

## Daniel 6

### The Mouth of the Lion

*A new little king ...*

#### I. Serving God

- A. Daniel and the Persian Kingdom
- B. Allegiance on Trial
- C. Drama at the Lion's Den

#### II. Saving Souls

- A. Jesus the Lord of Glory
- B. Righteousness on Trial
- C. Daybreak at the Sealed Tomb

#### III. Enduring in Faith

- A. Saints in a Fickle World
- B. Uncompromising Devotion
- C. Receiving the Kingdom

*... the same Almighty God.*

#### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What kind of relationship did Daniel have with the new king Darius?
2. Why did some of Darius' leaders want Daniel dead?
3. What did Daniel get in trouble for and where did he end up because of it?
4. Did Daniel's enemies' plan work? What happened?
5. Daniel had courage even in the face of death? How can we have courage to face trials, temptations and even death?

## Faith Before the Lion Pit

Daniel stood out among men for his integrity and devotion. While the Persian King and undoubtedly many others in the Kingdom respected him for this there were scoundrels in the ranks that were driven by envy. In order to knock him down a peg they had to conspire together and come up with a plan to accuse him to Darius who was a fan of the godly prophet. They contrived their infamous deadly plan and even managed to put the king in a terrible bind. But their scheme would not work because Daniel trusted and loved God and because of that he was uncompromising in his devotion to his Lord and he was not willing to give any of it up even in the face of a horrific death – but he was willing to die. Daniel's faith brought him to the mouth of the lion's den knowing that whatever happened when he was thrown into it was in God's hand and he therefore did not need to be afraid at all. Our faith may never land us in a pit of lions, but we are bound to face many great challenges in life. If we exercise whole hearted devotion to our Great God and walk with Jesus we will have courage to face whatever it is. On the other hand, if we are not walking with the Lord up to the mouth of the lion's den, how can we expect to have the guts to actually get thrown in! May God grant us the grace of a steady faith, true trust, and great courage and willingness to suffer for righteousness sake should we be called to such an honor.