



FCA Elementary Excellence

Praise Him for His
mighty deeds; praise
Him according to His
excellent greatness.
Psalm 150:2

Bible Story--Daniel 6

There are many in the Bible who lived life in excellence. Our Bible story today will show how Daniel was excellent. Daniel was obedient to God. He was faithful, showed wisdom (given by God), and he pleased God.

Daniel was in charge of officials. King Darius planned to place him in charge of the kingdom. The other officials were not happy about this. They were jealous and wanted to find ways to get Daniel into trouble. Daniel was trustworthy and honest. The men knew it would be hard to find something that Daniel did wrong.

The officials went to King Darius and told him he should make a law that says for 30 days, no one should pray to any God other than the king. If someone broke this law, they should be thrown in a lions den. King Darius liked this law, wrote it down, and signed it.

The officials told the king, "Daniel ignored your law and he prayed to his God." The king became upset. He liked Daniel. He tried to think of how he could save Daniel, but the law could not be changed.

King Darius had Daniel thrown in the lion's den. He told Daniel, "May your God rescue you." A large rock was rolled in front of the entrance to the lion's den. King Darius could not sleep that night and spent the night fasting.

The next morning, King Darius went to the lion's den. He cried out, "Daniel, has your God been able to save you from the lion?" Daniel said, "My God sent His angel and shut the lions mouth. They did not hurt me."

The king was overjoyed. Daniel was safe. King Darius made a new law. All people must tremble in fear before the God of Daniel. (Source--The Big Picture Bible Storybook)

Definitions

Webster's definition of excellence:
the quality of being excellent.

Biblical definition of excellence:
the quality of excelling, of being
the very best at something
(gotquestions.org)

Discussion Questions

1. Why did the officials dislike Daniel?
2. Who tried to get Daniel in trouble with the king and how did they do it?
3. What did the king do to punish Daniel?
4. Who saved Daniel from the lions?



THE FOUR

The Four is the Gospel
explained in four simple
truths

- God loves you
- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?

Bible Story Video

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