

## Lesson Four: Obey God No Matter What (Adult)

### Lesson Theme

God loves me and always knows what I am going through. He wants me to obey Him no matter what the consequences might be. I will stand for God above and before everything else!

### Theme Verse

“Even though Daniel was aware the king had signed the ordinance into law, he continued to do what he always did... and get down on his knees three times a day and pray to his God and praise Him.” (6:10 VOICE)

### Inductive Bible Discussion Guide

#### Brief Explanation

- This discussion guide is designed for just that... discussion. When I lead discussion group Bible studies, I do not have answers anywhere in the material, nor do I use a leader's guide with all the answers written in.
- This is INTENTIONAL! I believe that the discipleship process should be an encounter with God, not just listening to someone else tell you what words to write down to fill in the blanks.
- Our goal is to help you facilitate discovery learning for your students. As the questions are asked, every participant (including the leader) is required to search God's Word to discover the appropriate morsel of truth. When facilitators are 'armed' with all the answers, they are less likely to allow the time needed for individuals to process the question and formulate an answer.
- Don't be afraid of silence! That discovery process is the key to the success or failure of this process. It is in those moments of silence that we stop teaching and the Holy Spirit takes over!
- We cannot forget what Jesus said in John 16:13: *“when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.”*

- For a deeper look at the issues presented herein, please look at the "Daniel – Teacher's Guide" or listen/watch the corresponding sermons at [www.templerogers.org/obe/daniel\\_resources/](http://www.templerogers.org/obe/daniel_resources/))
- For a deeper discussion of how to lead an inductive style, Bible discussion group, please download the "Leading Small Group Bible Studies" resource by clicking [HERE](#).

### Ice Breaker Questions

In your experience, how do people typically react when they think that someone else is receiving promotions or quick advancement in a company undeservedly?

What things might someone do to 'sabotage' a colleague's career?

### Discussion Guide

Read Daniel 6:1-3. What happened to Daniel when the Medo-Persian Empire took over the Babylonian Empire?

How does the Bible describe Daniel in verse 3? How would we describe this kind of person today?

### *God Knows What You Are Going Through*

Read Daniel 6:4-9. How did the other officials feel about Daniel's rise to power? What did they decide to do as a result?

When the other officials searched for 'skeletons in Daniel's closet,' what did they find?

What aspect of Daniel's life did they decide to attack? Have you ever been attacked because of your beliefs?

Do you think this was fair to attack Daniel for believing in God and living a good life? Have you ever experienced times of difficulty that seemed unfair?

## *God Wants Me to Obey Him No Matter What*

What was it that King Darius signed into law in verses 7-9? What was his motivation to sign this document into law? What were the consequences of breaking this law?

Read Daniel 6:10. How did Daniel react when he found out about this new law? Was he aware of the consequences for disobeying the king's command?

What are some consequences of being faithful to God in today's culture? In your life, how do you measure whether doing the right thing is worth the cost?

## *God Doesn't Need Me to Defend Myself*

Read Daniel 6:11-15. What happened to Daniel as a result of his obedience to God? What did Daniel say and do to try to convince the king to not punish him?

Why didn't Daniel try to defend himself and his actions? What can we learn from Daniel in the way he acted in this situation? What example did Jesus leave for us in this? (Isaiah 53:7)

Read Daniel 6:19-23. How did God defend Daniel when he was cast into the lions' den? What did Daniel say about why did God chose to protect him (22)?

What can we learn from Daniel's act of obedience toward God?

***God wants us to obey Him in spite of the outcome!***

## Activities & Games

### Activity Sheets/Coloring Pages

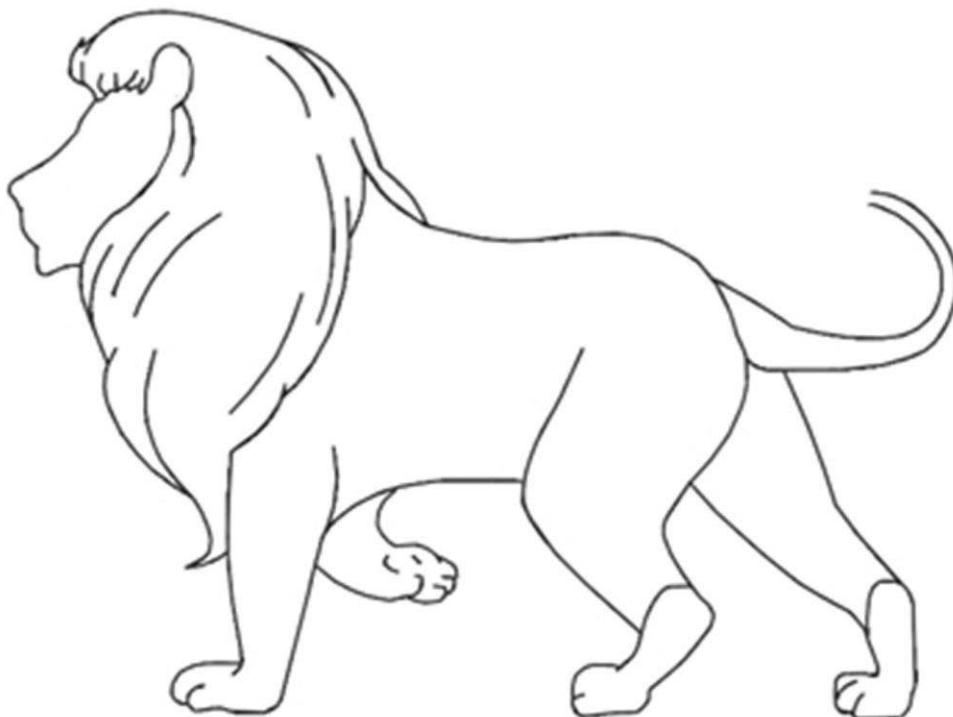
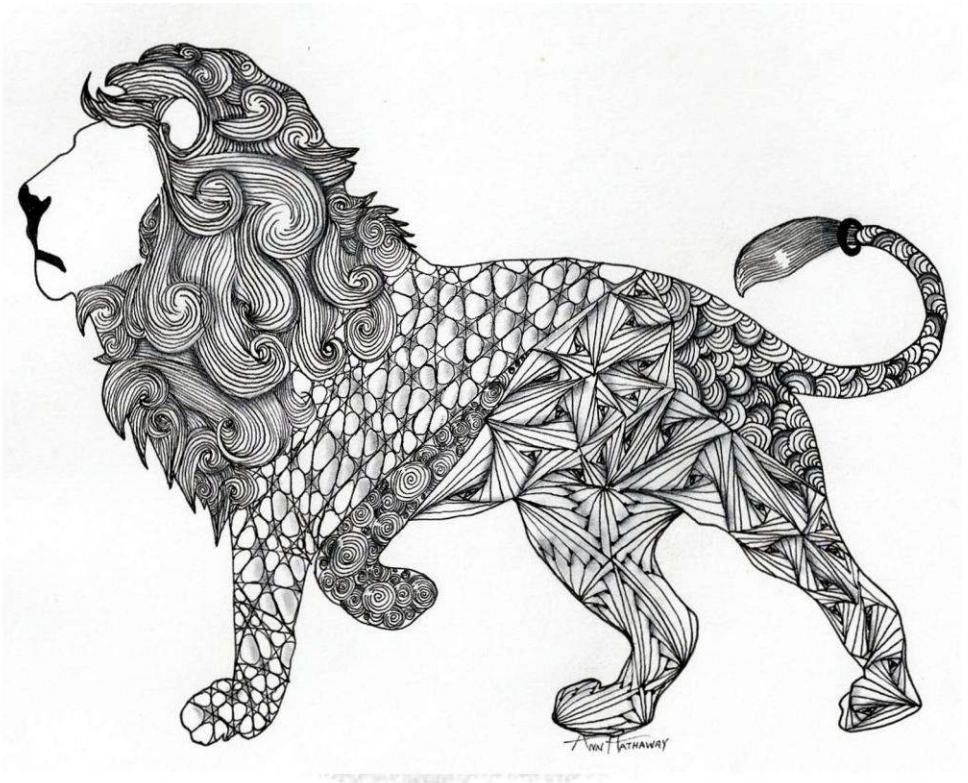
- 4.1 – “Zentangle Lion”
- 4.2 – Daniel 6:10

Activity Sheet 4.1 - Zentangle Lion

A zentangle is a unique artistic design. With zentangle, no eraser is needed.

Just as in life, we can not erase events and mistakes, instead we must build upon them and make progress from any event.

As you participate in the lesson this morning, try filling in the blank lion below with your



own tangles. You can use basic shapes and patterns to create something as unique as you!

Remember, there is no right or wrong way to do tangles. We encourage you to include any ideas or concepts that are brought up during your discussion time. But most of all, enjoy!

# Daniel in the Den of Lions



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