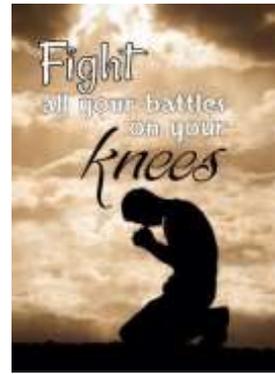




# Daniel 'n man wat bid



Ons eerste week van lockdown is verby, almal wat by die huis is het lekker gerus en baie van die goed gedoen wat jy nooit voor tyd kry nie. Nou staan ons in die oggend op en wonder, hoe gaan ek hierdie dag omkry, en as jy kinders in die huis het kan dit nogal 'n kopseer wees.

By 'n man soos Daniël kan ons baie leer. Hy was 'n man met 'n **Goddelike karakter**. Ander mense het sy karakter en dissipline raakgesien.

Gebruik die tyd en leer 'n nuwe dissipline aan. **Begin om te kniel as jy bid. Gou gaan jou kinders jou navolg, want jy is die Bybel wat meeste kinders nog nie self kan lees nie.**

## 'n Paar Speletjies om die verhaal te onthou!



### "Being Close to God"

Divide the familie or children into two groups that are equal in number. Have them stand in two lines that are 10 feet apart and facing each other. Each person in one line should be given a piece of popcorn. The line of children with the popcorn should throw the popcorn to the child standing across from them, who should try to catch it. Write down the number of successful catches. The line that caught the popcorn should now move one step closer, retrieve any dropped pieces of popcorn, and throw them back to the first line. Continue this, marking the number of successful throws each time, until the children are standing face to face and can place the popcorn in each others' hands. **Explain how this is the way our relationship to God works as well. The closer we are to God, the easier it is to reach him.**

### "Prayer Sardines"

Turn a game of sardines into a group prayer session by writing a prayer on an index card or other piece of paper. Give the prayer to the person who is chosen to be "it," and have the rest of the players hide their eyes while that person hides with the prayer. All the other players must try to find the person hiding. Once one of the players finds the hider, they must join him in the hiding place. Each person that finds the hidden players must also hide with them until all the players are packed into the hiding place like sardines. **Once all the players are in place, they all pray the prayer that is written on the card as a group.**

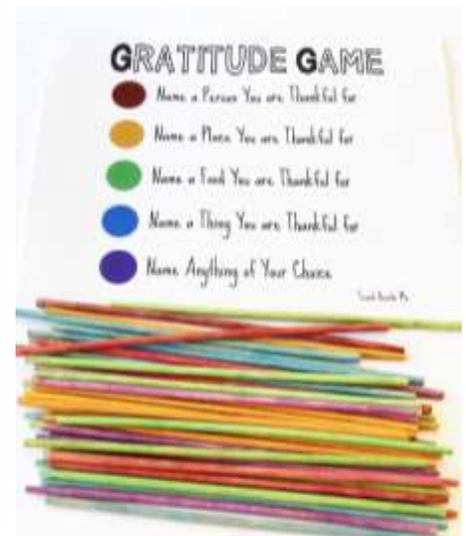
### Shaving Foam Cloud Prayers

This is a really colourful way to pray for people and situations where you'd like to see God's power breaking through. You will need: shaving foam, a tall glass, water, food colouring in two or three colours, small dishes, teaspoons or droppers. Pour a couple of tablespoons of water into each small dish. Colour each dish of water with a different food colouring. Don't water the colouring down too much because the more intense the colouring the better! Fill the glass half way with water and squirt shaving foam to make a 'cloud' in the glass above it (this will probably fill the other half of the glass). Think of a person or situation you'd like to pray for and choose a colour of water you'd like to use to represent that prayer. Ask God to help them and then use a teaspoon or dropper to pour a small amount of coloured water on top of the shaving foam cloud. The colouring will slowly seep down through the spaces between the foam and the glass, and 'rain' down into the water. As this happens, imagine God's power breaking through and changing that situation, just as the colour is breaking through and changing the water.



## Gratitude Game with Pickup Stick

With this game, each time you pick up a stick you have to name something you are grateful for. Each color represents a different type of thing. It's a great way to get the kids really thinking in different ways about all that they can be grateful for! To play, you hold all of the sticks in your hand and drop them. They will fall randomly and that is great. Then each player takes a turn pulling a stick from the pile. You cannot make any other sticks move or you lose your turn and do not get to collect the stick. The player with the most sticks at the end of the game wins.



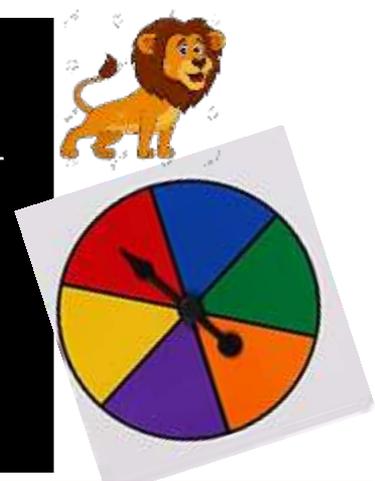
## God Commands

One game that illustrates this lesson is a variation on the game "Simon Says." In this version, one child should be God and should give commands like, "Sit down," "Stand up," or "Jump on the spot." The other children must follow this command only if the sentence begins with, "God commands you to..." If the children do something that God did not command, they are out. **This teaches that, like Daniel, being faithful to God and obeying him offers protection.**



## Lion Spinner

To make sure the children have been paying attention to the story, play a game called "Lion Spinner." Before the lesson, make a simple spinning lion. Use a paper plate as a base and attach a cardboard lion picture to the center with a pin. You should also make up playing cards, some with questions about the story, but others with actions like, "Roar like a lion." The children should then take turns spinning the lion. Whomever it lands on must draw a card. Older children could consult their Bibles to come up with their own questions first, and then mix them in the deck.



## Lion's Lunch Bible Game

In this game: Daniel is placed in the lion's den and must spell the word "Angel" before the lions reach him. Print the letters of the alphabet on different slips of paper. Designate one child to be Daniel. Other children (lions) circle an arm's length around Daniel. Children take ten steps away from Daniel. Daniel draws two letters at random. If any letter is in the word "Angel," the lions don't move. If neither letter is in the word, the lions take one step closer to Daniel. Daniel again draws two letters and plays continue. Play ends when Daniel spells "Angel" or the lion's reach him. Choose another Daniel and play again.

