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Daniel was a man who had loved and obeyed God his whole life. One way he showed his love for God was by praying to God three times every day. Daniel was also the most important helper of the king of Babylon. Some of the other helpers were jealous of Daniel. They tried to find something wrong that Daniel had done, so they could tell the king and get Daniel into trouble. But Daniel was always wise and honest.

Finally the jealous helpers planned a way to get Daniel in trouble with the king. They tricked the king into signing a law that said no one could pray to anyone except the king for 30 days. The next day, Daniel prayed to God three times a day just like he always did. Some of the helpers were

waiting by Daniel's open window. When they saw him praying to God, they took him to the king.

The king did not want to punish Daniel, but he couldn't change the law. So Daniel was thrown into a den full of lions! All during the night the king was worried about Daniel. In the morning the king ran to the lions' den to see if Daniel was still alive.

Daniel was alive! He told the king that God had sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. The king ordered Daniel to be taken out of the den. Then the king told everyone how God protected Daniel. The king made a new rule that everyone should love God and pray only to Him!