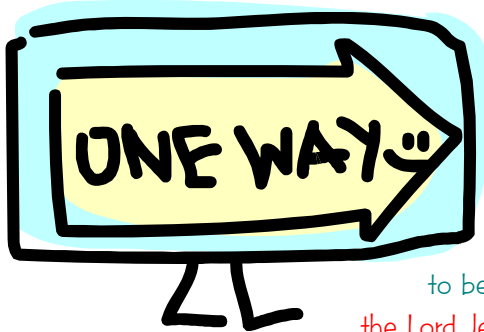


When the king asked how come, Daniel said:
"My God sent His angel, and he shut the
mouths of the lions.
They have not hurt me, because I was found
innocent in His sight."



*Who saved Daniel?
God did.
God honoured Daniel's
faithfulness and performed
a wonderful miracle.
Daniel remained faithful to
God throughout his life.*

Could you be like Daniel? Maybe you're among other people who disobey God and they want you to do the same. They want you to follow crooked ways. But YOU can be the straight arrow!



A straight arrow gets to the target. Daniel was a straight arrow. He aimed his life toward pleasing God, and God blessed him. Daniel never got sidetracked.

You never have to be sidetracked either. Do you want to be a straight arrow like Daniel? Set your mind and heart on the Lord Jesus, who is able to save us from evil far worse than the lions' den. Look to Him, and get your instructions from Him alone. Jesus is able to keep you straight and pointed in the right direction.

*Read the true stories of Daniel and his friends
in the Bible – in the Book of Daniel.*