

## ***Script - Daniel in the Lions' Den***

[The scene opens with Daniel at his desk.]

**Narrator:** Some of the rulers watched Daniel as he talked to the governors in Babylon.

**President 1:** See how those governors listen to Daniel. You would think that he was the king himself.

**President 2:** I wouldn't be surprised if the king made Daniel the chief governor, even over us!

**President 1:** [emphatically] We've got to get rid of Daniel!

**President 2:** [discouraged] But how? We've watched him for weeks. He never does anything wrong. He works hard and prays to his God.

**President 1:** [delighted] Ah! That gives me an idea! Listen...

[The scene change to the King's throne room – President 1 and President 2 standing before the King.]

**President 1:** King Darius, because you are such a great king, we would like to make a special law in your honor.

**President 2:** No one would be allowed to pray, except to you, for 30-days. Anyone who does otherwise will be thrown into the lions' den.

**King:** [very proud] Why, that is a fine idea. I'll sign the law. [Everyone smiles]

**Narrator:** The rulers knew that no one, not even the king himself, could change the law after it was signed.

[The scene change to Daniel's home]

**Daniel:** [to himself] I wonder why the king made such a strange law. Perhaps someone suggested it to him. I wonder who?

**Narrator:** At home, Daniel knelt to pray to God by the open window, just as he always did, three times a day. And as he prayed, two rulers watched in the shadows and smiled slyly. Then they hurried to the palace to tell the king what they had seen.

[The scene change back to King's throne room.]

**President 1:** Your majesty. We are sorry to tell you that one of your presidents does not honor you.

**President 2:** It is Daniel! He does not obey your new law.

**King:** [wonder] Daniel?

**President 1:** Daniel prays to his God three times each day.

**King:** Daniel is a good man. He is my friend. I never thought about Daniel praying. Oh, why did I sign such a foolish law?! I must save Daniel... but how?

[The scenes change to the lions' den. Other students can make lion growls in the background]

**Narrator:** But the law could not be changed. Sadly, the king watched as Daniel was brought down to the door leading to the lions' den.

**King:** May your God, who your serve faithfully, keep you, Daniel.

**Narrator:** After the guards placed Daniel in the lions' den, they placed the heavy stone over the opening. King Darius sealed it with his own seal because even the king could not change the law.

**King:** [speaking to himself] Poor Daniel. Can his God save him? I wonder what has happened. Is he still alive? Oh, why did I sign such a foolish law! Daniel was a good man, my best president, and my friend.

**Narrator:** Early the next morning, the king went to the lions' den.

**King:** O Daniel, has the living God, whom you serve faithfully, been able to save you from the hungry lions?

**Daniel:** O king, live forever! My God sent his angel to shut the mouths of these lions. They have not hurt me because I have done nothing wrong before God or to you.

**Narrator:** Joyfully, the king greeted Daniel when the soldiers brought him up out of the den.

**King:** Daniel, I will make a new law that everyone in my kingdom shall honor the living God who has saved you.

**Narrator:** Then the king made Daniel the ruler over all his presidents and governors. And Daniel trusted God to help him do this important work.

The End