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The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

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Craft Time

- Paper Bag Den

Play Time

- Where's the Lion

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Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "This Bible Truth is about a guy named Daniel. Everybody stand strong like Daniel. Daniel loved God very much and prayed to Him three times every day. Let's all bow our heads and pray. God, we love You very much.

"There was a King named Darius, and he liked Daniel. Kind Darius's friends talked him into making a rule that people could not pray to God any more, but only to King Darius instead. King Darius said that if anyone broke the rule, he would throw them into a den of hungry lions! Oh, no! A den of hungry lions! Show me your scared face!

"Daniel was not scared, though. He kept praying to God every day because Daniel loved God and wanted to talk to God. Let's pray again. Dear God, we love You very much.

"King Darius found out Daniel was still praying to God, and the king had to follow his new rule. That means he threw Daniel in with the lions! Oh, no! Daniel is in the den with the hungry lions. But Daniel wasn't worried. Daniel knew that **[Bottom Line] God's got it.**

"God sent an angel who closed the mouths of all the lions! Daniel was safe! Everybody cheer! See, **[Bottom Line] God's got it.** He protected Daniel all night long. Daniel trusted in God and God protected him. And we can trust God too. We don't have to worry, because **[Bottom Line] God's got it! Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it.**"

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: "Daniel" and "Story" Activity Pages, brown paper bags, and crayons

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the bible Truth as the children color the Daniel and then put him in and out of the lion's den. Add the story page before they take home the craft.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we heard a Bible Truth about a man named Daniel. He loved God very much and prayed to Him every day. King Darius's friends talked him into making a rule that people could not pray to God any more, but only to King Darius instead. King Darius said that if anyone broke the rule, he would throw them into a den of hungry lions!

"Daniel was not scared, though. He kept praying to God every day because Daniel loved God and wanted to talk to God. Oh, no! King Darius threw Daniel in the den with the hungry lions. But Daniel wasn't worried. Daniel knew that **[Bottom Line] God's got it.**

"God sent an angel who closed the mouths of all the lions! Daniel was safe! See, **[Bottom Line] God's got it.** He protected Daniel all night long. Daniel trusted in God and God protected him.

"Everyone has a Daniel and a paper bag. Let's color our Daniel and our paper bag. Good job. Now we can pretend that the paper bag is the lion's den. Let's put Daniel in the lion's den. Who kept Daniel safe in the lion's den? *(Pause.)* Yes, God did. Got sent an angel to keep him safe. Take Daniel back out! Yay! Daniel is safe. Can you put him back in the lion's den?" *(Continue as long as there is interest.)*

After the Activity: "Daniel trusted God, and we can trust God too. We don't have to worry, because **[Bottom Line] God's got it! Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it.**"

Playtime

Where's the Lion

What You Need: Three cups; plastic lion

What You Do: Sit with toddler friends at a table or on the floor. Hide the lion under one of the cups. Move the cups around and then ask your toddler friends to guess which cup has the lion in it. Play as long as there is interest.

What You Say: "Come and play a game with me. How many cups do I have? One, two, three. I'm going to hide this animal under one of the cups. What is it? Yes, it's a lion. Lions live in dens. Let's pretend this cup is its den and put it under the cup. Now, I'm going to move the cups around. See if you can remember which cup is the lion's den. Okay, which cup is the lion under? Are you ready to check? Good job! You found the lion. Do you remember our Bible Truth? God saved a man in a lion's den. Isn't that cool? God's got it! Always."